

NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2018

OAKINGTON C OF E (A) PRIMARY SCHOOL

WELCOME

A New School Year

Dear Parents and Carers, I hope that you have all had an enjoyable and restful summer break. Welcome to a new school year with many exciting events planned.

As part of our initiative to improve communication between home and school, a member of the senior staff will be

available in the playground each morning before school starts so that any messages for teachers or myself can be given.

I look forward to seeing you again during the next few days.

Yours sincerely,

Sally Daggianti

NOTICES

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 from week beginning Monday, September 10th. Swimming will be on Friday mornings for Reception and Friday afternoons for Key Stage 1 until the half term break.

Years 3 and 4 children will begin swimming again and travelling by coach to IVC on Tuesday mornings from 11th September until half term. Years 5 and 6 children will begin swimming on Tuesday mornings after half term until 11th December. There will be no cost to parents for swimming again this year. Please sign and return the permission slips on the separate letters for swimming to school as soon as possible if your child is in Key Stage 2.

DIARY DATES

Pupils Return to School
Weds 5th September

Extra-curricular Clubs begin
Mon 17th September

Harvest Festival in Church
Fri 5th October at 9:30am

Harvest Concert in Church
Fri 5th October at 7:30pm

Teacher Training Day
Fri 19th October

TOPICS

The first topic for Reception and Key Stage 1 topic will be 'All About Me'. Reception will then learn about 'Celebrations' and Year 1 and 2 will learn all about the 'Victorians'.

The Key Stage 2 topic will be 'World War 2' with a focus on the 'Battle Of Britain'.

Years 5 and 6 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.

Harvest Festival and Harvest Concert

All parents and carers are warmly invited to the Harvest Festival which this year will be on 5th October at 9.30am in St. Andrews Church. Please send harvest gifts to school with your child(ren) on that Friday morning. Everyone is welcome to come to the Harvest Concert in St. Andrews Church at 7.30pm on 5th October when choir will be performing.

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 9.15am. 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.

C.A.R.E. is at the heart of our school.

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