



NORTH KIDLINGTON SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER No: 2

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Welcome back!

IT'S A BOY!

I am very pleased to announce the safe arrival of Joshua Jacob who was born during the Easter Holidays. He weighed 6lbs 11oz.

I am sure that you join me in congratulating Ms Soley and her partner on the birth of Joshua and wish them well. Hopefully we will see them soon!

END OF KEY STAGE ONE AND KEY STAGE TWO STATUTORY TESTS

The End of Key Stage Two (Year 6) Statutory Assessment Tests will take place from Monday 8th May – Thursday 12th May 2017.

The End of Key Stage One (Year 2) Assessments will take place from Monday 15th May-Tuesday 24th May 2017.

If you have a child in either of these year groups then please make sure that they are in school. Thank you.

£5.00 NOTES

The 'old' style £5.00 note will cease to be a tenderable way to pay for goods as of Friday 5th May 2017. We will no longer accept the 'old' £5.00 note after this date. Thank you.

PARENT MAIL

As you know we are in the process of implementing 'Parent Mail' as a more efficient and environmentally friendly way to communicate with parents. PLEASE return the 'Parent Mail Data Collection' sheet that was sent home last week by Friday 5th May 2017.

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 you have the 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.

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.

CLASS ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES (W/C 24-04-2017)

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

Class	Attendance (%)
Apple	98.18%
Ash	97.93%
Maple	98.67%
Oak	96.00%
Cedar	88.75%
Chestnut	99.17%
Willow	95.93%
Acer	91.85%
Beech	94.81%
Pine	92.14%
Whole School	95.59%

Well done to **Class Chestnut** who achieved 99.17% 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.

★ CLASS STARS OF THE WEEK! ★

Well done to the following Class Stars of the Week:

FSU: Bella Gradwell & George Pearce-Williams.

Year 1-2: Karim El-Badry, Aysa Kordbacheh & Jacob Palmer.

Year 3-4: Josh Glover, Aspen Harris & Matilda Macfarlane.

Year 5-6: Teddy Bone, Alyssa Fellows & Cody Redknap.

8 SILVER BOOK CERTIFICATE 8

Congratulations to Louis Brownsill, Kalista Collins, Aidan Pritchard, Richie Rivers & Eden Staniszewski, who all received a Silver Book Certificate this week.

✍ CREATIVITY AWARD ✍

Congratulations to Thomas Willis and Tomas Vreede, who received a Creativity Award this week.

🏆 SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 🏆

Congratulations to Alice Williams, Megan Selway, Frank Joyce, Ruby Sollis, Sienna Sollis, Bella Gradwell & Melissa Lee, who all received a Sporting Achievement Award for sporting participation outside of school.

P.T.O

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)

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.

KIDLINGTON COMMUNITY HUB

(CLOSING DATE: THURSDAY 6th MAY 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 further details are available from the school office.

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.hewett@hotmail.com

KEY EVENTS HAPPENING SOON

Monday 8th - Thursday 11th May 2017

Year 6 SATs and SATs Breakfast Club.

Monday 15th – 24th May 2017

Year 2 SATs Assessments.

Friday 19th May 2017

School Disco – Infants 6-7 pm & Juniors 7-8.30 p.m.

Tickets are now available from the school office at £2 per child. The children are invited to bring a small amount of pocket money to the Disco

Friday 25th May 2017

End of 1st Half of Summer Term 2017.

School ends at 3:15pm

Monday 4th June 2017

Start of 2nd Half of Summer Term 2017.

School open for all pupils.

Gary Kemp
Head Teacher

2nd May 2017

