



Silver Quality Mark 2014/15



NORTH KIDLINGTON SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER No: 5

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



Dear Parents/Guardians,

APPLE PRESSING DAY

I hope everyone who came along to the Apple Day enjoyed the experience of producing some fruit juice from windfall apples!

A big thank you to Mrs Trowles and the rest of the Abundance Project Team who organised, ran and provided all of the equipment during the morning.

🏆 HEAD TEACHER AWARD 🏆

Congratulations to Harry Thacker who received a Head Teacher Award for showing pride in our school. Harry has independently litter picked every day before his 'Early Morning Maths' group.

SCHOOL CLOSURE-A REMINDER

School will be closed to ALL pupils on Friday 13th October 2017 due to a Staff In Service Training Day. Pupils will return to school as normal on Monday 16th October 2017. Thank you.

NKS HARVEST FESTIVAL ASSEMBLY

Thursday 12th October 2012

It is our annual Harvest Festival Assembly this Thursday. Please send in any donations to your child's class teacher by Wednesday 19th October 2017. Suggested donations list:

- Tinned (fish, meat, vegetables, fruit, custard, soup, potatoes, tomatoes, rice pudding or baked beans).
- Packets of instant mash, pasta, rice or tea.
- Cartons of pasta sauce, tomatoes, long life semi-skimmed milk or long life fruit.
- Small packets of sugar, coffee, breakfast cereals (not oats), biscuits or jams.

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.

NORTH KIDLINGTON SCHOOL- OPEN AFTERNOON

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.

BAGS-2-SCHOOL

FoNKS have organised another BAGS-2-SCHOOL collection for you to donate any old or unwanted items of 'good quality' clothing, paired shoes (tied together), handbags, bags, hats, scarves, ties, jewellery, belts or soft toys. Unfortunately they do not take bedding, towels or curtains. Please return any filled bags to school on Thursday 12th October 2017 so that they can be collected on Monday 16th October 2017 at 9:00am. 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.

THE FoNKS AGM WILL BE TONIGHT (MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2017) AT 7:00PM IN THE FOUNDATION STAGE UNIT (CLASS APPPLE).

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.

NKS SCHOOL COUNCIL 2016-2017

Congratulations to the following children who have been successfully elected as Class School Council Members: Szymon Kajor, Thomas Willis, Louis Brownsill, Dakota Maree, George Page, Bella Turnock, Ruby Chivers, Maggie Pittam, Teddy Bone, Hugo Stone, Vishwa

Ganesh, Hettie Brown, Miriam Jarusinska, Bella Hughes, Adrija Vidraviciute, Jessica Elston, Samuel Masih, Oliver Cobden & Owen Smith.

★ CLASS STARS OF THE WEEK! ★

Well done to the following Class Stars of the Week:

Year 1-2: Lexi Dawson, Te-Lillia Mingle-Jones & Fatima Silla.

Year 3-4: Stanley Haynes, Emily Lear & Zaid Yaqub.

Year 5-6: Alyssa Fellows, Beatrice Hall-Mills & Ella Pearce.

✍ CREATIVITY AWARD ✍

Congratulations to following Creativity achiever: Ciara Connolly.

π MATHS MAGICIANS π

Congratulations to the following Maths Magicians: Raya Otchere-Darko, Finn Reddan & Mia Smith.

✍ WRITING WIZARD ✍

Congratulations to the following Writing Wizards: Livia Baxhaku, Sebastian Leavesley, Maya Macfarlene & Tamara Saeh.

🏆 SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 🏆

Congratulations to the following Sports Achievers: Louis Brownsill, Eva Nesbitt, Liam Pollard, Zane Saeh, Charlie Spicer & Anisha Srikannathan..

CLASS ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES

(W/C 02-10-2017)

The National Average for school attendance is 97.00%

Class	Attendance (%)
Apple	96.83%
Ash	98.67%
Maple	99.00%
Oak	96.33%
Cedar	98.57%
Chestnut	96.67%
Willow	100.00%
Acer	100.00%
Beech	98.46%
Pine	99.20%

Whole School	98.27%
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Well done to **Classes Willow and Acer** who achieved 100 % attendance.

NEW ADMISSIONS – SEPTEMBER 2018

Please make sure that applications for children starting primary school in September 2018 are completed by post or online at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

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)

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.

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 on the first day of absence, either by e-mail, ParentMail or telephoning 01865 372607. 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.

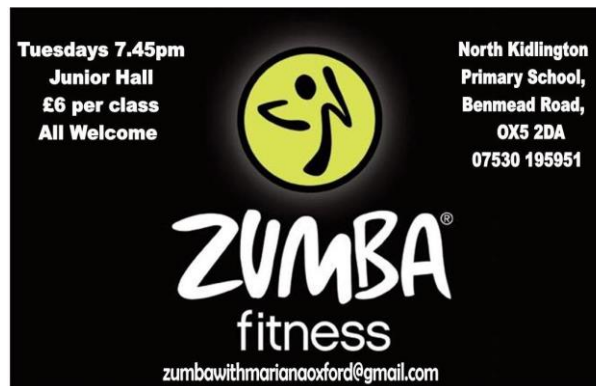
Regularly arriving late at school **WILL** have a negative impact on your child's learning.

KIDLINGTON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

The Kidlington Christmas Lights Switch On will take place on 30th November 2017. Traditionally the lights go on at 7pm and we have entertainment for the hour beforehand. See advertisements around Kidlington for more information.

ZUMBA FITNESS

Feel like you need to get more active this winter? Why not try Zumba fitness? Zumba fitness sessions will start at North Kidlington School on Tuesday 10th October 2017. See the advert below for contact details.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 12th October Harvest Festival-We will be collecting food donations for the Food Bank again this year.

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-School Infant Hall and School Tour.

Friday 20th October End of 1st Autumn Half Term

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

9th October 2017

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