



NORTH KIDLINGTON SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER No: 4

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



Dear Parents/Guardians,

FoNKS FRIDAY NIGHT DISCO

Thank you to everyone from FoNKS who organised and ran the School Discos last Friday and thanks also to the members of teaching staff who voluntarily stayed behind to support this event. It was a great success and the grand total raised from the evening totalled an amazing £600.94!

🏆 HEAD TEACHER AWARD 🏆

Well done to Tom Ward who received a Head Teacher Award for helping to raise over £1000.00 during a recent charity 'Water Walk' in aid of the charity (Toilet Twinning). He showed high levels of determination and perseverance whilst walking a long distance carrying a water container.

BBC2 500 WORDS

Yesterday in assembly Ms Fidler spoke to the children about the BBC2 500 Words Story Writing Competition. The children were told what the competition is about and how to enter it. They also heard the pieces of writing that won the competition last year. Please support your child at home if they are inspired to enter this competition. If you have any questions then please see Ms Fidler. Thank you.

PE NOTES FOR NON-PARTICIPATION

If your child is unable to participate in PE lessons or physical activity (which includes 'free-play' during Break and Lunch Times) please make sure that your child's Class Teacher receives a written note explaining why your child needs to be excluded from PE, how long for and when they will be able to participate in physical activity/PE. It is important to point out that if a child is not doing PE then they are expected to not engage in physical activity during other times throughout the day/week. Thank you.

SICKNESS (VOMITTING) AND DIARRHOEA

If your child is unwell due to sickness (vomiting) or diarrhoea it is vital that you inform the school office.

Any person who is absent from school due to sickness (vomiting) or diarrhoea should not return to school until they have had 24 hours free from any level of vomiting or diarrhoea. Thank you

TIME OUT FOR PARENTS COURSE

We are very pleased to be hosting a parenting course on six consecutive Monday evenings during February and March.

The course is called **Time Out for Parents**. It has been created by, and will be delivered by, the national charity 'Care for the Family' and you are warmly invited to attend.

The course will start on **Monday 19th February 2018** and will run for the next six Mondays. Each session will be approximately two hours long (**7:30pm-9:30pm**)

The cost of the complete course is **only £10.00** per family (**Only £1.67 per session!**) and is payable by **cash** only in advance. (Course fee will need to be paid by Friday 2nd February 2018). Payments (in a named envelope) can be given into the School Office. To book a place please email Judi at nksparenting@gmail.com before the end of this half term (09-02-18)

★ CLASS STARS OF THE WEEK! ★

Well done to the following Class Stars of the Week:

Year 1-2: Olivia Andrews, Amelia Kumar & Kyle Lowes.

Year 3-4: Maros Jarunsinsky, Lily Kastelik & Megan Selway.

Year 5-6: Yasmin Lyne, Adam Riseley & Poppy Warner.

🏆 SILVER BOOK CERTIFICATE 🏆

Congratulations to following Silver Book entries:
Abigail Clifford & Maggie Pittam.

π MATHS MAGICIANS π

Congratulations to the following Maths Magicians:
Frank Joyce & Sienna Sollis.

🏆 SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 🏆

Congratulations to Sporting Achievers:

Leah Cann, Ciara Connelly, Erin Dickinson, Charlie Fidler, Frazer Oddi, Charlie Spicer & Alfie Walker

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

If your child is ill please inform the school office on the first day of absence, either by telephone, e-mail or Parent Mail. 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.

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 22-01-2018)

The National Average for school attendance is 96.00-97.00%

Class	%	Class	%
Apple	93.78%	Chestnut	93.85%
Ash	92.67%	Willow	91.73%
Maple	95.86%	Acer	95.86%
Oak	97.30%	Beech	97.14%
Cedar	97.14%	Pine	91.60%
Whole School		94.71%	

Well done to **Class Oak** who achieved 97.30% attendance.

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.

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. Please use the toilet in the School Office.

CYCLING TO SCHOOL

If your child cycles to school then they **MUST** ask for a cycle permit from the School Office; **MUST** have a road worthy bicycle and **MUST WEAR A CYCLE HELMET**. Thank you.

OUTDOOR PLAY EQUIPMENT

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.

HEATH & SAFETY SCHOOL RUN PARKING

Thank you to everyone who parks their vehicle in the correct place when completing the school run. You are ensuring that the pupils of NKS are able to arrive at school safely without having to risk crossing Benmead Road between dangerously parked cars and vans.

However I must remind some parents that they are not to park their vehicle on the grass area to the left hand side of the road as you enter Wise Avenue.

This is not school land and you should not be parking on it as it is potentially dangerous to our pupils.

UNIFORM

Children should have the following uniform:-

Dark jumper or cardigan, light blue or white polo T-shirt, trousers/skirt, black plimsolls for indoor wear and sensible dark coloured shoes, black or dark grey. 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 with a simple, plain blue hair tie or clip.

OXFORD DUPLICATION CENTRE-JOB VACANCY

We are seeking a suitable person to join our team in our archive department as a part time scanning technician. The role will entail working with our existing staff member to help prepare and scan slides, negatives, photographs, medium format film and documents. To include answering the phone, taking orders, contacting clients and meet and greet.

The ideal person would have a working knowledge of Photoshop and a creative mind-set.

The role is varied, full training will be given and ongoing support from a very friendly team is offered. Please contact Cheryl and send her your CV at: cheryl@oxfordduplicationcentre.com

KEY DATES FOR THE SPRING TERM 2018

Key dates of events taking place during the Spring Term have been agreed and will be published on the School Web-site by the end of this week. As always additional events may take place and I will let you know about them as soon as I can. If you wish to have a paper copy then please contact the School Office.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 1st February 2018

Year 1 and Year 2 Stay and Read-8:45am-9:15am.

Monday 5th February 2018

FoNKS Meeting-Community Room-7:00pm

Monday 5th-Friday 9th February 2018

Year 6 Assessment Week

Tuesday 6th February 2018

Online Safety Day

Thursday 8th February 2018

Junior Citizen Year 6

Friday 9th February 2018

End of Spring 1st Half Term-3:15pm Finish.

Monday 12th- Friday 16th February

Spring Half Term Holiday-School Closed.

Monday 19th February 2018

Start of Spring 2nd Half Term.

Gary Kemp
Head Teacher

Tuesday 30th January 2018