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OAKINGTON C of E (A) PRIMARY SCHOOL

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5th September 2016

Dear Parents and Carers.

Welcome back to a new school year. I do hope that you have all enjoyed the break and have made the most of the good weather we have been having.

Over the holiday a new oak floor has been fitted in the hall as well as improvements having been made to the outdoor play area for Reception Year. We also welcome two new staff who will be joining us this year-Mrs. Smyth will be teaching in Acorn Class four days a week and Miss Cormode will be teaching Chestnut Class after half term.

I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Kind Regards,

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 so that cloakrooms can be cleaned. Please also make sure that all items of uniform are clearly named.

Swimming

Foundation and Key Stage 1 children will begin swimming again on Monday, September 12th. Reception children will be swimming on Wednesdays, Year 1 on Mondays and Fridays and Year 2 children on Thursdays until the half term break.

Years 3 and 4 children will begin swimming again on travelling by coach to IVC on Tuesday mornings from 13th September until half term. Years 5 and 6 children will begin swimming on Tuesday mornings after half term until 6th December. There will be no cost to parents for swimming again this year. Please sign and return the permission slip for swimming to school as soon as possible if your child is in Key Stage 2.

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.

Visiting author

On Wednesday, 14th September we are having a visiting author, Gillian Overitt, to school who will talk to the children about her work during assembly and then run a workshop for Key Stage 2 children afterwards. One of her books, suitable for 7-11year olds, will be available for sale at the end of the workshop. An order form and flyer will be sent home with this letter if you would like your child to buy a book.

Data collection forms and asthma cards

Please ensure that any outstanding data collection sheets which have not yet been returned to school are sent in as soon as possible. It is essential that emergency contact details and other important information which is held on the sheets are available in school.

If your child is asthmatic and has an inhaler please bring their updated asthma card and pump back into school. If your child is asthmatic and has just started school please bring an inhaler into school for them and collect an asthma card from the office.

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.

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.

Dates for your diary...

Mon., 5th September	Pupils return to school
Mon., 12th September	Extra- curricular Clubs begin
Wed., 14 th September,10.45am	Children's author visit
Fri., 30th September	Harvest Festival 9.30am in Church
Fri., 30th September	Harvest Concert 7.30pm in Church
Fri., 7 th October	Teacher Training Day
Wed.,12th October	Cathedral Day visit KS2
24 th Oct. -28th Oct.	Half Term
Tues., 20th December,9.30am	Carol Service in Church
Tues., 20th December	End of Term

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I give permission for my childto travel on a coach to and from IVC for swimming lessons on Tuesday mornings during the Autumn Term 2016.

Signed.....