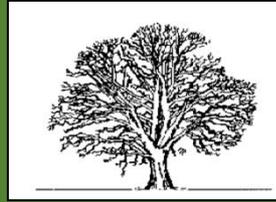


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Message from the Executive Principal:

Thank you everyone for making me and the new members of the federation feel so welcome. It has been a busy fortnight with lots to learn and do. At Dry Drayton, we are delighted to welcome Charlotte Biss and Nikki Wilson to the team.

At Oakington, Mr Clark has taken on the role of Head of School. Temporary arrangements are in place to ensure continuity of provision for Oak class. Ms Carina Medd will be taking the class on Mondays and Tuesdays and Mr Mike Udin will be taking the class on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays until Christmas. However, we are also inviting Oak class to write the advert, and person specification, for a new teacher and we hope to involve them in the appointment of Mr Clark's long-term replacement.

Your help required:

It is **all** hands to the deck on November 23rd. We are inviting staff, families, parents, carers and children to join us in clearing, tidying and improving the learning environments at both schools. Come and join us. Amazing things can be achieved when a community comes together. Tea /coffee and hard work on offer – if there are any bakers – we would love some cake to keep us going!

We are making some changes to our **behaviour policy**. Last week we introduced the idea of rights and responsibilities.

All members of our community share the same core rights. The right to:

- Be treated with respect
- Be safe physically and emotionally
- To learn without unfair distraction

When we talk to children about inappropriate behaviour will be asking them to reflect on these rights and how their behaviour may have impacted on the rights of others. We will also be discussing the responsibilities that come with those rights and praising children who demonstrate respect for their peers and the rights of others in our schools.

We will be discussing the changes to the behaviour policy with the children and staff this week and will then be sharing with you, in detail, the new policy, the rewards and consequences, and how you can work with us to ensure that our children can learn, our staff can teach and we can ensure the children at the federation make the progress they are clearly capable of.

What is happening this week at Oakington:

Week Beginning 12th November

Mon: Remembrance service on Oakington field

Wed: School photos

Fri: Children in Need Day – wear spots and dots and we'll see if we can cover an A3 picture of Pudsey with spots of "£1 Coins!

Oakington Diary Dates:

Key Stage 2 trip to Duxford Imperial War Museum: 19th November

Dressing Up Day – raising funds for Wood Green Animal Shelter: 30th November

PSA Christmas Fayre: December 1st from 2pm – 4:30pm

Reception Christmas Play dress rehearsal: December 11th at 9.30am

KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal: 13 December, at 9.30am

Reception Christmas Play performance: December 13th at 2pm

Christmas Jumper day: 14th December

Carol Service as St Andrews: Weds 19th December at 9:30am

KS1 Nativity performance: 14 December at 1.45 pm

End of Autumn Term: Weds 19th December at 3:15pm

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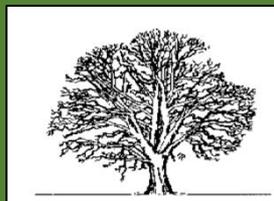
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School Improvement – Support from the Local Authority

Over the past few weeks Oakington has had lots of visitors from the Cambridgeshire County Council schools teams.

Our Primary Advisor, Val Palmer, spent a day in school looking specifically at maths – she observed lessons and looked at pupils' books.

We've also had advisors Diane Stygal and Ian Hoare helping our office with safeguarding records.

At the monthly meeting with our Local Authority Improvement Group (LAIG) after half term, the Local Authority were pleased to identify that a number of safeguarding concerns have been addressed.

Lost Property

You will have noticed that our lost property has been out on display for the past two weeks. Please note that we will store lost property until Christmas, then unclaimed lost property will be disposed of/destroyed.

Catering Assistant Vacancy

Dolce Ltd are recruiting for a catering assistant to work in the kitchen at Oakington for 12.5 hours per week, term time only. Let the school office know if you're interested, and we'll pass your details on to Diane Brotchie at Dolce

Caretaker Wanted

We are looking for a caretaker to work across the schools in the federation

**Salary: Grade 6, Point 18 £18,870 (FT)
Working pattern to be agreed, 37 hours per week.**

Ideally, we are looking for a full-time caretaker to work across our two schools. The caretaker will be responsible for the maintenance and security of our schools and ensure our schools premises and grounds reflect the high standards we have of our children.

(We will consider PT/Job shares and offer flexible working patterns)

For further information about the post please contact:
office@oakington.cambs.sch.uk

The successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.

Middy Supervisor Wanted

We are looking for a midday supervisor at Oakington

**Salary: Grade 1c, Point 8 £15,246 (FT)
Monday-Friday 12-1.30pm
Term-time only**

The midday supervisor will work both in the school hall and outside supervising the children the children as they eat and play, as part of a team of midday supervisors. This role is critical in helping the school maintain consistent standards of pupil behaviour.

The role also includes clearing up the school hall after lunchtime.

For further information about the post please contact:
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Year 6 English Challenge – a report by Lara and Ruby

Four children from Oakington School went on an English Challenge in Girton School to try and win! They did extremely well and enjoyed it very much. Each one of them took part in it and did something to help.

The four children were awarded basic skills (grammar round). We don't know yet if they're through to the final but they did a very good job.



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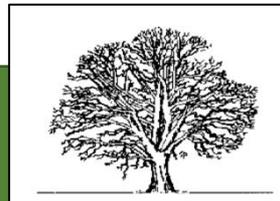
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Car Parking

As you all know, we have a small car park that often becomes congested.

Please do NOT bring your car into the car park after 7.30am.

We also ask that you **use the footpath around the car park**, rather than walking between cars across the car park itself. We are trying to teach the children about road and car safety, so your support in showing them the right way to walk around the car park is appreciated.

Inconsiderate parking on Water Lane and the High Street is causing traffic congestion and proving to be difficult and dangerous for local residents and road users.

Please can parents/carers who drive to pick up and drop off their children at school do so responsibly and thoughtfully.

Uniform

We are encouraging all our students to take pride in their school and to be proud to be part of Oakington Primary. As a result we are encouraging all children to make sure they look smart in their school uniform.

Can we remind you please that hoodies are not allowed in school, and nor is jewellery (apart from stud earrings).

Remembrance Day Service today

Our pupils shared in an open-air remembrance service on Monday afternoon and created a beautiful poppy remembrance garden in the Reflective Area. During the service Year 6 pupils read out remembrance poems they had written, and Mr Clark played the Last Post on the trumpet.



Sarah Ryan

Our popular reception class teacher Mrs Ryan will be leaving the school at Christmas to take on a leadership position at another Cambridgeshire school.

We know that you will join us in wishing Sarah all the very best in her new adventure, and thanking her for everything she has done over the past **ten years** at Oakington.

In particular, Sarah introduced the Forest School initiative, giving our children the opportunity to take their learning outdoors both in the school nature reserve and in the local woodland.

We look forward to welcoming a new Reception teacher in January.

Our new SEND Coordinator Lucy Roberts

We are pleased to welcome Lucy as our new coordinator for special needs provision.



Goodbye to Valerie Brennand

Last week we said goodbye to Valerie Brennand, who has worked in our school kitchen for several years. The whole school thanks Valerie for help over the years. She will be missed by staff and pupils alike!

Safeguarding at the Dry Drayton and Oakington Federation.

From the 15th November 2018, Mr Nathan Clark will become the designated safeguarding lead at Oakington and Mrs Sonia Hegan will become the designated safeguarding lead at Dry Drayton, other trained DPs at the schools are:

Mrs Fiona Sweetnam (Dry Drayton)
Mrs Julia Clements-Davey (Oakington)

In the interim: Mrs Oriana Dalton will be the named designated safeguarding lead across the Federation. If you have a concern about a child, please inform **any** member of staff.

If you think a child is at immediate risk of harm you can access further advice and guidance here:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/children-s-social-care/safeguarding-children-and-child-protection/>

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