



NORTH KIDLINGTON SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER No: 5

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



Dear Parents/Guardians,

I cannot believe that we are already coming to the end of the first half of the Spring term-which means that there are only three more half-terms left until the summer holidays! Time certainly does 'fly by' when you are having fun!

FSU 'STAY 'n' PLAY

Classes Green and Red Apples (FSU) will be having a 'Pirates and Princesses' Stay 'n' Play on Thursday 9th February 2017 from 8:45am-10:00am.

ONLINE SAFETY WEEK

This week is our Online Safety Week and the children will be involved in lots of different activities that are aimed to keep them safe when they are on line. This week is in addition to the work that they regularly do as part of their Computing lessons. Please could you return the interest slips that were sent out last week so that we know how many people will be attending our parent workshop on Wednesday 8th February 2017. Thank you.

ICT/GAMING SAFETY

We are beginning to notice that some children appear to have access, outside of school hours, to a range of video/phone games, TV programmes and DVD's which are not age appropriate. This is evident in the vocabulary and behaviours that have been seen or reported on the playground. Video games and DVDs all have an age classification; a game / DVD which is stamped 18 is only meant to be seen/played by an adult.

As part of our commitment to internet and computer safety, we would recommend that some form of parental control is installed on all computers/phones/games consoles, to which children have access. We understand that it is difficult to monitor completely what your child has access to, but we feel that we can never be too vigilant when it comes to protecting our children from exposure to inappropriate material.

ON-LINE SAFETY PARENT WORKSHOP.

THE ON-LINE SAFETY WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS WILL TAKE PLACE THIS WEDNESDAY FROM 6:30PM-7:30PM. PLEASE RETURN THE INTEREST FORM SO THAT WE KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE TO EXPECT.

SCHOOL UNIFORM AND COATS

Please make sure that your child comes to school with a suitable coat/jacket, as well as the correct uniform. Also please make sure that your child takes home all items of uniform and PE kits so that they can be washed for the start of the next half-term. Thank you.

LOST PROPERTY

The school lost property bin is overflowing with 'lost' unnamed items. These items will be displayed outside of the School Office this week (weather dependent!) so 'lost' items can be reclaimed.

FoNKS FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

Thank you to all who came along on Friday. We all had a fun time and I am pleased to announce that we raised £225.00. Thank you also to members of FoNKS who provided refreshments.

* CLASS STARS OF THE WEEK! *

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

FSU: Jason Wells & Ellie Cox.

Year 1-2: Erin Dickinson, Leah Josephs & Rocco Washington.

Year 3-4: Oscar Barnes, Holly Fox & Lucy Kastelik.

Year 5-6: Ethan Elston, Bella Hughes & Ella Joyce.

§ SILVER BOOK CERTIFICATE §

Congratulations to Bilal Al Haj Zen, Harley Baker, Holly Fox, Charlie Gardner, Sam Hall, Frank Joyce, Kerem Karakaya, Emily Lear, Naya Nader, Lila Perry-Vasquez, Jake Selway & Oliver Wiggins, who all received a Silver Book Certificate last week.

π MATHS MAGICIANS π

Congratulations to Vishwa Ganesh & Bella Hughes, who received Maths Magician Certificates.

🏆SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD🏆

Congratulations to Maddie Elliott-Wheeler, who received a Sporting Achievement Award for sporting participation outside of school.

CLASS ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES

(W/C 23-01-2017)

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 | 97.78% |
| Ash | 97.24% |
| Maple | 95.67% |
| Oak | 94.48% |
| Cedar | 97.92% |
| Chestnut | 92.80% |
| Willow | 92.59% |
| Acer | 94.81% |
| Beech | 98.15% |
| Pine | 96.67% |
| Whole School | 95.93% |

Well done to **Class Beech** who achieved **98.15%** attendance last week!

ATTENDANCE

If your child is ill please inform the school office on the first day of absence. A child whose attendance falls below 85% will receive an attendance letter.

PUNCTUALITY

Please remember that children are expected to be in school by 8:45am, so that they are lined up and ready to start the school day.

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 OUTDOOR PLAY EQUIPMENT

Due to the increased number in incidents of children being injured on outdoor play equipment outside of the normal school day across the County, Oxfordshire Health and Safety Department have instructed **ALL** schools to tell parents that children **MUST NOT USE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT BEFORE OR AFTER the school day** unless it is under the full supervision of school staff.

HEALTH & SAFETY-CYCLING TO SCHOOL

If your child wishes to cycle to school please ask the office for a cycling permit.

If your child is riding their bicycle to school then their bike **MUST** be in a road worthy condition and they **MUST WEAR A CYCLE HELMET**.

PLEASE NOTE that **ADULTS** as well as children should not ride their bicycle whilst in the school grounds. Thank you.

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 day unless you have asked a member of the school staff.

UNARRANGED MEETINGS WITH YEAR ONE- YEAR SIX CLASS TEACHERS

Please do not hold unscheduled discussions with Class Teachers (Years One-Six) 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.

Parents of children in Classes Green and Red Apple should still talk to the key adult if they need to as it is often necessary to talk to a member of the FSU staff about anything that may have happened over night regarding your child.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 8th February 2017

Online Safety Workshop Evening for Parents-6:30pm-7:30pm-Junior Hall.

Thursday 9th February 2017

Saltmine Theatre Online Safety Performance & Workshop-Year 5 and Year 6.

Friday 10th February 2017

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

Monday 13th February-Friday 17th February 2017

Spring Half Term Holiday-School Closed.

Monday 20th February 2017

Start of Spring 2nd Half Term-School open to all pupils.

Wednesday 22nd February 2017

Year 6 Junior Citizen Workshop.

Monday 27th-Friday 3rd March 2017

Year 1 Assessment Week.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (Continued).

Monday 27th February 2017

Year 3 and Year 4 Reading Assessments Week.

Tuesday 28th February 2017

FSU and Year 6 Height and Weight Measuring.

Tuesday 28th February 2017

FSU Parent Consultation Meeting 1

Wednesday 1st March 2017

Helen Moss (NKS Patron of Reading) Visit & Workshops.

Wednesday 1st March 2017

FSU Parent Consultation Meetings 2

Thursday 2nd March 2017

World Book Day-Theme to be announced soon!

Thursday 2nd March 2017

Youlbury Year 5 and Year 6 Residential Meeting for Parents-6:00pm-7:00pm-Class Beech

AND FINALLY...

I hope you all have a restful half term break and look forward to seeing everyone back safely in school when it re-opens for pupils on Monday 20th February 2017!

Gary Kemp
Head Teacher

6th February 2017