



Dear Parents/Guardians,

I cannot believe that it is the start of the third week of term already!

Last week the children were very busy getting used to new routines and lessons and it was fantastic to walk around the school during lesson times and seeing how engaged the children were in their learning.

Some of the visitors that we had in school also commented on how impressed they were with how the children conducted themselves. So a big thank-you goes out to everyone for settling back into 'school-life' so quickly. A great start that will hopefully continue!

**FREQUENTLY REQUESTED FORMS**

The Office Staff have set up a Frequently Requested Forms Board in the School Office so that parents/carers will no longer have to queue to collect some forms. Hopefully this new board will result in people being able to collect forms quickly and easily.

**WAKE UP, SHAKE UP.**

I hope that you have enjoyed our first week of 'Wake Up, Shake Up' on Monday, Wednesday and Friday last week. I know that the staff and children did. We will be continuing again this week-See you on the playground!

**HOME LEARNING – READING AND HOMEWORK**

Please make sure that your child reads regularly at home and that their Reading Diary/Journal is signed. It does not need to be a time consuming activity as lots of little reading sessions (5-10 minutes) during the week will help to consolidate the reading we do

in school to improve your child's ability. Every child is expected to complete some form of homework and to have it completed by a deadline. Please support your child with their homework. If you are unsure about what needs to be done then please speak to the class teacher who will be pleased to help.

**PUNCTUALITY**

Unfortunately I have noticed that there have been several children arriving at school after the school bell has been rung in the morning. 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.

**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 contact the school office on 01865 372607 or send an e-mail on the first day of absence.

**SCHOOL DIARY DATES-Autumn 2106**

Please find attached a list of key dates for the Autumn 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term 2016. Thank you.

**SCHOOL TUCK SHOP**

The School Kitchen Tuck Shop proved to be very popular last week. This week the range of produce available to buy for 50p will be extended to include a carton of milkshake. The sale of 'Jubbly' ice lollies will also still be continued. All of the products that are/will be sold from this tuck shop have been designed so that they will not 'fill' children up but 'keep them going' until lunchtime.

**STREET DANCE CLASSES**

Learn to dance after school on a Friday during term time. The class runs from 3:30pm-4.30pm in the school Infant Hall. Classes cost £3.50 or you can buy 4 classes for £12.00. Please e-mail [ellagancedanceacademy@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ellagancedanceacademy@hotmail.co.uk) for more information.

**LA JOLIE RONDE FRENCH CLASS**

Two French classes will continue to run on Thursday Lunchtimes. This club will start again on Thursday 22<sup>nd</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)

**JEANS FOR GENES DAY-FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016**

Today in assembly the children were told about how some children are not as fortunate as they are and that there is a charity who raise money in order to help with the research into genetic disorders or syndromes.

As in previous years we will be participating in Jeans for Genes Day again at North Kidlington School. Children and staff will be able to wear their jeans or clothing made out of denim for a £1.00

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donation towards the Jeans for Genes charity on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016. Thank you on advance for your support with this event.

### **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 lunch. 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.

### **NEW ADMISSIONS – SEPTEMBER 2017**

Please make sure that applications for children starting primary school in September 2017 are completed by post or online at [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions)

### **NORTH KIDLINGTON SCHOOL-OPEN AFTERNOON**

We will be holding an open afternoon for parents of children starting school in September 2017 on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October in the Infant Hall from 1:30pm – 2:30pm.

### **GOSFORD HILL SCHOOL-OPEN EVENTS**

Gosford Hill school invites you to their Open Events for September 2017 intake. An Open Evening will be held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 6:00pm-8:00pm and an Open Morning will be held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 9:15am-10:45am

### **FONKY FRIDAY CAFÉ - MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING AND BISCUIT SALE**

FoNKS will be running a coffee morning in aid of the MacMillan Cancer Research Trust on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 in the School Infant Hall-9:00am-10:00am. They will also be selling homemade biscuits to the children for 20p each during the mid-morning break time.

### **FONKS AGM - TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2016 7PM COMMUNITY ROOM**

FoNKS (School PTA) will be holding their Annual

General Meeting on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 7pm in our School Community Room. All are welcome to attend. New members are always welcome and you do not need to make a permanent commitment to FoNKS. Any help large or small is greatly appreciated. Please leave your contact details at the office if you are interested in helping with FoNKS.

### **KIDLINGTON MUSIC CENTRE-GOSFORD HILL SCHOOL**

Kidlington Music Centre offers music groups for all abilities on a Saturday morning from 9:00am-10:30am during term times at Gosford Hill School. Telephone the centre on 01865 816990 or e-mail [helen.hawker@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:helen.hawker@oxfordshire.gov.uk) or apply online at [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/kidlingtonmusiccentre](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/kidlingtonmusiccentre) for more information.

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**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.

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September** Gosford Hill School Open Evening-Gosford Hill School 6:00pm-8:00pm

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** Gosford Hill School Open Morning-Gosford Hill School 9:15am-10:45am

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September** Jeans for Genes Day-Wear denim to school for a suggested donation of £1.00.

**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

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

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

**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

### **🏆 HEAD TEACHER AWARD 🏆**

Congratulations to Ollie Fellows, Melissa Lee, Cody Redknap and Mark Winterbourne who all received a Head Teacher Award for carrying out a task showing excellent community spirit.

### **📖 SILVER BOOK CERTIFICATE 📖**

Congratulations to Adrian Nagy, Alisha Qureshi, Luke Rouse and Esme Brouwer who all received a Silver Book Certificate.

### **✍️ WRITING WIZARD ✍️**

Congratulations to Jake Selway who received a Writing Wizard Certificate for a piece of excellent written work.

### **★ CLASS STARS OF THE WEEK! ★**

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

**Year 1-2:** Frank Joyce, Bethany Adams and Eva Nesbitt

**Year 3-4:** Noah Adams, Nadeem Miah and Maggie Pittam

**Year 5-6:** Leo Ford, Cody redknap and Adam Riseley

Gary Kemp  
Head Teacher

19<sup>th</sup> September 2016



## **School Diary Dates Autumn 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term 2016**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016-FoNKS (PTA) Meeting-7:00pm** School Community Room-New Members always welcome.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016-Full Governing Body Meeting-7:00pm** School Community Room.

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016-Jeans for Genes** Come to school wearing anything denim for a suggested donation of £1.00 to help research into Genetic Disorder Research and Support.

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016-FONKY Friday Café-MacMillan Cancer Coffee Morning-9:00am-1000:00am** School Infant Hall.

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016-FoNKS MacMillan Biscuit Sale to NKS pupils-10:20am-10:40am** School Junior Playground. Buy a biscuit for 20p to help research into the treatment of cancer.

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2016-FoNKS AGM-7:00pm** School Community Room

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016-Harvest Festival-We** will be collecting food donations for the Food Bank again this year. (Details of suggested donations to follow).

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October-SCHOOL INSET DAY-SCHOOL CLOSED**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2016-Apple Day-10:30am-1:00pm-School** Infant Playground.

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup>-Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2016-Year 5/6** Assessment Week

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016-Open Afternoon for parents of pupils starting Primary School in September 2017.** 1:30pm-2:30pm School Infant Hall and School Tour.

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2016-FoNKS School Disco-6:00pm-7:00pm** Infant Disco. 7:00pm-8:30pm Junior Disco. Tickets will be on sale from the School Office for only £2.00 closer to the date.

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup>-Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016-Year 2** Assessment Week

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup>-Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016-Year 3/4** Assessment Week.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016** End of 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term of Autumn 2016

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October-Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016-Half-Term-School** Closed

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016** Start of Term 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term of Autumn 2016