



North Kidlington Primary School Newsletter

Nurturing Potential, Growing Success

Key Dates

May

6th Bank Holiday
8th Year 4 Residential (Hill End)
10th Mindfulness Day (in school)
13th KS2 SATS—Gram. & Spelling
14th KS2 SATS—Reading
15th KS2 SATS—Maths 1 & 2
16th KS2 SATS - Maths 3
17th Break the Rules Day
20th Walk to school week
24th 3:15 Finish
28th May Half Term

June

3rd INSET
4th Back to school
4th Multiplication check start (Y4)
7th Class Photos
10th Phonics screening start (Y1)
12th Apple Class trip
14th Fathers' day wrapping
20th KS1 trip
24th Sports Week
24th KS2 Races
25th Reception/KS1 Races

July

12th Reports & new classes
12th KS2 SATs results go home
13th Summer Fayre
15th Yr 5/6 Play
16th Yr 5/6 Play
24th Leavers' assembly
24th Last day (1:30 finish)

The Burrow

Calm, caring and fun before
and after school provision.



Summer Term: # 1

Dear NKS Families,

We have had a really successful return to school; I have been impressed with how quickly the children have settled back into the school routine after the two-week break. Thank you for your support with this.

The summer term is always an interesting one as we have a multitude of national assessments to take but also a lot of trips and other lovely events.



If you don't already do this it might be a good idea to travel to school more without a car now the weather is finally picking up. This has been one of the worst years for

complaints from other parents and the general public for inconsiderate and unsafe parking outside of school.

Not only is this a huge concern for children's safety but also I worry about children's physical health. Children nowadays get much less exercise than we did as kids and getting into the habit of walking, cycling or scooting to school can have a positive impact on children's health (and yours). It has been proven that active kids are more likely to be active adults, so the habits we instil now can have lifelong consequences.

I will be encouraging children to take part in Walk to School Week (starting May 20th) in assembly, so please give it a go if you don't do it already.



Rules that can be broken :

- No face paint/makeup
- No crazy hair
- No unhealthy snack for break time
- No temporary tattoos
- No temporarily coloured hair
- Do not wear a hat in class
- You must wear school uniform
- Don't bring in your own stationery
- No squishy or fidget toys

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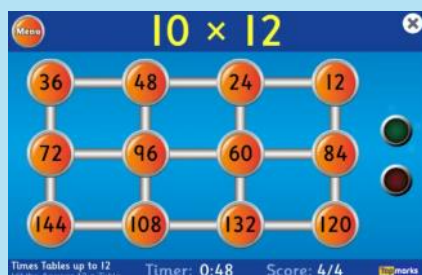
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Please consider footwear
if your child has PE
We are always a nut free school

Friday 17th May, 2024



Hit the Button



Year 6 SATS

The Year 6 children will be undertaking their National end of Key Stage Assessments (SATS) on the week of the 13th May.

These assessments are important, and so please make extra sure that the children come to school on time each day, but we make a point not to pile pressure on the children.

Year 6 families should have received communication about SATs Breakfast which I highly recommend your child attends, even if they do not want to eat, as it is a really fun way to start the day with their friends. I think they also enjoy being waited on by the Year 5/6 staff too :-)

Cedar and Chestnut Building

Hopefully you have seen how well the revamped Cedar and Chestnut building is coming along. I think it is starting to look very smart. We are hoping it will only be a couple more weeks before the children can return. We will open it up after school when it is ready for you to pop in and have a look.

Learning your Times Tables

Every year, our Year 4s take the national Multiplication Check in June. Although I am not always a fan of lots of assessments for children, this check does highlight the benefits of just learning some things off by heart. As the maths gets progressively harder as the children move up in years, the children who have learned their times tables off by heart find things much easier. If you don't have to be working out the multiplication problem, you can be thinking about the other parts of the problem.

This is an area where you can really support from home. You can be quizzing children on their times tables while walking to school or in the car and there are a lot of websites and apps to help. [Hit the Button](#) is one we always recommend and all the children have an account on Purple Mash through their Google Classroom account which has games and a Multiplication Check style activity.

Summer Fayre—Save the Date—13th July

Please can you pop FoNKS a message if you are happy to have an advertising board for our super Summer Fayre this year (13th July). This is a great event for the community and we would appreciate your help. I have been told the deadline for this is Friday.

FoNKS put so much work into this event for us and we are always eternally grateful for their efforts. If you can spare any time before, during or after the event to help out it will be incredibly helpful. This is a team event for all of our children.

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Improving Playtimes

Over the next year we are going to be investing in significantly improving playtimes.

We will hold a parent meeting about it in due course. However, in the meantime we are on the lookout for any dressing up clothes (for all ages, not just reception), old gardening gloves, wellies, plastic crates and Duplo.

Thanks, as always for you generosity and support!



Sporting Superstars

Miss Stone and I were very fortunate to take a brilliant group of Year 3 and 4s to a multiskills event at Gosford Hill School. The children took part in a huge variety of events run by the Gosford's excellent Young Leaders. I was delighted to see the support and encouragement the children gave each other (Kind to Others) and the determination and perseverance they showed with all the activities (Kind to Ourselves).

Well done to: Jacob B., Aleksy B., Lola P., Heath B., Harrison E., Isla W., Layla D., Josie W., Sebby P., Daniella R., Joshua V., Archie H., Dean H., Luna J., Scarlett S., Finlay P., Logan R., Kayla S., Millie W., Luca W., Riley T., Amie Q. & Izzy P.



Small Steps Nursery

I am delighted to inform you that there will be a nursery on site again hopefully from September 2024. I will let you know when more information emerges, but we are really looking forward to working with the team at Small Steps.

Emilie Fidler

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