



Dear Parents/Guardians,

SNOW CLOSURE

Thank you to Mr Elston, Mrs McMahan and Mr Webb who spent Thursday afternoon clearing and salting the school grounds in an attempt to prevent us from having to shut the school due to the snowy conditions. Unfortunately the weather was victorious and we had to shut. This decision was made in line with ALL of the Kidlington Partnership Schools following extensive discussions during Thursday and early Thursday evening.

WORLD BOOK DAY 2018

What a fantastic day everyone had on Thursday last week. As well as coming to school dressed as their favourite book characters the children also heard a variety of stories read to them by people from our local community and not just by our teachers and TAs! Thank you to Mrs Claxton and Mrs Ling for organising this event and to all of the staff of NKS for making it such a fun day.

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.

FONKS MOTHER'S DAY GIFT WRAPPING DAY

FONKS will be holding their annual Mother's Day Gift Wrapping Day on Friday 9th March 2018 from 9.30pm-4.00pm. For £2.00 children will be able to choose a present, wrap it and take it home in time for Mother's Day which is on Sunday 11th March. Classes will have the opportunity to visit the 'Gift Room' throughout the school day and there will be an opportunity at the end of the school day between 3.15pm-4.00pm.

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.

OXFORD MAIL OX5 RUN – Sunday 25th March 2018

Miss Claxton and her daughter Matilda are participating in the OX5 Run at Blenheim Palace on Sunday 25th 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/zoecclaxton> or alternatively through the school office. Thank you.

LONDON MARATHON 2018

Mrs Hosier's sister-in-law, Claire, will be running the 2018 London Marathon in aid of the Silverstar Society Unit at the John Radcliffe Hospital.

As part of her fund raising efforts she will be holding a cake sale on Friday 9th March 2018 on the Junior Playground from 3:00pm-4:00pm.

She would appreciate any cake donations if possible or please just turn up and buy a cake to help to support her in supporting this unit. Thank you.

MUSICBOX CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Congratulations and well done to Lila Perry-Vasquez who performed on Saturday as part of the MusicBox Children's Choir in the Oxford Opera Company's performance of

Tosca. Lila worked very hard rehearsing for this performance and overcame her nerves appearing in front of such a large audience. Well done!

★ CLASS STARS OF THE WEEK! ★

Well done to the following Class Stars of the Week:
Year 1-2: Owen Lloyd, Szymon Kajor & Helena Screnock.
Year 3-4: Lucy Kastelik, Ellen Skinner & Jamie-Leigh Waite.
Year 5-6: Jessica Elston, Mimi Essafri & Maggie Pittam.

📖 SILVER BOOK CERTIFICATE 📖

Congratulations to following Silver Book entry:
 Rocana Young.

WRITING WIZARD

Congratulations to the following Writing Wizard:
 Maya Cobden.

✍️ CREATIVITY AWARD ✍️

Congratulations to the following Creativity Award Artist:
 Mia Smith.

CLASS ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES (W/C 26-02-2018)

The National Average for school attendance is 96.00-97.00%

Class	%	Class	%
Apple	92.78%	Chestnut	99.07%
Ash	99.17%	Willow	89.29%
Maple	94.40%	Acer	93.36%
Oak	98.33%	Beech	95.98%
Cedar	94.20%	Pine	97.50%
Whole School		%	

Well done to **Class Ash** who achieved 99.17% attendance.

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.

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.

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

SCHOOL UNIFORM AND COATS

Please make sure that your child comes to school with a suitable coat/jacket, as well as the correct uniform.

CLASSES GREEN & 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.

JOB VACANCIES

NKS Cleaner (Maternity Cover)

We currently have a cleaning job vacancy, with an immediate start, to cover maternity leave. Please contact the School Office for more information.

Bursar-Charlton-on-Otmoor CE Primary School

There is currently a vacancy for a part time bursar (Grade 8/ 10 depending on experience) for one to two days a week. If you would like to find out more then please contact:

Ms A. Morgan, Head teacher, Charlton-on-Otmoor C E Primary School, Fencott Road, Kidlington, OX5 2UT.
01865 331239

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.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday 9th March 2018-FoNKS Mother's Day Gift and Wrapping Day

Tuesday 13th-14th March 2018 Class Apples Parent Consultations

Monday 19th March 2018-Class Apples School Trip to Farmer Gow's

Monday 19th-21st March 2018-Parent Consultations (Years 1 – 6)

Tuesday 20th March 2018-Class Apples School Eye Tests

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

Wednesday 21st-22nd March 2018-LKS2 Tudor Workshops

Thursday 22nd March 2018-EFYS and Yr 6 NCMP Heaigh and Weight measuring (See letter previously sent home for more information).

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

Wednesday 28th March 2018-FoNKS Easter Cake Sale

Thursday 29th March 2018-End of Spring 2nd Half-Term- 3:15pm Finish

Friday 30th March 2018-Good Friday-School Closed

Monday 2nd-Friday 13th April 2018-Easter Holiday-School Closed.

Monday 16th April 2018-Start of Summer 1st Half Term-School open to all pupils.

Gary Kemp
Head Teacher

Tuesday 6th March 2018