



NORTH KIDLINGTON SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER No: 5

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I cannot believe that we are already coming to the end of the first half term of the Spring Term. It only seems like yesterday that we came back to school after the Christmas holiday. Please make sure that your child takes all of their possessions home on Friday so that they can be washed or replaced as needed. Thank you

TEMPORARY JOB VACANCY

We are looking to appoint a caring and enthusiastic person to work 5 days per week during term time between 12.00 – 1.00 pm as a temporary Lunchtime Supervisor (to cover maternity leave), supervising children during their lunch break.

Salary : £7.78 per hour (equivalent to £1,689 per annum). This position is term time only.

The closing date for applications is Friday 9th February 2018. Interviews will be held after half-term.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please call into the school office to collect an Application Form and Job Description.

CLASSES GREEN AND RED APPLE (FSU) – COMMUNICATIONS

Please feel free to talk to any member of the FSU Staff when you drop your child off at school if you have a message of any nature to pass on. It is very important for FSU Staff to know what has happened at home (positive or negative) so that they can support your child while they are at school. 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 school office.

SICKNESS (VOMITING) 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 48 hours free from any level of vomiting or diarrhoea. Thank you

BIRTHDAY SWEETS

As a school we understand the joy that giving sweets out to classmates on their birthday brings to a child.

However, please make sure that you only send in enough sweets so that each child only gets one each.

Please do not bring in hard boiled sweets or chewy sweets like Refreshers, Whams etc. Please only send in sweets of a jelly variety or soft chewy sweets like Maoams or chocolate. Thank you

TIME OUT FOR PARENTS COURSE

We are very pleased to be hosting a parenting course 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)

π MATHS MAGICIANS π

Congratulations to the following Maths Magicians :
Bilal Al-Haj Zen, Kelvin Bhatt, Logan Oddi & Zaid Yaqub.

★ CLASS STARS OF THE WEEK! ★

Well done to the following Class Stars of the Week:

FSU: Mary Druce, Charlie Johnson, Ava Larkin, Jacob Leavesley & Toby Pyrah

Year 1-2: Lulu Hayatli, Trish Jothisankar & Mia Smith.

Year 3-4: Ciara Connelly, Maddie Elliot-Wheeler & Jamie Walker.

Year 5-6: Ollie Buckingham, Riya Sidhu & Dilayini Sivarouban.

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 and for how long.

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 29-01-2018)

The National Average for school attendance is 96.00-97.00%

Class	%	Class	%
Apple	96.32%	Chestnut	94.62%
Ash	97.00%	Willow	97.50%
Maple	95.86%	Acer	93.10%
Oak	96.67%	Beech	99.29%
Cedar	99.29%	Pine	98.00%
Whole School		96.73%	

Well done to **Classes Cedar & Beech** who achieved 99.29% attendance.

IMPACT OF REGULARLY ARRIVING LATE FOR SCHOOL

Minutes late per day during the school year	Is the equivalent of missing:
5 minutes	3.4 days
10 minutes	6.9 days
15 minutes	10.3 days
20 minutes	13.8 days
30 minutes	20.7 days

HEALTH & SAFETY-CYCLING TO SCHOOL

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

HEALTH & SAFETY-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.

HEALTH & SAFETY - SCHOOL RUN PARKING

Thank you to everyone who parks their vehicle in the correct place when completing the school run. It is making sure 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 in it as it is potentially dangerous to our pupils.

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.

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.

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.

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

KIDLINGTON CRICKET CLUB

Youth Pre-season training starting on February 4th – March 25th 2018.

Pre-season training is open to all players, new or experienced, aged 9 to 15 years. They are looking for boys and girls of all abilities to play in the U11, U13 and U15 teams for the forthcoming 2018 season.

Please contact Paul Hewitt 07586351450 or paulhewitt33@yahoo.co.uk

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 5th February – 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 - 3.15 pm finish

Monday 12th – Friday 16th February 2018

Spring Half Term Holiday – School Closed

Monday 19th February 2018

Start of Spring 2nd Half Term

Gary Kemp
Head Teacher

6TH February 2018

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