



Dear Parents/Guardians,

WELCOME BACK!

Our new school year has started very well and the children have enjoyed our ‘Magic and Potions’ I have really enjoyed seeing all of the creativity and imagination skills in a variety of curriculum subjects.

NEW STARTERS

We have welcomed our new Foundation Stage children and several new children have also started in other year groups. They are all very welcome and I am sure that they will soon feel at home in their new classes and school.

We have also welcomed two new members to our teaching staff. Ms Fidler has joined us as our new Deputy Head Teacher and Beech Class Teacher and Miss O’Brien as Pine Class Teacher. I am sure that you will join me in wishing them good luck in their new posts.

SAFEGUARDING

Please see attached letter, regarding Safeguarding Procedures in School.

CONTACT DETAILS

Please can you make sure that the School Office has your current contact details as it is very important that we have this information so that you can be contacted easily, especially in the event of an emergency. Thank you

ATTENDANCE

If your child is ill please inform the school office on the first day of absence, either by phoning 01865372607, by e-mail or ParentMail. Any child whose attendance falls below 85% will automatically receive an attendance letter,

PUNCTUALITY

Children are expected to be in school by 8.45 am so that they are lined up and ready to start the school day when the bell is rung. Several children are arriving at school after 8:45am. Children who arrive after 9:00am must report to the school office. Any arrival after the close of registration (at 9.05am) will to be marked as late.

Regularly arriving late at school has been proven to have a negative impact on your child’s attendance percentage and can add up to a considerable amount of learning lost, seriously disadvantaging your child (See below for how it can add up).

IMPACT OF REGULARLY ARRIVING LATE FOR SCHOOL

Minutes late per day during the school year	Is the equivalent of 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

Please help your child by being punctual. Thank you

HOLIDAYS/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Any holidays taken during term time will be unauthorised unless they are for exceptional circumstances. If you wish to make a request for any absences please collect a request form from the office.

COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS

Please can you inform your child’s Class Teacher about end of the school day collection arrangements for your child.

NEW ADMISSIONS – SEPTEMBER 2018

Please make sure that applications for children starting primary school in September 2018 are completed by post (form available at the School Office) or online (not until 25th October 2017)

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

After School Clubs are being finalised and more details will follow as to which clubs are available this term.

SCHOOL DINNERS

The price of a school dinner is £2.20. To help with the administration of school dinners could you please make payments via Parent Pay. Alternatively cash or a cheque can be sent in to the school office on a Monday in a named envelope stating on which days your wish to order a school dinner for your child.

COOL MILK

If you would like your child to receive a daily carton of fresh semi-skimmed milk please call into the School Office to collect a registration form or internet details. You will need to pay for this as it is an additional service provided by an outside agency. Children who are Under 5 receive free milk.

UNIFORM

The children have looked incredibly smart this week in their new uniforms, shoes, PE kits and even haircuts! Hopefully they will continue to look as smart as the year unfolds! If you are not completely sure about what our uniform is then please see below, look on the school web-site or ask your child’s class teacher.

Our current school uniform consists of a dark blue jumper or cardigan, light blue or white polo T-shirt,

trousers/skirt (or blue check summer dresses when the weather is warm), black plimsolls for indoor wear and sensible dark coloured shoes, black or dark grey. A plain white T-Shirt and black/dark blue shorts for PE. A separate tracksuit is also a good idea especially if the weather is cold, as is a spare pair of trainers for outdoor PE lessons.

Long hair needs to be tied back and held in place.

HEALTH & SAFETY

OUTDOOR PLAY EQUIPMENT

Due to the increased number of 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.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE: SCHOOL PARKING

Please can you take extra care when parking before and after school. Please 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.

HEALTH & SAFETY-CYCLING TO SCHOOL

If your child wishes to cycle to school please ask the office for a cycle 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**.

PLEASE NOTE that **ADULTS** as well as children should not ride their bicycle whilst in the school grounds. Thank you.

8 SILVER BOOK CERTIFICATE 8

Congratulations to Erick Plaku, the first Silver Book Certificate of the Academic year.

LA JOLIE RONDE

The La Jolie Ronde French club has been running successfully for many years at North Kidlington Primary. La Jolie Ronde courses enable children to learn another language in a fun, but structured way, with plenty of songs, games and interaction. Each course can last one to two academic years and lessons are run in blocks of 10 per long term. The French club is run and taught by Beverley Greenway, who teaches French in several local Primary Schools.

From Thursday 21st September, the classes will continue for all the children who have already started lessons and I'm pleased to offer two further classes, so that children from Foundation to Year 6 have the opportunity to learn French! The two new classes will be taught by my Tutor, Juliet Taylor. Here is the timetable:

Thursday at 12.00

For children who wish to continue as well as new joiners from Years 5 and 6; the class will continue with the programme called *Mon Tour de France*. Children will eat a packed lunch during the lesson.

Thursday at 12.00

A new class for children from Years 2 and 3 who wish start French in a new class; the class will use the programme called *Salut Céline et Antoine!*

Thursday at 12.30

For children who wish to continue as well as new joiners from Years 4 and 5; the class will continue with the programme called *Bonjour la France*.

Thursday at 12.30

A new class for children from Foundation and Year 1, using the programme called *Les aventures de Minou et Trottine*.

Each half-hourly lesson costs £5.30 (£53.00 for the 10-weeks) and the Activity book/CD packs, which are an essential part of each course, cost £15.00 (new Joiners only, purchased once when joining a course).

For further information, don't hesitate to contact me!

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 19th September Full Governing Board Meeting-7:00pm-School Community Room.

Friday 22nd September Jeans for Genes Day-Come to school wearing anything denim for a suggested donation of £1.00 to help raise funds for research into genetic disorder research. (More information to follow).

Friday 29th September Fonky Friday Macmillan Coffee Morning-9:00am-10:00am-Infant Hall

Saturday 7th October Apple Day-10:30am-1:00pm

Thursday 12th October Harvest Festival-We will be collecting food donations for the Food Bank again this year. (Details of suggested donations to follow)

Friday 13th October **SCHOOL INSET DAY-School closed to ALL pupils.**

Monday 16th-Friday 20th October Year 5/6 Assessment Week.

Wednesday 18th October Open Afternoon for parents of children starting Primary School in September 2018. 1:30pm-2:30pm-School Infant Hall and School Tour.

Friday 20th October End of 1st Autumn Half Term

Monday 23rd-Friday 27th October Half-Term-School closed to ALL pupils

Monday 30th October Start of 2nd Autumn Half-Term-School Open to ALL pupils.

Gary Kemp
Head Teacher

11th September 2017

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

Safeguarding Procedures At North Kidlington School

As you may be aware since September 2009 OFSTED legislation and framework for schools has highlighted the issues of Safeguarding of Children and Security of Sites. Some schools have been categorised as inadequate in these areas. For all schools it is necessary to ensure that we provide the safest possible environment for our children.

The following actions help us ensure a safe environment for our school community:

- The main gate is closed and locked at 8:30am every morning. This prevents goods vehicles entering the site whilst children are moving around. The side gates for the footpath are left shut but unlocked for pedestrian access.
- Please do not enter the school grounds before 8:30am. If you do need to come onto the school grounds before 8:30am please report to the School Reception where a member of staff can deal with your enquiry.
- The gate at the bottom of the school field is locked at 9:05am. This allows all parents to exit the site after dropping children off at 8:45am.
- A senior member of staff will stand by the front gates from 8:45am-9:00am to ensure no child can leave the school premises unaccompanied by an adult.
- The school gate outside Class Ash, that allows access to the Foundation Stage Unit via the Magpies Pre-School Unit will be locked at 9:05am and will then be unlocked at 3:10pm by a designated member of staff (Either the Head Teacher or a designated member of staff).
- The gate to the Foundation Stage will be secured during the school day and can be quickly undone by staff when needed to be.
- At the start of each day the Infant, Lower Junior and Upper Junior Classes will line up in their classes, on the relevant playground, when the bell is rung at 8:45am. This will allow for any other areas to be less congested.
- No-one must enter classrooms before 8:45am and only then if a member of staff is present.
- Please do not enter the classrooms to use the toilet. If you need to use the toilet then please go to the school office and ask to use the toilet situated there.
- No adults must enter Class Ash, Maple or Oak's toilet areas.
- No adult must enter other areas e.g. toilets, halls, spare classrooms.
- Please ensure that you have left the site promptly by 9:05am.
- If your child is late they must be dropped off at the School Office so that they can be signed in. They will then be taken to their classroom by a member of staff.
- If your child has to be picked up during school hours please report to the School Office to sign your child out. They will then be collected from their classroom and brought to the School Office. Please do not go directly to their classroom.

- At the end of the day, the gate at the bottom of the field will be unlocked at 3:05pm. It will then be locked again for the evening at 3:30pm-3:45pm.
- Please do not park your vehicle in the school drive way or in a manner on Benmead Road so that it restricts the movements of our local residents trying to leave or enter their properties.

Please help us to keep the school grounds safe by following the procedures above.

We constantly monitor our arrangements and do adjust them as necessary.

It is everyone's responsibility to be vigilant in order to ensure our children are safe.

If you do notice anything that does not follow the above procedures or seems to be unusual please inform a member of staff straight away.

Information Sharing

The sharing of information is done on a need to know basis. We are required to share information with other agencies and schools in the best interest of the child.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Gary Kemp
Head Teacher
September 2017