



North Kidlington Primary School Newsletter

Nurturing Potential, Growing Success

Key Dates

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

1st Reception Open Afternoon
(new starters)
9th Reception Stay & Play (New
starters)
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)

Summer Term: # 2

Dear NKS Families,

What a busy term we have had!

I have three big well-dones and a thank you to report:

Firstly, a massive well done to the Year 4s and the staff who had a super three days camping at Hill End. It can be a bit scary camping away from home and family, but the children were brilliant. I keep hearing lots of fun stories about the adventure from both the children and the adults.



My second well done is to the Year 6s who have completed SATs week. We try very hard to get the balance right between taking the tests seriously and doing your best but not feeling so much pressure that it becomes upsetting. They did a great job with the tests, even the rather tricky second maths paper and I am proud of them all whatever score they get. Furthermore, the Year 6 TAs always do a great job putting on the SATs breakfast on test days with something different served up each day—we are all very grateful for the work they put into this.

My final well done is to Cedar and Chestnut class (children and staff), for coping with the class moves so well. We are very happy with the upgraded classrooms. Who would have thought you could get so excited about insulation, properly fitted toilets and windows!

The Burrow

Calm, caring and fun before and after school provision.





North Kidlington School Summer Fair

Saturday 13th July 2024 11am-2pm

Our biggest fundraiser of the year! We have lots of fun things planned so please save the date!

We can't run these events without your support. Please remember all the money we raise goes back to the school to help support your child's education.

If you are able to help with any of the following, we would greatly appreciate it.

We are looking for.....

Raffle Prizes

We have contacted a lot of attractions and businesses already, but do you have a local business that could donate a prize for the raffle? Maybe you don't have time to help but would like to donate a prize? Hamper, gift voucher etc.

Tombola Prizes

We are taking donations of any NEW and UNUSED items for the Tombola. Can be anything from bubble bath, toys, chocolates, socks, games, jewellery, unwanted gifts sitting in a draw!

White Elephant

Used toys and games that are in good condition and contain all the pieces!

Face Painter / Glitter tattoos

Always so popular at the fair! Are you a face painter or know anyone who would be happy to paint faces at the fair?

Teddy's for Teddy Tombola

CLEAN and in GOOD CONDITION please.

Second Hand uniform

CLEAN and in GOOD CONDITION please! We will continue to collect this throughout the year so if you have any please bring into school reception.

BBQ

Volunteers to run the BBQ!

New Ideas

Do you have an idea for a stall you would like to run? Do you have an interest or a hobby that could contribute to the fair?

Please bring any donations into the school office. Or contact FONKS fonspta@gmail.com





Phones at dinner time.

I came across an article in the Times recently that I found very interesting. I thought I would share a snippet:

Children who use smartphones at mealtimes more likely to be obese

Parents urged to avoid having meals in front of the TV and to ensure dinner tables are phone-free spaces so children develop good habits

Letting children scroll on phones at mealtimes or eat in front of the TV can cause them to become obese, research shows.

A study of 735 children at primary schools found they were 15 per cent more likely to be overweight if they regularly used screens during breakfast, lunch or dinner.

Scientists warned that the distraction of screens stops children from realising when they are full, meaning they simply continue to eat.

My thank you goes out to all of you. As you know we had a visit from OFSTED a couple of weeks ago. This was an 'ungraded' inspection which means they were coming to check we still deserve our **good** rating. Graded or ungraded, the inspection process is rigorous and intense! Ofsted has been in the news a lot recently and people outside of education now have more of an understanding of the process. I really appreciated the support and good wishes we got from people over the two days.

I was also blown away by the parent response to the Ofsted survey. Although I am not allowed to see the full results, the inspector read some out to the governors and me and commented on how positive they were and that this level of positivity was not common. We are a very community focused school and it was nice to find out that so many of you see that. As always, if you have any concerns or comments do come and speak to us.

We do not yet have the final report, but hope to get it out to you as soon as possible.

Getting excited about playtime

You may have noticed I have started talking about playtime more and more. This is going to be our next big project. NKS has teamed up with OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning), to make more of the children's playtime.

We are conducting baseline surveys to assess our current set up. I would be very grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete this survey about YOUR views on play (please share on NKS parent groups).

[CLICK HERE FOR PARENT SURVEY](#)

We will be surveying the children and staff after half term.

In the meantime, I am looking for the following donations:

- Pushchairs (real or play)
- Old clothes for dress up (hats, coats, shirts, dresses (no shoes))
- Lego or Duplo
- Old suitcases
- Crates



Sporting Superstars

Well done to the KS1 children who attended the Multiskills event held at Gosford Hill School recently. It sounds like they had a super time and represented the school really well.

Well done to William O., Jacob L., Fletcher M., Riyad R., Charan B., Nicolas H., Mia J., Indi B., Abigail M., Evie E., Ayana D., Bavanika L., Marin B., Archer L-W., Lucas G., Fanar O., Stanley W., Joss H., Olivia B., Anna N., Poppy P., Claudia B., Lyla C., Aarya G.



If you are looking for ideas for things to do over the bank holiday weekend and the half term, there are some super ideas on Oxford City's Go Active Families website and Go Active Outdoors website (the logos are links). We are lucky in Oxfordshire that we have a lot of green space and things we can do with our children quite cheaply. Also, don't forget most of the museums in Oxford are free!

Have a lovely half term everyone.

Emilie Fidler

24/5/24

