



NORTH KIDLINGTON SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER No: 1

North Kidlington School inspires and develops every individual to enjoy, achieve and succeed



Welcome back!

I hope you had a lovely Easter break and had the chance to spend some time doing fun activities as a family, and enjoyed the surprisingly nice weather!

I hope that you didn't have to endure the same hardship as I did. I had to help my children to eat the copious amount of chocolate eggs that they had received-It was a tough task but someone had to do it!

CLASS ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES

(W/C 03-04-2017)

The National Average is 97.00% and we are aiming for a whole school attendance of between 96.00-97.00%

Class	Attendance (%)
Apple	99.32%
Ash	93.79%
Maple	91.67%
Oak	96.00%
Cedar	95.83%
Chestnut	96.25%
Willow	95.56%
Acer	100.00%
Beech	97.04%
Pine	99.63%
Whole School	96.61%

Well done to **Class Acer** who achieved **100.00%** attendance!

ATTENDANCE AND CHILDREN WHO ARE UNWELL

Please can I remind you of the Oxfordshire County Council 'rules' regarding children who are absent from school due to vomiting or diarrhoea. If your child is unwell for either of these reasons

they cannot return to school until 48 hours after their last experience of sickness or diarrhoea.

If your child is ill please inform the school office on the first day of absence. A child whose attendance falls below 90% may receive an attendance letter.

PUNCTUALITY

Please remember that children are expected to be in school by 8:45am, so that they are ready to start the school day.

IMPACT OF REGULARLY SCHOOL LATENESS.

Minutes late per day	Equivalent to missing:
5 minutes	3.4 days
10 minutes	6.9 days
15 minutes	10.3 days
20 minutes	13.8 days
30 minutes	20.7 days

CHEQUES FOR SCHOOL

Please can you make sure if you write a cheque for school dinners or swimming sessions, it is made out to Oxfordshire County Council and NOT O.C.C. All other payments e.g. trips, uniform etc. needs to be payable to North Kidlington School. Thank you.

FoNKS EASTER CAKE SALE

The cake sale was a great event. Thank you to everyone who baked and bought cakes as donations, there were lots to choose from and your kindness is much appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who gave up their time to help sell the cakes, again it was very much appreciated.

The total raised was an amazing £106.99!

DADS OF NORTH KIDLINGTON SCHOOL (DoNKS)

Salim Benadel is organising a fundraising 'Meal and Night in Oxford' for NKS dads in Jericho on Friday 5th May. The evening will involve a meal at Cosmos restaurant at 8:00pm. (You can either meet in Kidlington and catch a bus into

Oxford or meet at Cosmos). The evening will cost £20.00 (£17.50 will cover the meal and the compulsory 'Tip'. The remaining £2.50 per person will be donated to FoNKS). Any drinks will have to be paid for separately when you order them.

A deposit of £5 (or the full amount of £20.00) is required as soon as possible. Please contact Salim or Helen Benadel (Apple / Oak Class)

★ CLASS STARS OF THE WEEK! ★

Well done to the following Class Stars of the Week:

FSU: Kitty Daniell & Poppy Walton.

Year 1-2: Sam Hall, Szymon Kajor & Aidan Pritchard.

Year 3-4: Tom Cohadari, Aidan Maull & Jamil Silla.

Year 5-6: Alice Gardner, Nour Louni & Tamzin Roberts.

§ SILVER BOOK CERTIFICATE §

Congratulations to Anisha Srikannathan, Leah Cann, Zaid Yaqub, Tomas Vreede, Maria Buda, Erin Drury, Kerem Karakaya, Bethany Adams, Kyum Hardman, Charlie Gardner, Olivia Andrews, Belle Elston, Sophia Perry-Scroggs, Raya Otchere-Darko, Kaelan Baker, Sebastian Leavesley, Maros Jarusinsky, Rosie-May Bingham-O'Shea, Eloise Dykes, Kalista Collins, Oscar Barnes & Charlie Barnes, who all received a Silver Book Certificate.

π MATHS MAGICIANS π

Congratulations to Erin Dickinson, George Page, Eve Benadel, Anisha Srikannathan, Sophia Perry-Scroggs, Maddie Elliott-Wheeler & Leighton Roberts, who all received a Maths Magician Certificate.

✍ WRITING WIZARD ✍

Congratulations to Charlie Spicer, who received a Writing Wizard certificate.

SCHOOL TUCK SHOP

The school 'Tuck Shop' will only be open on a Friday Break time for the rest of this term. All children will be allowed to purchase **ONE** item if they wish to.

SCHOOL LUNCH – MENU CHANGE

Due to the May Day Bank holiday next Monday 1st May, our cook has informed us that she will be cooking the usual Monday menu (Pizza) on Tuesday 2nd May. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

FoNKS SUMMER FAYRE

Strange as it may seem but FoNKS are already beginning to think about our annual Summer Fayre! I know that it seems very early to be thinking of July, but these events do take a long time to organise. With this in mind, Chancellors Estate Agent, have again agreed to sponsor the advertising of our Summer Fayre with their boards. If you are happy to have one outside your property please e-mail fonkspta@gmail.com. The boards will be put in place from Mid-June with the Fayre being on Saturday 1st July 2017. Thank you.

UNIFORM

PLEASE make sure that ALL of your child's uniform is clearly labelled as this will make it much easier for us to return any 'lost' items to the correct person and stop our 'Lost Property' bin from overflowing with unnamed items. Thank you.

CURRENT SCHOOL UNIFORM:

PLEASE make sure that your child is sent to school in the following correct uniform:-

Dark blue jumper/cardigan, light blue/white polo shirt, blouse or shirt, **SENSIBLE SHOES (NOT BRIGHTLY COLOURED TRAINERS)**, black/dark blue/grey trousers/shorts/skirt/blue check summer dress, black plimsolls for indoor wear, a plain white T-Shirt and black/dark blue shorts for PE.

Long hair needs to be tied back and held in place with a sensible hair clip/band.

KIDLINGTON COMMUNITY HUB

(OPENING MAY 2ND 2017)

The Parish of Kidlington with Hampton Poyle has been successful in its bid to secure funding to provide replacement services to cover the closure of the Kaleidoscope Centre. They are now looking for a part time children and family worker who will lead play and stay sessions, co-ordinate and support volunteers and work in partnership with other agencies. Initially this role will be for 16 hours per week but this is expected to grow over time. If you are interested in this position application forms and further details are available from the school office.

The closing date for applications is Thursday 6th May.

ST MARY'S CHORISTERS

St Mary's Parish Church, Kidlington are planning to launch a new children's choir, called "St Mary's Choristers", for boys and girls in Y3 to Y7, in September 2017. The choir will meet for weekly rehearsals on Friday evenings in term time, as well as singing twice-monthly at Sunday morning services.

Members will receive expert tuition free-of-charge in the basics of singing, reading music, and musicianship, as well as an opportunity to mix socially with a new group of like-minded peers and adults.

Although we will not require children to be from a Christian background, there will be an expectation that the children and their families respect the Christian faith and its traditions. We understand the need for safeguarding and all adults working with the children will undergo the necessary DBS checks.

An introductory workshop for interested children and their families will be held on Sunday 18th June from 3:00pm-4:30pm. For more information please contact Dr David Hewitt, Director of Music, St Mary's Kidlington at dave.hewitt@hotmail.com

WILDCATS GIRLS' FOOTBALL CLUB

Kidlington Youth Football Club are going to be running a mini 'soccer' centre for girls aged between 5-11 years old. It will cost £2.00 per player per week. The course will typically run for 16 weeks.

For more information please contact Duncan at <http://www.oxfordshirefa.com/news/2017/mar/new-wildcats-clubs-for-girls>

ICT/GAMING SAFETY

It is beginning to become apparent that some children are being allowed access (outside of school hours) to a range of materials/web-sites which are not age appropriate. This is evident in the vocabulary and behaviours that have been seen or reported on the playground. Video games, DVDs, Online Streaming sites and Social Media sites all have an age classification. PLEASE make sure that your child is not accessing content which is not child appropriate.

As part of our commitment to internet and computer safety, we would recommend that some form of parental control is installed on all computers/phones/games consoles, to which children have access. We understand that it is difficult to monitor completely what your child has access to, but we feel that we can never be too vigilant when it comes to protecting our children from exposure to inappropriate material.

Gary Kemp
Head Teacher

25th April 2017

