



Dear Parents/Guardians,

**Welcome Back!**

I hope that you all had a good Half-Term and had a chance to spend some time as a family doing things that families should do when they are together.

**CLASSES GREEN AND RED APPLES (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.

**BIRTHDAY SWEETS**

As a school we understand the joy that giving sweets out to class mates on your birthday brings to a child. **HOWEVER please make sure that your only send in enough sweets so that each child only gets ONE each.**

ALSO 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.

**WORLD BOOK DAY 2018**

The North Kidlington World Book Day will take place on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017. The theme for this year is going to be come to school dressed as your favourite book character (no sports personalities please). Look out for ParentMail and Posters around school for more information. Thank you.

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS**

A table showing the huge number of Extra-Curricular Clubs can be found on the school web-site. If you wish to have a paper copy then please contact the School Office.

**LOST PROPERTY**

The school lost property bin is overflowing with 'lost' unnamed items. These items will be displayed outside of the Junior Hall for the next three weeks so that 'lost' items can be reclaimed. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity after Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

**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.**

**\* CLASS STARS OF THE WEEK! \***

Well done to the following Class Stars of the Week:

**FSU:** Stanley Hall-Mills & Finley Manning.

**Year 1-2:** Morgan Darley, Liam Pollard & Henry Winlow.

**Year 3-4:** Esme Brouwer, David Ifrim & Kumayl Naqvi.

**Year 5-6:** Woody Cullum-Birtwistle, Louis Pepper & Riya Sidhu.

**π MATHS MAGICIANS π**

Congratulations to the following Maths Magician:  
Tomas Vreede.

**📖 SILVER BOOK CERTIFICATE 📖**

Congratulations to following Silver Book entries:  
Maya Cobden & Fiona He.

**🏆 SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 🏆**

Congratulations to the following Sporting Achiever:  
Lexi Cann.

**🖋 CREATIVITY AWARD 🖋**

Congratulations to the following Creativity Award Artists:  
Erin Drury & Jacob Palmer.

**📖 SUPER SCIENTIST AWARD 📖**

Congratulations to the following Super Scientist:  
Maya Cobden.

**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 48 hours free from any level of vomiting or diarrhoea.** Thank you

**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 05-01-2018)**

**The National Average for school attendance is 96.00-97.00%**

Class	%	Class	%
Apple	97.78%	Chestnut	95.00%
Ash	96.00%	Willow	96.94%
Maple	96.90%	Acer	98.33%
Oak	95.67%	Beech	92.86%
Cedar	95.71%	Pine	95.20%
<b>Whole School</b>		<b>96.15%</b>	

Well done to **Class Acer** who achieved **98.33%** 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

## **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. 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 on it as it is potentially dangerous to our pupils.**

## **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 cleaned for the start of the next half-term. Thank you.

## **KEY DATES FOR THE SPRING TERM 2018**

Key dates of events taking place during the Spring Term can be found on the school web-site. If you wish to have a paper copy then please contact the School Office.

## **OXFORD MAIL OX5 RUN – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

Miss Claxton and her daughter Matilda are participating in the OX5 Run at Blenheim Palace on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March, to raise money for the Oxford Children's Hospital. Matilda's best friend Anna has been undergoing treatment at the John Radcliffe Hospital for the last 12 months and they are hoping to raise as much money as possible for this amazing place.

If you would like to make a donation this can be made through Miss Claxton's Just Giving page at : <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/zoeclaxton> or alternatively through the school office. Thank you

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018**-International Mother Language Day

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018**-LKS2 Pupil Mentoring Morning

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018**-FoNKY Friday Café-Infant Hall 9:00am-10:00am

**W/C Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February**-Year 2 Assessment Week

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018**-World Book Day

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018**-FoNKS Mother's Day Gift and Wrapping Day

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> March 2018** Class Apples Parent Consultations

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018**-Class Apples School Trip to Farmer Gow's

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> March 2018**-Parent Consultations

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018**-Class Apples School Eye Tests

**W/C Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018**-Sports/Comic Relief (Including Red Nose Day (Details to follow))

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018**-LKS2 Tudor Workshops

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018**-Class Apples Stay 'n' Play (8:45am-9:15am)

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018**-FoNKS Easter Cake Sale

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018**-End of Spring 2<sup>nd</sup> Half-Term-3:15pm Finish

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2018**-Good Friday-School Closed

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>-Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018**-Easter Holiday-School Closed.

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018**-Start of Summer 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term-School open to all pupils.

Gary Kemp  
Head Teacher

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018