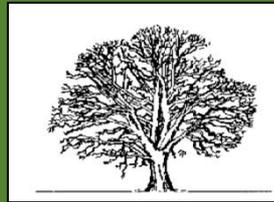


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Message from the Head of School:

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! Doesn't that already seem a long time ago! We are all well back in the swing of things now and pleased to see how our new staff members are settling in. Miss Julie Muscutt has joined us in Acorn Class, and has already made a great connection with the children. It's been lovely to hear the positive parent comments, too. Your feedback is really important to us.

We have also welcomed Mr Stuart Sadler, who will be teaching Oak Class on Mondays and Tuesdays for the rest of the academic year. He has quickly got to grips with getting to know and enthusing the children, and becoming part of our team.

We also now have a caretaker! Mr Kevin Cullen has joined us and is embracing his long to-do list! Ms Alicia Lloyd has been appointed as SENDCO and will be working alongside our interim SEND Lead Ms Lucy Roberts. We are also pleased to welcome our two new Midday Supervisors, Mrs Clare Wale and Mrs Julie Burling.

We are looking forward to another positive and productive term. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,
Nathan Clark

Acorn class performing their Christmas play to their parents!



Key Stage 1 performing their Nativity play to their parents!



HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2019

Oakington Diary Dates:

Week of 11th February: Parents' Evenings

Fri 15th February: Teacher Training Day

Sat 16th February: Playgroup jumble sale

Mon 18th – Friday 22nd February: Half term

Thurs 7th March: World Book Day

Fri 29th March: Mothers' Day Assembly

Fri 5th April: Last day of term!

Mon 8th – Mon 22nd April: Easter holidays

Tues 23rd April: Back to school – start of the Summer Term!

Clubs running this term at Oakington:

Fun Run

Fridays – 8:30 to 8:50

iPad Club

Fridays – Lunchtime

Netball Club

Thursdays – Lunchtime

Football Club

Fridays – Lunchtime

Spanish Club

Fridays – Lunchtime (Year 2/3)

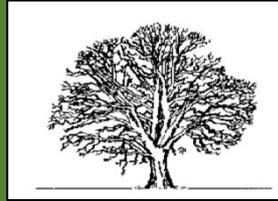
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Celebrating Success - Autumn Term 2018

Golden Leaves

Congratulations to our Golden Leaf pupils from last term! They have been awarded for various reasons including a positive attitude, being helpful, being enthusiastic, trying their hardest, and being polite.

The pupils:

Emily T	Harry Y	Leo C	Oliver G	Ada H	Stanley L
Katrine F	Betsy C	Cane M	Jenson G	Lexi R	Amelia P
Hugo W	Ethan P	Evie W	Antony P-G	Immy M	Emma F
Jack H	Myles G-G	Tey M	Aliyah W	Josh H	Mia H
Oliver T	Fariz F	Zoe C	Max G	Alfie P	Samuel H

All of Acorn Class

House winner

We would also like to congratulate Centaur, our first winners of the inaugural House Cup, who achieved the most house points in the Autumn Term! Well done on this great team achievement!

Healthy Eating - Snacktime

Thank you for all that you do to help us teach the children about healthy lifestyles - including how to make sensible choices around food. It's great to see these sorts of healthy snacks coming into school:

- Oat cakes and cubes of cheese
- Oat based flapjack
- A satsuma and a yogurt tube
- Carrot sticks and hummus
- An apple and cheese string
- Raisins, cucumber sticks and breadsticks
- A banana and some pumpkin seeds
- Wholegrain muffin containing fresh or dried fruit
- Pepper strips and guacamole
- Plain popcorn and a hard-boiled egg
- Rice cakes with cream cheese and cherry tomatoes
- Fruit leather and a plain biscuit

Please do remember that we are a NUT-FREE school so we cannot allow snacks containing peanut butter, raw nuts, or chocolate spreads containing nuts.



Sport

Oakington saw great success in the Autumn Term and is excited to continue this into the Spring.

We have two upcoming tournaments in which the students will be participating:

January 25th – The Year 5 and 6 Football Tournament

February 12th – The Year 3 and 4 Dance Share at IVC

We wish our teams the best of luck, and hope they enjoy their time at these tournaments!

Christmas Service

Last term we attended St. Andrews Church to celebrate Christmas.

Katrine from Year 6 tells us more:

"For the Christmas concert we walked to church and sang some songs about the nativity. A couple of readers told us all about the Christmas story and the choir sang a handful of beautiful songs. To finish I said a Christmas Prayer"

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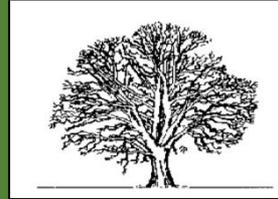
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Harpist music workshop – Friday 4th January 2019

On our first week back, we were delighted to welcome the harpist, Rohan Platts, to our school to treat the students to her harp playing skills.

Nel in Year 5 has written a fantastic account of their experience:

“We were greeted with a great surprise, everyone was so excited including the teachers! The moment we arrived in the hall we were all amazed by what we saw! There were two giant harps.

The lady brought two lovely giant harps into our school to play. The songs she played were amazing. The beautiful sound flowing into your ears was like a ladybug crawling down your spine. Her fingers were like string blowing in the wind.

Everyone sat in amazement while she played her hypnotic notes. We hope she comes again!”



Safeguarding at the Dry Drayton and Oakington Federation

Safeguarding Leads

Mr Nathan Clark is the designated safeguarding lead at Oakington. Mrs Sonia Hegan is now the designated safeguarding lead at Dry Drayton. We also have Mrs Fiona Sweetnam at Dry Drayton who is a trained designated person for safeguarding and can act across the two schools.

If you have a concern about a child, be it around their health, physical safety or emotional wellbeing, 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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Uniform

We are encouraging all our students to take pride in their school and to be proud to be part of Oakington Primary. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform, which doesn't include jeans or hoodies.

Lost Property

Please note that we have moved the lost property into the hall cupboard.

Christmas Present Room

We are pleased to say that the Christmas Present room was a great success and we thank everyone involved!



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