



Dear Parents/Guardians,

JEANS FOR GENES DAY
FRIDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER 2017

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Jeans for Genes Day. As a school we managed to raise £248.00. This money will be used to help support research into genetic disorders and syndromes.

FONKY FRIDAY CAFÉ
MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

FoNKS will be running a coffee morning in aid of the Macmillan Cancer Research Trust THIS Friday in the School Infant Hall-9:00am-10:00am. Please come along to meet FoNKS members and help to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Research. Thank you.

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 AND PUNCTUALITY

If your child is ill please inform the school office either by ParentMail, e-mail or telephoning 01865 372607, on the first day of absence. Any child whose attendance falls below 85% will automatically receive an attendance letter. Children are expected to be in school by 8:45am, so that they are lined up and ready to start the school day when the bell is rung. Several children are turning up 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) has to be marked as late.

Regularly arriving late at school **WILL** have a negative impact on your child's learning.

HOLIDAYS/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Any Holidays taken during term time will be unauthorised unless they are for exceptional circumstances. (Unauthorised absences could result in the issuing of fixed penalty notices and fines by the County Council). If you wish to make a request for any absences please collect a request form from the office.

YEAR SIX SATs MEETING
ARRANGEMENTS

There will be a meeting for ALL Year Six parents on Thursday 5th October 2017 at 6:00pm in Class Beech. This is a very important meeting as it will contain important information about the end of Year Six Standard Assessment Tests.

APPLE PRESSING DAY
SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2017

This year's Apple Day will take place on Saturday 7th October 2017 (10:00am-12 Noon) on the school playground

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The school photographer will be in school on Monday 30th October 2017. Individual photographs of NKS pupils will be taken during the school day. Photographs with siblings will be taken from 8:15am in the school Junior Hall.

★ 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, Sienna Sollis & Emil Young.
- Year 3-4:** Austin Darley, Kumayl Naqvi & Alfie Walker.
- Year 5-6:** Amelia Davis, Jack Scurr & James Willis.

π MATHS MAGICIANS π

Congratulations to Aspen Harris & Richie Rivers, who both received a Maths Magician Certificate.

↓ SCIENCE SUPERSTAR ↓

Congratulations to Livia Baxhaku, Sam Hall, Te-Lillia Mingle-Jones & Helena Screnock, who all received a Science Superstar Award for 'Extra-Mile' Science work.

🏆 SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 🏆

Congratulations to Paige Harvey, who received a Sporting Achievement Award for sporting participation outside of school.

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Congratulations to Aspen Harris & Richie Rivers, who both received a Maths Magician Certificate.

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.

NEW ADMISSIONS – SEPTEMBER 2018

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

We will be holding an open afternoon for parents of children starting school in September 2018 on Wednesday 18th October 2017 in the Infant Hall from 1:30pm – 2:30pm.

CLASS ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES
(W/C 11-09-2017)

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

| Class | Attendance (%) |
|----------|----------------|
| Apple | 94.17% |
| Ash | 99.67% |
| Maple | 97.00% |
| Oak | 97.24% |
| Cedar | 99.29% |
| Chestnut | 96.15% |
| Willow | 97.41% |
| Acer | 95.64% |
| Beech | 95.74% |
| Pine | 98.40% |

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| Whole School | 96.59% |
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Well done to **Class Ash** who achieved 99.67% attendance.

FoNKS AGM

The FoNKS AGM will take place on Wednesday 27th September at 3:30pm in the Community Room, new members are welcome to attend.

DoNKS

DoNKS (Our Dad's PTA) will be holding a night out for existing and new dads to our school on Friday 29th September 2017. The evening will start at 6:00pm in the Red Lion pub, Kidlington. After welcome drinks they will then catch the bus into Oxford for a meal at Cosmo at 8:00pm. The night will cost £20.00 per person,

For more information see the posters around school or contact Giles Haynes on 07852 295077 or email DoNKS2016@outlook.com.

CALLING ALL PARENTS AND CARERS

At North Kidlington Primary School, we are very keen to increase the amount of after-school sports and healthy lifestyle clubs in school. If you have any sporting, healthy lifestyle (Zumba, Yoga, Pilates etc.) or cookery skills that you would be willing to share with our children through running an after-school club please let me know. Please note that these clubs do not have to run for the whole school year as we appreciate that your time is valuable and some clubs would be best suited to different seasons.

I look forward to speaking to as many of you as possible. I can usually be found in Acer Classroom.

Thank you

Ms Dallimore-Gray (PE Coordinator)

LA JOLIE RONDE FRENCH CLUB

The timetable for the French Club is changing a little, as follows :

On a Thursday, the **new** class for children from Years 2 and 3 using the programme called "Salut Celine et Antoine!" will take place at 12.30 (not at 12.00 as previously stated). This will allow children enough time to eat their lunch before coming to class!

Each half-hourly lesson costs £5.30 and the Activity book/CD pack, which is an essential part of each course, costs £15.00 (new joiners only, purchased once when joining a course).

There are still places available, so if you would like further information, please contact Beverley Greenway on 07572218690 or e-mail greenwayba@yahoo.co.uk

POCKETS OF LIGHT COMPETITION

Last term, some of our gifted and talented children in Year 5 and 6 were fortunate enough to be the only primary school in Oxfordshire to participate in a workshop run by the Society of Light & Lighting (SLL) team. The workshops provided the chance for the children to get 'hands on' with light fittings and learn about light, colour and floodlighting technique. After each workshop, the students were invited to design a lighting scheme for one of the Bodleian Library's façades.

The judges have expressed how difficult it was to choose a winner with **James Willis', Bella Hughes' and Tamzin Roberts'** designs getting extremely close. However, after much deliberation, **Owen Beadle's** design (shown below) was selected as the winner and will now be made into a light display that will be shown on the Bodleian Library's façade on the evening of **29 September 2017**.

A huge well done to all the children who took part and a huge thank you to parent **Lyn Hall** for putting us in touch with the organisers of this event.

If you are free, please do come along on the night to support the event and see the design 'come to life.' I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the evening of **29 September**. Ms Dallimore-Gray



AUTUMN TERM DATES

Please find attached to this newsletter the dates of key events that will be happening during this Autumn Term. (Some are to be confirmed)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

Saturday 7th October Apple Day-10:00am-12 Noon

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- Meet in the Infant Hall.

Friday 20th October End of 1st Autumn Half Term – finish at 3.15 p.m.

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

25th September 2017

School Diary Dates Autumn 1st Half Term 2017

Wednesday 27th September 2017

- **FoNKS (PTA) Meeting**-3:30pm School Community Room-New Members always welcome.

Friday 29th September 2017

- **FONKY FRIDAY CAFÉ-MACMILLAN CANCER COFFEE MORNING**-9:00am-10:00am School Infant Hall.

Thursday 5th October 2107

- **YEAR 6 SATS MEETING.** Class Beech 6:00pm-7:00pm

Saturday 7th October 2017

- **APPLE DAY** 10:00am-12:00 Noon

Thursday 12th October 2017

- **HARVEST FESTIVAL**-We will be collecting food donations for the Food Bank again this year. (Details of suggested donations to follow).

Friday 13th October 2017

- **SCHOOL INSET DAY-SCHOOL CLOSED**

Monday 16th-Friday 20th October 2017

- **YEAR 5/6 ASSESSMENT WEEK**

Wednesday 18th October 2017

- **OPEN AFTERNOON**-For parents of pupils starting Primary School in September 2018. 1:30pm-2:30pm School Infant Hall and School Tour.

Friday 20th October 2017

- **FONKY FRIDAY CAFÉ** -9:00am-10:00am School Infant Hall.

Friday 20th October 2017

- **END OF 1ST HALF TERM OF AUTUMN 2017** – School finishes at 3.15 p.m.

Monday 23rd October-Friday 27th October 2017

- **HALF-TERM**-School Closed

Autumn 2nd Half Term 2017

Monday 30th October 2017

- **START OF TERM 2nd HALF TERM OF AUTUMN 2017**-School open to ALL pupils
- **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**-8:15 am family photographs with individual & siblings.

Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th November 2107

- **PARENT CONSULTATION MEETINGS**-3:30pm-6:30pm-Appointment slips to be sent home and to be returned to Class Teacher

Friday 10th November 2017

- **REMEMBRANCE CURRICULUM DAY**-Class work based upon Remembrance.

Friday 17th November 2017

- **CHILDREN IN NEED DAY- 'BREAK SCHOOL UNIFORM RULES DAY!'**- (List of breakable rules to follow).

Saturday 18th November 2017

- **FONKS CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENT**-11:00am-3:00pm. (Details to follow)

Tuesday 21st November 2017

- **FULL GOVERNING BODY MEETING**-7:00pm School Community Room

Friday 24th November 2017

- **FLU VACCINATIONS**-Classes Red and Green Apples, Ash, Maple, Oak, Cedar, Chestnut and Willow.

Friday 8th December 2017

- **LAST YEAR 5/6 SWIMMING CLASS**
- **FoNKS CHRISTMAS FAYRE**-School Junior Hall 3:30pm-5:00pm

Monday 11th-Friday 15th December 2017

- **CHRISTMAS JUMPER WEEK**-Wear a Christmas jumper (or something 'Christmassy') to school (No donation)

Monday 11th December 2017

- **FSU CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE**-Classes Red and Green Apples-Junior Hall 1:30pm and 6:00pm

Tuesday 12th December 2017

- **KS1 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE**-Classes Ash, Maple and Oak. Junior Hall 1:30pm and 6:00pm.

Wednesday 13th December 2017

- **WHOLE SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE**-St Mary's Church 1:45pm-3:00pm (TBC)
- **CHRISTMAS PARTY MORNING**-Classes Red and Green Apple (Details to follow).
- **Y3-Y6 CANDLE LIGHT CHRISTMAS CONCERT**-Junior Playground 6:00pm.

Thursday 14th December 2017

- **CHRISTMAS PARTY MORNING**-Classes Cedar, Chestnut and Willow (Details to follow).
- **CHRISTMAS PARTY AFTERNOON**-Classes Acer, Beech and Pine (Details to follow).

Friday 15th December 2017

- **SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH**-Details to follow

Monday 18th December 2107

- **CHRISTMAS PARTY MORNING**-Classes Ash, Maple and Oak (Details to follow).

Tuesday 19th December 2017

- **END OF AUTUMN TERM 2017**-1:30pm FINISH

Wednesday 21st December 2017

- **SCHOOL CLOSED**-Christmas Holidays

Thursday 4th January 2018 AND Friday 5th January 2018

- **INSET DAY**-School closed to ALL pupils

Monday 8th January 2018

- **START OF 1st HALF OF SPRING TERM**-School open to ALL pupils