



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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016.

**FoNKS FRIDAY NIGHT DISCO AND MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

Thank you to everyone from FoNKS who organised and ran the School Disco last Friday and thanks also to the members of teaching staff who voluntarily stayed behind to support this event. It was a great success and the grand total raised from the evening totalled an amazing £575.65!

Thank you to everyone who came along to the FoNKY Friday Macmillan Cancer Coffee morning and to the members of FoNKS who organised this event. I am pleased to announce that £139.22 was raised for the MacMillan Cancer Charity. Thank you.

**NKS HARVEST FESTIVAL ASSEMBLY WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2016**

It is our annual Harvest Festival Assembly this Wednesday. If you have any donations of the items listed below please can you hand them into your child's class teacher by Wednesday morning. Thank you.

Suggested food donations are:

Tinned fish, meat, vegetables, fruit, custard, rice pudding, baked beans, pasta sauce, rice, small packets of sugar, coffee, long life semi skimmed milk or fruit juice, breakfast cereals (not oats), tins/cartons of tomatoes or instant mash potatoes.

**CLOWNS IN THE MEDIA**

As you may be aware there has been a lot of recent media coverage about intimidating clowns. In order to help you to discuss this issue with your child I have found an internet link to the BBC Newsround web-site

that is suitable for Primary School aged children. Simply click or type this address into your web browser:<http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/37616622>

**Class Attendance Percentages (W/c 10-10-2016)**

Class Name	Attendance Percentage
Apple	96.67%
Ash	96.33%
Maple	99.67%
Oak	98.00%
Cedar	95.60%
Chestnut	97.92%
Willow	97.78%
Acer	97.31%
Beech	96.92%
Pine	100.00%

Well done to Class Pine who achieved 100% attendance last week.

**8 SILVER BOOK CERTIFICATE 8**

Congratulations to the following children who received a Silver Book Certificate this week: Eve Benadel, Ava Collins, Belle Elston, Ryley Jones, Erin Munro, Tamzin Roberts and Arthur Rose.

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

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

**Year 1-2:** Paige Brogden, Belle Elston and Cody Herring.

**Year 3-4:** Jessica Banks, Slade Beukes and Jack Qama.

**Year 5-6:** Annelies Adams, Katie Neale and Aidan Phipps.

**8 WRITING WIZARD 8**

Congratulations to Mariyah Ahmed and Beatrice Hall-Mills who received a Writing Wizard Certificate for a piece of excellent written work

**CREATIVITY AWARD**

Congratulations to Ellen Skinner who received a Creativity Award this week.

**SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Congratulations to Rosie-May Bingham-O'Shea who received a Sporting Achievement Award for sporting participation outside of school.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

We are proud to be supporting Operation Christmas Child this year. A leaflet will go home with each child this week giving details of how you can take part in this charitable activity. If you choose to fill a shoe box please follow the leaflet instructions carefully and bring the wrapped box into school during the first week following the October holiday.

**NEW ADMISSIONS-SEPTEMBER 2017**

Please make sure that applications for children starting primary school in September 2017 are completed by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Applications can be made online at [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk) or by posting the completed application form to The Admissions Team, County Hall, New Road, Oxford, OX1 1ND.

**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 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016.

**OXFORD MAIL**

We have been informed that our Reception Class photograph will be published in the Oxford Mail on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

**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.

**P.T.O**

### 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.

### HELEN MOSS-PATRON OF READING COMPETITION

Helen Moss, our Patron of Reading, has sent us a Book News Bulletin which you can read on the school website. In the bulletin she writes about the new books she is currently working on. One is a quest story about a gang of dogs who accidentally go time travelling and then realise that they have a world-saving mission on their hands (or rather, paws!) Helen has set a competition to suggest a name for one of the dogs in the book. She describes the dog as a very clever, friendly, but slightly geeky border collie. I explained about the competition in Friday's assembly and invited children to post their ideas for a name in a box in Mrs Ling's classroom. Please make sure the suggestions include the child's name and class. Helen has said that there will be a special book prize for the best name suggestion from North Kidlington School, and one of the names could even be used in the book! Mrs Ling

### PARALYMPIC TORCH ASSEMBLY – TUESDAY 18TH OCTOBER

Tomorrow afternoon, WheelPower Ambassador Chris Rattenbury will be visiting our school with the Rio 2016 Paralympic Torch. He will be delivering an exciting and interactive assembly explaining what it is like to be a Paralympian both before, after and during the Paralympic Games. Furthermore, Chris will be answering any questions that the children may have and giving them the rare opportunity to hold the Paralympic Torch.

I hope that this experience will be both inspiring and educational for the children and that they come home enthused and bursting to tell you all about it!

### SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

During this morning's assembly, I showed the children a DVD and spoke to them about our upcoming 'Sports for Schools' event on Friday 04 November. Children

### SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS (Cont...)

will be coming home today with a detailed letter that fully explains this exciting sponsored event as well as a sponsorship form so that they can start collecting sponsorships straight away. Thank you in advance for your support with what promises to be a fantastic experience. Ms Dallimore-Gray

### SCHOOL TUCK SHOP

After recent conversations that I have had with some parents I have decided that the Tuck Shop will run according to a Year Group Timetable. This timetable will start during the W/c Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016 and only year groups shown below will be able to buy items from the Tuck Shop. Thank you.

Monday	Year 3
Tuesday	Year 1/2
Wednesday	Year 4
Thursday	Year 5
Friday	Year 6

### 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.

### HOLIDAYS/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Any requests for a holiday 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.

### FoNKS DADS WEEKLY INDOOR FOOTBALL

North Kidlington School (NKS) is looking to start a 5/6/7 aside indoor football at Gosford Sports Centre on a week night evening about 7:30pm-8pm every 2/3 weeks (all TBC). The cost should be a maximum of £5 each (based on 10 players) per session (costs reduce with more players). A small donation from every session will go to NKS to help buy sports equipment.

Sessions will start once we have min. 10 players. All Dads / Grandads of NKS welcome no matter your footballing ability or fitness.

### **A great way to meet other dads at North Kidlington School, socialise and raise money for our school**

Maybe even a few post-match refreshments at a nearby establishment? Please spread the word to other NKS Dads. To register interest or to reserve a place, please contact **PAUL McMAHON** for further details on 07807 147468 or [paulmcmahonwhufc@outlook.com](mailto:paulmcmahonwhufc@outlook.com)

### 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 then this is a perfect way to make some space. Unfortunately they do not take bedding, towels or curtains. Please return any filled bags to school after school on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016 so that they can be collected on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016 at 9:00am. Thank-you.

### Y6 YOULBURY RESIDENTIAL 2017

Please return consent forms and deposits for the Y6 Youlbury Residential by Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

### AUTUMN 2<sup>ND</sup> HALF TERM DATES

Please find a list of key dates for the next half term. Thank you.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### **Monday 17<sup>th</sup>-Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016**

Year 2 / 3 & 4 Assessment Week

#### **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

Paralympic Torch Assembly

#### **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

Parent Consultations 3:30pm-7:00pm

#### **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

NKS Harvest Festival Assembly

#### **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

End of Term 1

Gary Kemp

17<sup>th</sup> October 2016

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## School Diary Dates-Autumn 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term 2016

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016 START OF TERM 2<sup>ND</sup> HALF TERM OF AUTUMN 2016**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016 BAGS 2 SCHOOL**-Bag drop off after school-Infant Hall

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016 BAGS 2 SCHOOL**-Bag collection-Infant Hall

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016 YEAR 6 SATs Meeting for Parents**-6:30pm Class Beech

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016 SPONSORED PE CIRCUIT SESSION**-Children will complete a circuit of physical activities, as a class for approximately 30 minutes at a point during the day.

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016 FONKS BISCUIT SALE**-3:15pm School Playground. (Infant Hall if wet).

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016 YEAR 5/6 CYCLING PROFICIENCY TEST**-1:00pm-3:00pm

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016 REMEMBRANCE CURRICULUM DAY**-Class work based upon Remembrance.

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016 SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS-8:30AM FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS WITH SIBLINGS.**  
Individual photographs throughout the day.

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016 FONKS (PTA) MEETING**-7:00pm School Community Room-New Members always welcome.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2016 CHILDREN IN NEED DAY-*'BREAK SCHOOL UNIFORM RULES DAY!'*** Pay 20p for each uniform rule that you break. (List of rules you can break to follow).

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2016 FONKS CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENT**-11:00am-3:00pm. (Details to follow)

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2016 FULL GOVERNING BODY MEETING**-7:00pm School Community Room

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2016 ON-LINE SAFETY PARENT MEETING**-6:30pm-7:30pm

A very important information meeting to help you keep your child safe when on line at home.

***(DUE TO THE CONTENT TO BE DISCUSSED BEING UNSUITABLE FOR CHILDREN. A CHILD MINDING SERVICE FOR FSU-Y6 CHILDREN WILL BE PROVIDED).***

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016 FoNKS CHRISTMAS FAYRE**-3:30pm-5:00pm

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016 Y1-Y2 CHRISTMAS PLAY**-Junior Hall 1:30pm and 6:30pm (Tickets for sale from the School Office close to the performance).

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016 FSU CHRISTMAS PLAY**-Junior Hall 2:15pm and 6:00pm (Tickets for sale from the School Office closer to the performance).

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup>-Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016 CHRISTMAS JUMPER WEEK**-Wear a Christmas jumper to school, all week, INSTEAD of your school jumper. (This is a FREE activity-no donation required).

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016 INFANT DEPARTMENT CLASS PARTY AFTERNOON** (Details to follow).

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016 Y3-Y6 CHRISTMAS CONCERT**-Gosford Hill School Hall 6:30pm

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016 FSU CHRISTMAS PARTY AFTERNOON** (Details to follow).

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016 Y1-Y6 CAROL SERVICE**-St Mary's Church, Kidlington 2:00pm-3:00pm

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016 Y3-Y4 CHRISTMAS PARTY MORNING** (Details to follow).

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016 SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016 END OF AUTUMN TERM 2016**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016 SCHOOL CLOSED**-Christmas Holidays

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017 START OF 1<sup>st</sup> HALF OF SPRING TERM**