



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Yet another week 'jam-packed' with lots of learning, hard work and enjoyment by children and teachers alike!

As part of my monitoring role I have had the opportunity to spend some time in several classrooms observing the children, and teachers, at work. It was very impressive to see how keen the children were to complete the set work and to do the very best that they could.

8 SILVER BOOK CERTIFICATE 8

Congratulations to Isabell Cox, Alys Lloyd, Erin Munro and Jake Selway who all received a Silver Book Certificate.

★ CLASS STARS OF THE WEEK! ★

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

Year 1-2: Sienna Buekes, Helena Screnock and Anisha Srikanthasan.

Year 3-4: Bilal Al Haj Zen, Maros Jarunsinsky and Dakota Maree.

Year 5-6: Miriam Jarusinska, Maddison Room and James Willis.

JEANS FOR GENES DAY-THANK YOU

On Friday we supported the Jeans for Genes Charity by wearing denim or non-school uniform for a £1.00 donation. The donations received totalled an amazing £251.63! This is an incredible amount of money and will really make a difference for a child with a genetic illness and their family. Thank you for your support and donations.

SCHOOL PACKED LUNCHES

As of today, all Junior children (Years 3-6) will be able to have the choice to either picnic in the Junior Hall or sit at a table in Class Pine to eat their packed lunches every day. Thank you.

PARKING-BENMEAD ROAD & SURROUNDING AREAS

It is with sadness and a certain amount of embarrassment that I have to mention again the issue of parking and general lack of consideration for our immediate neighbours due to the manner in which people are parking their cars every morning and afternoon.

Please do not park on any areas marked with yellow zig-zag lines, single yellow lines, on the grass verge in Wise Avenue or in a manner that prevents Benmead residents from exiting or entering their driveways.

If you park on any of these areas then you are committing a Road Traffic Offence and could be issued with a fine from the DVLA.

In addition to people parking where they should not be parked I have received reports of people's property being damaged by reversing cars and one neighbour was actually verbally abused when she quite rightly asked for someone to move their car so that she could exit her driveway to get to work.

BOTH OF THESE INCIDENTS SHOULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED AND THIS BEHAVIOUR IS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE.

Our neighbours should not have to experience this inconvenience on a daily basis.

Please park in the car park behind Tesco and then walk through to Benmead Road or further along the road where there are no parking restrictions.

If things do not improve then I will be forced to contact the appropriate authorities. Thank you.

PLAYGROUND FOOTBALL AND APPARATUS

As of this week children are not allowed to play football or use the apparatus before school in the morning. Children can still play football or use the apparatus after school under the supervision of their parents. Thank you.

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.

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.

PUNCTUALITY

Please make sure that you arrive at school in time for the children to be able to line up at 8:45am when the bell is rung every morning. Children arriving after **8:45am** will miss vital elements of the daily early morning work which involves the consolidation of a wide range of key skills in reading, writing, work corrections, play activities, timetables and spelling revision.

UNIFORM

Could you please make sure that **ALL** school uniform and PE kit is clearly labelled as we are already 'cultivating' a big pile of lost property which is not named.

Please also check to see that your child has not brought home some else's uniform by mistake. If you do have another child's uniform then please return to their class teacher. Thank you.

NORTH KIDLINGTON SCHOOL-OPEN PM

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

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

CHRISTMAS CARDS 2016

I know it is only the end of September but the time has come for children to do their designs for our annual Christmas Card order. Your child will soon be sent home either a completed design or a template to create a design. If you wish to place an order of your child's design then please return the order form and payment to the School Office by Friday 14th October 2016. Thank you

FRIENDS of NORTH KIDLINGTON SCHOOL

(FoNKS)

FoNKS is our Parent and Teachers Association who do an amazing job at organising and running a wide range of fund raising activities during the school year. Please look on the school web-site to see how you can help this group provide additional opportunities for the children of North Kidlington School.

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.

FoNKS FACEBOOK PAGE

FoNKS have created a Facebook page to help them to keep members of the North Kidlington Community up to date with events that they are organising. For more information all you need to do is search for North Kidlington School FoNKS in the search bar on Facebook.

FONKS AGM-TUESDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2016 **7PM COMMUNITY ROOM**

FoNKS (School PTA) will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 4th October 2016 at 7pm in our School Community Room. All are welcome to attend.

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 30th 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.

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. E-mail ellagancedanceacademy@hotmail.co.uk for more information.

THE EARLY YEARS NURSERY

The Early Years Nursery, London Oxford Airport, are holding a recruitment evening on 6th October 2016. (See attached flyer for more information).

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday 30th September Fonky Friday MacMillan Coffee Morning-9:00am-10:00am-Infant Hall

Sunday 2nd October Kidlington Concert Band Family Film Concert afternoon-Edward Field School

Tuesday 4th October FoNKS AGM-7:00pm School Community Room.

Thursday 6th October 2016 Harvest Festival-We will be collecting donations for the Food Bank

Friday 7th October INSET DAY School Closed.

Saturday 8th October Apple Day (See attached flyer).

Monday 10th-Friday 14th October 2016 Year 5/6 Assessment Week

Thursday 13th October 2016 Open Afternoon for Parents of children starting school in September 2017-Infant Hall 1:30pm-2:30pm

Friday 14th October 2016 FoNKS School Disco. Tickets cost £2.00 (Available from the School Office closer to the date). 6:00pm-7:00pm Infant Disco. 7:00pm-8:30pm Junior Disco.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (Cont...)

Monday 17th-Friday 21st October 2016 Year 2 Assessment Week

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

Friday 21st October End of Term 1

Gary Kemp
Head Teacher

26th September 2016