



NORTH KIDLINGTON SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER No: 2

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



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Last week the children were very busy during our start of term writing week. They had a fantastic week working in their classes on work focused on 'The Elements'.

It was fantastic to walk around the school during lesson times and seeing how engaged the children were in their learning.

A great start that will hopefully continue!

SKIP 2 BE FIT

On Friday this week the school will be filled with the swishing sound of skipping ropes as we take up the challenge of trying to 'Skip 2 Be Fit'.

As previously explained in the letter sent home last week by Ms Dallimore-Gray, the children will be taking part in a fun skipping session at some point during the day.

Children will be able to buy their own 'self-counting Skip 2 Be Fit' skipping rope for £5.00 on the day.

AUTUMN 2ND HALF-TERM ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to Class Acer who had the best overall attendance (97.88%) for the Autumn 2nd Half-Term.

ATTENDANCE

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

Expected attendance is 96.00% because good attendance will help to improve your child's learning.

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.

CLASS ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES

(W/C 08-01-2018)

The National Average for school attendance is 96.00-97.00%

Class	%	Class	%
Apple	98.67%	Chestnut	94.23%
Ash	97.33%	Willow	99.64%
Maple	97.59%	Acer	99.31%
Oak	98.28%	Beech	96.15%
Cedar	97.50%	Pine	95.60%
Whole School		97.56%	

Well done to **Class Willow** who achieved 99.64 % attendance.

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-SCHOOL PARKING

Please take extra care when dropping and collecting your child at school by adhering to the Highway Code signage and road markings.

Please park in areas away from residential driveways (so that our neighbours 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 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.

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, ALL schools have been instructed by Oxfordshire County Council to tell parents the following message:

PLEASE DO NOT USE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT BEFORE OR AFTER THE SCHOOL DAY.

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.

SCHOOL UNIFORM AND COATS

Please make sure that your child comes to school with a suitable coat/jacket, as well as the correct uniform.

SPRING TERM OVERVIEW FOR PARENTS

The Spring Term overview of topics to be taught during the Spring Term can be found on the School web-site. If you wish to have a paper copy then please contact the School Office.

KEY DATES FOR THE SPRING TERM 2017

Key dates of events taking place during the Spring Term are in the process of being compiled. These dates will be published on the School Web-site as soon as possible. As always additional events may take place and I will let you know about them as soon as I can.

FREQUENTLY REQUESTED FORMS AND MONEY BOX

Please can I remind you that the School Office has a Frequently Requested Forms Board in the School Office so that parents/carers do not need to queue to collect some forms. Underneath this board there is also a black letter box where forms and named envelopes containing money can be posted.

FoNKS SCHOOL DISCO – FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY

Tickets (£2.00 each) are now on sale from the School Office. Children will be able to purchase glow sticks, some sweets, crisps and a drink during the Disco.

Disco Times :

6.00 pm – 7.00 pm – Class Apple and Years 1 and 2

7.00 pm – 8.30 pm – Years 3 – 6

Please make sure that you arrange for someone to collect your child at the end of the Disco.

KIDLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Kidlington Parish Council are planning their next village clean up on Saturday 27th January 2018 – 10am - 2 pm.

If you are able to help please meet at Exeter Hall for refreshments and litter picking equipment. Please confirm your attendance to:

community@kidlingtonpc.gov.uk

Gary Kemp
Head Teacher

Monday 15th January 2018