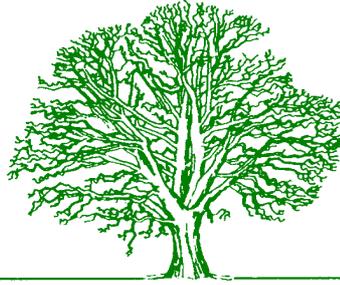


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OAKINGTON C of E (A) PRIMARY SCHOOL

1st March, 2013

Dear Parents,

The main discussion topic at the last Parents Forum was to do with Pie Corbett's storytelling techniques and I thought it would be helpful to share information with all parents about it. One of our school development initiatives this year has been to raise high standards of writing even further across the school and at all levels. One of the ways in which we are doing this is by using 'Talk for Writing' techniques with the children. Children learn to retell stories by using actions for familiar phrases or vocabulary and also by making story maps which are quick pictorial representations of the main parts of a story. Special story telling hats, coats, chairs and artefacts are used to make storytelling more exciting. Children build up a bank of interesting vocabulary, phrases and types of plot they can draw upon to help them with their own story writing. We hope that you enjoyed the storytelling session that parents were invited to during Book Week this year and enjoy reading or hearing some of the stories your child will be sharing with you in the future.

*Yours sincerely,
Sally Daggianti*

Prayer Group Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Oakington School Prayer Group this afternoon, 1st March at 2.00 pm at 10 High Street. All are welcome to come along.

PSA

A big thank you to the hard working PSA members and all parents who help or support at events. Over the last year they have paid for the coach for Class 4's residential trip, the dictionaries for the leavers and the groundworks for the planting and fence at the front of the school plus the seat for the sensory garden. The PSA are now aiming to raise funds to pay for a new swimming pool roof which is beginning to leak in several places now and provide musical instruments for the Class 1 outdoor area.

School lunches

Cambridgeshire Catering Services (CCS) has asked me to share this statement with you regarding the authenticity of meat used in school meals: 'CCS use only three types of beef. The first two being raw minced and diced beef from P.J. Rolfe, our nominated supplier in Suffolk. They have now confirmed full traceability of these products which are verified by external auditors. Secondly, we purchase organic beef grills from Lower Hurst Organic Farms in Derbyshire. This supplier has been fully checked and accredited by the Soil Association. CCS does not purchase any other prepared red meat products, either raw or cooked.'

Red Nose Day

On Friday, 15th March we will be supporting Red Nose Day by holding a wear something red none uniform day and bringing a £1 which will be sent to the charity. The Cook family children and Lettie Catterick will be holding a cake stall in aid of Red Nose Day in the playground after school on 15th March. We would be grateful for any contributions of cakes for the stall. Please take them to the servery on either 14th or 15th March.

Parents' Resus Training

Parents Resus Training will take place this year at 7.00pm in school. We do need parents who are resus trained and able to spend a small amount of time on a regular basis to help with school swimming which will begin again after the Easter holidays. Also, if the school pool is to be opened during some afternoons of the summer holidays again this year, we need enough parents who are resus trained to be able to cover a rota system.

Mothering Sunday and Easter Service

Children in Foundation and Key Stage 1 would like to invite you to a Mothering Sunday tea on Thursday, March 7th from 2. 15 pm - 3. 00 pm. There will also be a Mothering Sunday Assembly in school at 9.10am on Friday, 8th March followed by tea and cake. You are also welcome to join us in St Andrew's Church for our Easter Service at 9.30 am on Thursday, 28th March.

Dates for your diary....

28th Feb.-March 20th

Friday, 1st March, 2.00 pm

Monday, 4th March, 7.00pm

Thursday, 7th March, 2.15pm

Friday, 8th March, 9.10am

Wednesday, 27th March, 3.15pm

Thursday, 28th March, 9.30am

Thursday, 28th March

Tuesday, 16th April

'The Big Peddle' Virtual Bike Race

Oakington Prayer Group Meeting, 10 High Street

Parents Resus Training

KS 1 Mothering Sunday Tea

Mothering Sunday Assembly

Easter Basket Raffle/tea party-PSA

Easter Service, St Andrew's Church

End of term

Children return to school