



Silver Quality Mark 2014/15



NORTH KIDLINGTON SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER No: 6

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



Dear Parents/Guardians,

The last week of the first half-term is upon us already. It is amazing how quickly time has passed and it is hard to believe that we returned to school, after the summer holidays, over two months ago!

I hope that you have a lovely Half-Term holiday and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 30th October 2017.

END OF TERM ROUTINES

School will end at its normal time on Friday (3:15pm). Please make sure that your child takes home all of their uniform and PE kits that they have in school on Friday 20th October 2017. Thank you.

UNIFORM

During the Half-Term holiday could you also please check your child's uniform and make sure that their name is still on their uniform. If you do need to replace worn out or 'out grown' uniform then please replace it as listed below.

CURRENT SCHOOL UNIFORM

Dark blue jumper or cardigan, light blue or white polo T-shirt, blouse or shirt, sensible shoes (not brightly coloured trainers), black, dark blue or dark grey trousers/skirt, black plimsolls for indoor wear, a plain white T-Shirt and black/dark blue shorts for PE.

HALF-TERM HOLIDAY-READING AND HOMEWORK

Please make sure that your child completes their homework and reads regularly at home over the holiday. If there are any problems over homework or reading expectations then please talk to your child's teacher before the end of this week.

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.

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

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The school photographer will be in school on Monday 30th October 2017. Individual and group photographs of NKS pupils will be taken during the school day. Photographs with non-school siblings will be taken from 8:15am in the school Junior Hall.

HALLOWEEN CAKE SALE TUESDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2017

Get creative (or pop into Tesco) and drop off your spooky baking in the infant hall in the morning. Weather permitting, the cake sale will take place in the playground at 3:15pm. Thank you

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 absence 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.

CLASS ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES (W/C 02-10-2017)

The National Average for school attendance is 97.00%

| Class | Attendance (%) |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Apple | 99.44% |
| Ash | 100.00% |
| Maple | 96.12% |
| Oak | 96.25% |
| Cedar | 96.88% |
| Chestnut | 97.69% |
| Willow | 97.32% |
| Acer | 99.17% |
| Beech | 99.04% |
| Pine | 95.50% |
| Whole School | 97.86% |

Well done to **Class Ash** who achieved 100.00 % attendance.

CHANGE TO SCHOOL MENU

On Monday 30th October there will be a change to the school lunch menu.

The kitchen will be serving Ham and Cheese pizza instead of Chicken & Sweetcorn pizza as the Meat option. The vegetarian option remains the same.

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.

KIDLINGTON PARISH 'CLEAN-UP'

Kidlington Parish Council are planning an Autumn village clean up on 28th October (10:00am-2:00pm). If you can 'help' please meet at Exeter Hall for refreshments and litter picking equipment. For more information please email community@kidlington-pc.gov.uk Thank you



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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.

Tuesday 31st October 2017
FONKS HALLOWEEN CAKE SALE-School Playground 3:15pm-4:00pm.

Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th November 2107
PARENT CONSULTATION MEETINGS-3:30pm-6:30pm- We will be using ParentMail for the first time to allocate appointments, please look out for this in the next few days. Anyone who is not yet registered with ParentMail will receive an appointment letter.

Friday 10th November 2017
REMEMBRANCE CURRICULUM DAY-Class work based upon Remembrance.

Friday 17th November 2017
CHILDREN IN NEED DAY-'BREAK SCHOOL UNIFORM RULES DAY!'- (List of breakable rules to follow).

Saturday 18th November 2017
FONKS CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENT-11:00am-3:00pm. (Details to follow)

Tuesday 21st November 2017
FULL GOVERNING BODY MEETING-7:00pm
School Community Room

Friday 24th November 2017
FLU VACCINATIONS-Classes Red and Green Apples, Ash, Maple, Oak, Cedar, Chestnut and Willow.

Gary Kemp
Head Teacher

16th October 2017

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