



# NORTH KIDLINGTON SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER No: 13

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



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Wow! The last week of the Autumn Term is finally upon us and what a term it has been!

We've all had a term 'jam-packed' with exciting events which have included: The Roald Dahl Week, Jeans for Genes, Harvest Festival, School Discos, Assessment Weeks, Sponsored Circuits, Remembrance and Christmas Performances to name but a few!

It's amazing to think that this has all happened ON TOP of the normal day to day school curriculum!

I am sure that you, like me, are extremely thankful to ALL of the adult staff at North Kidlington School who work tirelessly to try and provide the children with a school experience that is fun, exciting and educational!

Without their hard work and dedication I know that school life at North Kidlington would be very different and a lot less enjoyable!

### CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS.

Well done to all of the Foundation Stage and KS1 Children, Teachers and Teaching Assistants for their fantastic Christmas Performances last week.

The four performances were a pleasure to watch and we are very proud of how well the children performed. Thank you for helping them with this and for providing any costumes that were needed.

Thank-you also to FoNKS who ran the raffle at each performance and for organising the raffle prizes.

We now only have the Junior Carol Concert and the Christmas church service to go!

The Junior Carol Concert will take place tonight at Gosford Hill School. (Children will need to be at Gosford Hill School by 6:30pm when the doors are opened).

The Christmas Church Service will take place on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at St Mary's Church from 2:00pm-3:00pm. (Please see your child's Class

Teacher if you are able to volunteer to help escort the children walking to and back from the Church). Thank you.

### FRIENDSHIP BAND SALE

Well done to Jessica Banks, Ruby Sollis and Bella Turnock who organised a friendship bracelet sale yesterday, in aid of the Blue Cross charity. It was a successful event and they will be selling more at break-time this week.

### UNIFORM

Please make sure that your child takes home any of their uniform or PE kits that they have in school by Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

If you are planning on buying any new items of uniform in the January sales please make sure that it is in line with the uniform requirements shown in the school brochure. Thank you

### LAST DAY OF TERM

**SCHOOL WILL CLOSE AT 3:15PM THIS FRIDAY.**

### 8 SILVER BOOK CERTIFICATE 8

Congratulations to Alexandra Eyles, Hanna Koos, Aysa Kordbacheh, Eva Nesbitt, Richie Rivers, Rocco Washington, Thomas Willis & Mark Winterbourne, who received a Silver Book Certificate this week.

### \* CLASS STARS OF THE WEEK! \*

Well done to the following children who were awarded Class Star of the week certificates:

**Year 1-2:** Joshua Elston, Stanley Haynes & Sebbie Leavesley.

**Year 3-4:** Lucia Garcia-Coin, Nadeem Miah & Sofia Slatter.

**Year 5-6:** Woody Cullum-Birtwistle, Amna El-Badry & Adrija Vidraviciute.

### 8 WRITING WIZARD 8

Congratulations to Kelvin Bhatt, Ciara Connolly, Isabell Cox, Joshua Curtin, Austin Darley, Evie Harding, Frank Joyce, Jamie Leigh-Waite, Helena Screnock, Aidan Pritchard & Alice Williams, who received a Writing

Wizard Certificate this week.

### SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Congratulations to Maya Cobden, who received a Sporting Achievement Award for sporting participation outside of school.

### HEAD TEACHER AWARD

Congratulations to Arthur Rose, Belle Elston & Luke Rouse, who all received a Head Teacher Award for a variety of acts of kindness, consideration and reliability.

### CLASS ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES

(W/C 05-12-2016)

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

Class	Attendance (%)
Apple	93.11%
Ash	91.33%
Maple	65.67%
Oak	95.52%
Cedar	96.80%
Chestnut	95.60%
Willow	97.04%
Acer	97.78%
Beech	96.15%
Pine	98.52%
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>95.53%</b>

Well done to **Class Pine** who achieved **98.52%** attendance this week.

### IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE ON-LINE SAFETY PARENT WORKSHOP.

THIS WORKSHOP WILL TAKE PLACE ON **WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2107 BETWEEN 6:30PM-7:30PM.** A CHILD SITTING SERVICE, FOR NORTH KIDLINGTON CHILDREN WILL BE PROVIDED, SO THAT AS MANY PARENTS AS POSSIBLE CAN ATTEND.

### HEAD LICE

Please remember that you need to treat any head lice more than once if the treatment is to work.

### YEAR 5-6 YOULBURY RESIDENTIAL VISIT.

There are now only **FOUR** spaces left. Please contact the school office for more information. The cost is £151.20 for a four day and three night trip.

### SEPTEMBER 2017 PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES

Applications need to be completed by post or online at [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions) by 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.

### UNARRANGED MEETINGS WITH CLASS TEACHERS

Please do not hold unscheduled discussions with Class Teachers at 8:45am when the school bell is rung. If you need to talk to a Class Teacher about your child please arrange to talk to them before 8:45am or after 3:15pm.

Talking to your child's Class Teacher at 8:45am **IS NOT** the correct time as the children need to go into class immediately to start their learning for the day.

### SAFEGUARDING

### USING CLASSROOM TOILETS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN-BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL

Please do not use any of the classroom toilets, for young children, before or after the school day unless you have asked a member of the school staff.

If, as an adult, you do need to use the toilet then the only one that can be offered to you is the toilet in the School Reception. Thank you.

### HEALTH & SAFETY OUTDOOR PLAY EQUIPMENT

Due to the increased number in incidents of children being injured on outdoor play equipment outside of the normal school day across the County, Oxfordshire Health and Safety Department have instructed **ALL** schools to tell parents that children **MUST NOT USE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT BEFORE OR AFTER the school day** unless it is under the full supervision of school staff.

### HEALTH & SAFETY-CYCLING TO SCHOOL

If your child wishes to cycle to school please ask the office for a cycling permit. If your child is riding their bicycle to school then their bike **MUST** be in a road worthy condition and they **MUST WEAR A CYCLE HELMET**. Thank you.

### IMPORTANT MESSAGE: SCHOOL PARKING

Please can you take extra care when parking at the end of the school day and always adhere to the Highway Code signage and road markings.

Please park in areas away from residential driveways (so that they can easily enter or exit their property), in areas with no restrictions or use the car park behind Tesco. Thank you.

### CHRISTMAS JUMPER WEEK (FREE EVENT)

Children will be able to wear their Christmas Jumpers to school every day this week (Monday 12<sup>th</sup>-Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016). If they do not have a Christmas jumper then they can come to school with a jumper or top that they have decorated. Thank you.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

Y1-2 CHRISTMAS PARTY AFTERNOON

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

Y3-Y6 CHRISTMAS CONCERT-Gosford Hill School Hall 7:00pm. (Doors open at 6:30pm).

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

FSU CHRISTMAS PARTY AFTERNOON

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

Y1-Y6 CAROL SERVICE-St Mary's Church, Kidlington 2:00pm-3:00pm

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

Y3-Y4 CHRISTMAS PARTY MORNING

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

END OF AUTUMN TERM 2016. **3:15pm Finish.**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

SCHOOL CLOSED-Christmas Holidays

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017**

INSET DAY-SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

START OF 1<sup>st</sup> HALF OF SPRING TERM

### OUTSTANDING DINNER MONEY

Please pay any outstanding dinner money by **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**. Several people still owe for the Christmas lunch which is on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you.

### AND FINALLY

As I come to the end of my first term as Head Teacher, I would like to say thank you for all of the positive comments I have received about North Kidlington School so far!

I feel very lucky to have the opportunity to lead an amazing group of staff, who work incredibly hard to make school as enjoyable as possible.

I hope that you have a wonderful Christmas and have the chance to spend it with family near and far.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, with continued enjoyment, achievement and success!

Gary Kemp  
Head Teacher

13<sup>th</sup> December 2016

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