



Dear Parents/Guardians,

**Welcome Back!**

Our new school year has started very well and the children have enjoyed our ‘Roald Dahl’ and ‘British Values’ focus last week. I have really enjoyed seeing all of the creativity and imagination skills in a variety of curriculum subjects.

You will have probably noticed that the Junior and Infant playgrounds have been re-laid during the Summer holidays. The only thing left to do now is for the playground line markings and designs to be applied. This is scheduled to happen on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016 so by the end of this week our playgrounds will be looking amazing.

**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. Mr Hunter has joined us as the Class Teacher in Cedar (Monday-Friday) and Mrs Clarke has joined us as Class Teacher in Chestnut (Monday-Tuesday). I am sure that you will join me in wishing them good luck in their new posts.

**WAKE UP, SHAKE UP.**

After the success of ‘Wake Up, Shake Up’ time during Sports Week, from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016 (and each Monday, Wednesday and Friday from then on) at 8:45am-8:50am on the school playground every child (and staff member) will be invited to take part in this fun activity.

**WAKE UP, SHAKE UP (Cont...)**

It is hoped that this new initiative will engage children of all ages in a fun and lively way, as they learn easy routines to ‘pop’ music and have a great time! After a ‘cool-down’ to finish, it is hoped that the children will approach their class work energised and in a ‘state’ of readiness to learn!

Proven benefits of ‘Wake Up, Shake Up’ include:

- Enjoyment of school life and a sense of well-being.
- Improved self-esteem impacting on other curriculum areas.
- Improved co-ordination.
- Improved rhythm and timing.
- Improved concentration and application to tasks immediately after the brief exercise session.
- Increased stamina
- Improved behaviour
- Improved hydration. (Through drinking water after exercise).

We are really looking forward to launching this morning activity and encourage you to join in with us! Ms Dallimore-Gray

**Punctuality**

The school bell is rung at 8.45 a.m. and children are expected to be on site ready to go into their classes to begin early morning work. This work involves consolidation of a wide range of key skills in reading, writing, work corrections, play activities, timetables and spelling revision.

**Collection Arrangements**

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

**School Dinners**

The price of a school dinner is £2.10. To help with the administration of school dinners could you please make sure that any money for school dinners are sent into school on a Monday in a named envelope stating on which days your wish to order a school dinner for your child. (The Autumn Term School Dinner menu can be found on the school web-site).

**School Tuck Shop**

The School Kitchen is planning to run a healthy tuck shop during the school year. They will be selling ‘Jubbly’ ice lollies for 50p each from the Kitchen door at break times. It is planned that the type of snack will be developed should this initiative prove to be a success.

**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, sensible dark coloured shoes, black or dark grey trousers/skirt (or blue check summer dresses when the weather is warm), black plimsolls for indoor wear, 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.

Finally, small studded earrings are the only type of with a sensible hair clip/band that matches our earrings that are permitted to be worn in school, in pierced ears, for safety reasons.

### **Safeguarding**

Please see attached letter, regarding Safeguarding Procedures in School.

### **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.

### **Sickness Absence**

If your child is sick or unable to attend school please telephone the school office on 01865 372607 on the first day of absence.

### **New Admissions – September 2016**

Please make sure that applications for children starting primary school in September 2016 are completed by post or online at [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions)

### **Nuts in Packed Lunches**

Please can you make sure that children DO NOT come to school with nuts or produce containing nuts, including chocolate spread, in their packed lunches. We have a number of children who are allergic to nuts and if they come in contact with these products, they could have a life threatening reaction.

### **After School Clubs**

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

However the following activities are already available:

**Multi-Sports-Wednesday** 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> September, Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016

**Football-Thursday** 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> September, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

Please contact Arsenal Soccer schools Oxfordshire for more information on 077921 72430 or e-mail [oxfordshire@playthearsenalway.com](mailto:oxfordshire@playthearsenalway.com)

### **La Jolie Ronde French Class**

Two French class will continue to run on Thursday Lunchtimes. This club will start again on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September. There are some places left in this club. Please contact Beverley Greenway to check if there is a space for your child on 07572 218690 or e-mail [greenwayb@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:greenwayb@yahoo.co.uk)

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September** FoNKS Meeting-7:00pm-School Community Room.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September** Year 1-2 Stay and Read-8:45am-9:00am-Classes Ash, Oak and Maple.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September** Full Governing Body Meeting-7:00pm School Community Room.

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September** Jeans for Genes Day (Information to follow).

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September** Kidlington Fun Run (See [www.kidlingtonfunrun.co.uk](http://www.kidlingtonfunrun.co.uk) for more information).

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September** Fonky Friday MacMillan Coffee Morning-9:00am-10:00am-Infant Hall

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** Kidlington Concert Band Family Film Concert afternoon-Edward Feild School

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October** FoNKS AGM-7:00pm School Community Room.

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS (Cont...)**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October** INSET DAY School Closed.

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October** Apple Day (Information to follow).

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October** End of Term 1

### **⚡ SILVER BOOK CERTIFICATE ⚡**

Congratulations to Beatrice Hall-Mills who received a Silver Book Certificate.

### **✍ WRITING WIZARD ✍**

Congratulations to Alaina Espiritu who received a Writing Wizard Certificate for a piece of excellent written work.

### **★ CLASS STARS OF THE WEEK! ★**

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

**Year 1-2:** Symon Dodorico, Kyum Hardman, Emily Lear

**Year 3-4:** Yoobin Sohn, Aspen Harris, Aiden Maull.

**Year 5-6:** Kalista Collins, Angelica Oszlanszky, James MacCormick

Gary Kemp  
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5<sup>th</sup> September 2016



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### **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 for 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 checked that it is 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.
- 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.
- 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 2016