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## OAKINGTON C of E (A) PRIMARY SCHOOL

HEAD TEACHER:  
Mrs. Sally Daggianti

5<sup>th</sup> September 2013

Dear Parents and Carers.

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope that you have all had an enjoyable summer making the most of the wonderful weather. For the first time we are very fortunate in being able to have five classes in school this year so that children are all able to benefit from being in small classes. Classes have all been given names (of trees within our school grounds) so that we have Elm, Maple, Birch, Chestnut and Willow classes now. All children are settling in well to the new term and working well. I look forward to seeing you again over the next few days.

Yours sincerely,  
Sally Daggianti

### **PE bags and equipment**

Please ensure that PE bags are sent in to school on Monday mornings and are taken home on Fridays. Please also make sure that all items of uniform are clearly named.

### **Year 5 and 6 children travelling to and from school**

Please ensure that a permission letter is sent into school if your child is in Year 5 or 6 and you wish them to travel home alone.

### **Attendance**

At Oakington C of E Primary School, we expect at least 95% and wherever possible 100% attendance from all children in order for them to be able to attain maximum achievement. All non urgent doctors or dentists appointments should be arranged after school or during holidays whenever possible.

When a child is ill or unable to attend school we request that a message is sent by 9.15 am. We also request that a note is sent when a child returns to school in order that correct reasons for absence are recorded.

Please avoid taking your child on holiday during term time. Amendments to the 2006 Education Pupil Registration Regulations have removed references to family holiday as well as the statutory threshold of ten days. This means that leave of absence can no longer be authorized during term time except in exceptional circumstances.

### **Staffroom extension and tree work**

During the summer alterations have been carried out in school so that we now have a much bigger, attractive staffroom for our growing numbers of staff. Work has also been carried

out to remove the leylandi trees whose roots were beginning to grow underneath the swimming pool. Bushes around the pool area have also been removed.

### Summer holiday swimming

Thank you to those resus trained parents who helped with the rota of supervision so that the pool was opened for some afternoons during the holidays. £81 was made from the sessions which will be given to PSA funds.

### Swimming for Foundation and Key Stage 1 children

Swimming will begin again for Elm and Maple classes next Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> September. Elm Class (Miss Brown's Class) will swim on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and Maple Class (Miss Clements Class) on Monday and Thursday afternoons. If you are able to help with swimming on those afternoons please talk to Class teachers.

### Parent helpers

If you are able to help in school with hearing children read we would be very grateful. Please talk to your child's class teacher or myself if you are able to volunteer in this way.

### Friday afternoons

I will be teaching RE to Year 1 children this year and so on Friday afternoons all Year 1 children will be leaving school from the new build. Key Stage 2 children will be taught French and RE in their year groups on Wednesday afternoons and PE will also be taught in year groups.

### Dates for your diary...

Wed., 4th September  
Mon., 16th September  
Fri., 20<sup>th</sup> September, 3.30pm  
Fri., 4<sup>th</sup> October  
Fri., 4<sup>th</sup> October  
Mon., 7<sup>th</sup> October  
Tues., 8<sup>th</sup> October  
Tues., 15th October  
Mon., 28<sup>th</sup> Oct. -Fri. 1st Nov.  
Mon., 11<sup>th</sup> October  
Tues., 10<sup>th</sup> December, 9.30am  
Wed., 11<sup>th</sup> December, 1.30pm  
Tues., 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2.00pm  
Tues., 17<sup>th</sup> December, 6.30pm  
Fri., 20th December, 9.30am  
Fri., 20th December

Pupils return to school  
Extra curricular Clubs begin  
PSA Back to School Party  
Harvest Festival 9.30am in Church  
Harvest Concert 7.30pm in Church  
Teacher Training Day  
Lunchtime Bible Club-all week  
Cathedral Day visit KS2  
Half Term  
Parents Evening  
Nativity Dress Rehearsal  
KS1 Nativity  
KS2 Concert  
KS2 Concert  
Carol Service in Church  
End of Term

