

OUNDLE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER No. 8



Opportunities to Volunteer at OPS

We are fortunate at OPS with many of the opportunities that the children enjoy through music, sports, clubs, trips and, certainly not least, the daily hard work and care of their classroom teachers and other staff. The school is also grateful to those who volunteer their time to contribute to making sure that these activities happen, many of them would not exist without the input of those who give up their time to help. Volunteering takes a variety of forms including, but not limited to:

- Listening to/supporting children's reading – even just 15 mins after school drop off is helpful
- Administrative support
- Supporting Year 3/4 swimming lessons
- Escorting children when walking between school and town
- Supporting 'topic days' with international food, storytelling or career talks
- PSA volunteers

All of our volunteers make a valuable contribution to the life of the school, if you would like to do something to contribute in this way then please get in touch and let us know what you can offer, the support of our community will only make our school better.

Another way in which people volunteer on behalf of the school is through acting as a Governor. It is important for the Governing Body to have a variety of skills represented, for example, legal, accounting, HR or educational management expertise and it is helpful to be aware of those interested in contributing in this way so that when vacancies arise, the skills which are required at the time can be refreshed. Most Governors are appointed whilst others, such as Parent Governors, are elected when positions become vacant. You do not have to be a parent of the school, nor otherwise connected in any way, to act as a Governor. A willingness to contribute the hours required and some skills to offer are all that is needed, further training is provided for those who have not held such a role before, indeed, most of those joining us have not. Anyone who wishes to express an interest in governing at OPS is welcome to submit their name to school reception and there will be an opportunity to discuss the role with anyone who may be interested in volunteering in this way in the future.

Thank you to all of our volunteers in whichever way they serve.

Gordon Montgomery, Chair of Governors

Christmas Fayre

A big **THANK YOU** for supporting the Christmas Fair, for your generous donations of chocolate and bottles for the Tombola, the fantastic Pringle Pots and support of the Raffle. These plus the activity ticket sales raised a fantastic £2329 for school funds. It was great to see so many of you at the Fayre and we hope the children enjoyed using their Admit One tickets. Congratulations to all the Raffle prize winners. We hope you have enjoyed or are going to enjoy your prizes.

We would like to thank everyone for their support with special thanks to all those parents and staff who did all the preparation in the weeks before, who set up the



hall, worked on stalls, cleaned and tidied and so much more. Last, but certainly not least, thanks to Santa for taking the time to visit us at OPS, as always it was a real treat to see you.

Classes for January - All

We are now in a position to share with you the teacher changes for January.

Mr Nyczka will be returning to his Year 2 class. We thank him and Mrs Weightman for their commitment to the changes while Mrs Tracey was off.

We are expecting Mrs Tracey back into school early in January but she will need a couple of weeks of part time as she gets used to being at work again. Mrs Weightman has agreed to work with Mrs Tracey in Year 5 until Mrs Tracey is back full time. We will ensure that we do all we can to ensure minimal detrimental effect on Pwerle class.

Farwell - All

At the end of this term we will say thank you and goodbye to Mrs Vogt one of our teaching Assistants. We would like to wish Mrs Vogt and her family all the very best for the future as she returns to America.

OPS Church services for Christmas - All



THANK YOU VERY MUCH to all who supported the lower school nativity service and the upper school Christmas Carol service celebration held over the couple of weeks.

I'm sure all who attended had the opportunity to start their festivities with a special experience. My thanks go to the staff teams who all worked so hard to ensure both events were a lovely success.

We would also like to thank you for your very generous donations, which raised £522.21 'For Life Trust'.

Christmas lunches - All

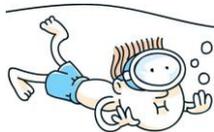
Thank you to Kingswood catering team who have prepared over 300 Christmas lunches for us all at OPS. We all enjoyed a great time and lovely food. As we didn't get our Christmas lunch date confirmed until the middle of October, I understand that some families missed the opportunity to book lunches but we thank those parents for providing stunning festive lunchboxes. I am reassured by Kingswood that the system they use is robust and can cope with the additional booking volume... maybe we need to communicate the date earlier next year!

1, 2, 3 Magic - All

We are very lucky to have Kim Hegarty, a Parent Support Coordinator from NCC, coming into school to deliver the 1, 2, 3 Magic course. The dates will be 21st January 2019, 28th January, 4th February and 11th February 2019, and each session will run 9:00 – 11:00am. We had fantastic feedback from the previous course that Kim ran last year. The leaflet about the course is attached to this newsletter. To book a place please speak to Katie Ryder.

Y4 Swimming – Y4

Just a quick reminder that Year 4 are swimming in the Spring Term for 10 weeks starting on Monday 14th January to 25th March. The children need to be at the swimming pool for 9.10am they will be transported to and from school by Mini Bus. Please remember to send your child into school with their swimming kit.



Urgent! Swimming Helpers – KS2

In the last Newsletter we put out an appeal for volunteers to help our KS2 children with their swimming sessions next term. We are **urgently** looking to recruit additional volunteers to support this important activity! If you think you can help us, please return the attached form or contact the office so that we can organise a timetable.



Pattern Party - FS

To launch our new topic, 'Patterns', we are having a Pattern Party on Tuesday 8th January. Please could your child wear their normal school uniform but with a patterned top or jumper on this day.

The Living Rainforest – Y4

As an exciting introduction to our next IPC unit of work, we shall be taking the Y4 children to visit The Living Rainforest in Berkshire on **Wednesday, 9th January 2019**.

We shall be leaving school by coach at 9.15am and **returning at the later time of approximately 4.45pm**. This is to ensure we make the most out of a lovely venue despite it being almost 2 hours away. The children should wear school uniform and will need to bring a packed lunch in a labelled, disposable container or order a packed lunch (no lunch boxes please) and we would suggest that drinks are the carton variety.

Victorian Day – Y3

Year 3 are beginning a topic on Victorians next half term and we would like the children to take part in

a 'come to school as a Victorian' day on Monday 4th February. Please come dressed up and we will be experiencing life as a Victorian child at school throughout the day.

Library - All

Please could you check in book bags or at home for any overdue library books and ask your child to return them to the library in the usual way. Any queries then speak to either Mrs Bond (who is always around in the library in the mornings for 10 minutes) or leave a message for Mrs Clancy.

If you are having a clear out over the holidays and have any good quality books, annuals or comics that you no longer want, then please donate them to school for use within our library. Many thanks

Oundle Festival of Music and Drama for Years 3-6

Next year's Festival is from 30th March - 6th April 2019. Our KS2 children have in the past been very successful at this event and enjoyed taking part in the Prepared Reading and Verse Speaking.

Prepared Reading is reading an extract from a given book and Verse Speaking is learning a short poem by heart. Children can do either or both events for an entry fee of £3.00 for Y3 & 4 and £3.25 for Y5 & 6 per event.

We need to register entrants at the beginning of January and so need to compile a list as soon as possible. If your child is interested, please ask them to speak to Mrs Oakley in Van Gogh class, which can be found in the green zone. No money is needed yet but will be requested in January.

KidLit - All

Once again we are pleased to announce our participation in the KidLit event in March 2019. Each year group will have the opportunity to hear from, interact with and be inspired by a real life author. Please look out for further details in the New Year.

Enrichment Activities - All

There are still a number of parents who elected to pay termly or monthly for activities but who have not yet sent their payments in. We have lots of events booked and paid for so it would be much appreciated if you could bring your accounts up to date next term please.

Milk - All

We still seem to have a lot of milk being ordered by parents but not being taken by children. Before you re-order for next term, can you please check with your child to see if they actually want it as it is a waste otherwise. Although the milk is made available to children at break, it is their responsibility to get it.

Drinks In School - All

Can we please remind parents that it is School Policy to allow children to have only water in their classroom water bottles. Flavoured water and fruit juice are only allowed as part of a packed lunch. We would also be grateful if lunch boxes did **NOT** contain bars of chocolate or sweets as these are not allowed in school.

Starting school in 2019?

If your child is due to start school in September 2019 now is the time to register them with NCC. Applications can be made from 10th September and the closing date is 15th January 2019. You should make your application online at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions

Also, if you have not yet registered with OPS, please ask one of the admin team for a form.

Safer Internet Day - All

To coincide with Safer Internet Day, on the evening of **Wednesday 13th February, 2019** at 6.00pm we are fortunate once again to have Alan Mackenzie, the e-safety adviser, in school to talk to parents about the growing concerns of keeping our children safe online in the digital age. It has been a really well attended event in the past and it would be fantastic to fill the hall once again; please save the date. There will also be an event at Glaphorn CE Primary school on **Thursday 14th March, 2019** at 6.30pm run by Service Six. Please see details attached.

Parentview - All

Thank you to the parents who have registered on Parentview and given their opinion of our school. This feedback is invaluable to us and we would urge as many of you as possible to register and make use of the site.



You can do this by entering "Ofsted Parentview" into a search engine or, to make it even easier by following this link:

<https://www.oundleprimary.org/parent-feedback>

Please remember that Parentview is only one way to express your feelings about the school. Please continue to feel free to come in and discuss any issues directly.

Snow Plan - All



As you will know from our recent communication, Oundle CE Primary School will stay open in snowy weather unless there is a problem with water, heating or Health and Safety issues. Could we please remind you of the following :

- Please check the **Oundle Primary** website for news @ www.oundleprimary.org

Friday afternoon Headteacher drop-ins - All

A reminder that Mrs McMurdo is available on Friday afternoons for parents to discuss any aspects of the OPS education process and its impact on their child. It would be really lovely if we could continue to work with the OPS staff phrase "If you like what we do, tell your friends, if you have concerns please share with us!" Please make appointments via admin@oundleprimary.co.uk or by calling the office number.

AND FINALLY

Merry Christmas to you all and best wishes for a peaceful and Happy New Year from everyone at Oundle CE Primary School.

We look forward to seeing you all refreshed on Monday, 7th January 2019.



Contacting the School

By email admin@oundleprimary.co.uk

We check this frequently and forward messages as appropriate.

By phone 01832 272392

Diary Dates - All

A list of diary dates for next year is attached for your information. Further details of events will follow shortly.

Diary Dates

Date	Year Group	Event
Thurs 3rd Jan	All	Inset Day
Fri 4th Jan	All	Inset Day
Mon 7th Jan	All	First Day of Spring Term
Tues 8 th Jan	FS	Pattern Party
Weds 9 th Jan	Y4	Living Rain Forest
Tues 15 th Jan	Y2	Northampton Synagogue
Mon 21 st Jan	All	1,2,3 Magic. 900 -11.00am
Mon 28 th Jan	All	1,2,3 Magic. 900 -11.00am
Mon 4 th Feb	All	1,2,3 Magic. 900 -11.00am
Mon 4 th Feb	Y3	Victorian Day
Tues 5 th Feb	Y2	Warwick Castle
Weds 6 th Feb	Y4	Candlemas
Mon 11 th Feb	All	1,2,3 Magic. 900 -11.00am
Weds 13 th Feb	All	Safer Internet Day
Fri 15th Feb	All	Last Day of Term
Mon 25th Feb	All	First Day of Term
Tues 12 th Mar	Y2	Abax Stadium Peterborough
Tues 2 nd April	Y4 - 6	Easter Production St Peter's Church 7.00pm
Fri 5th Apr	All	Last Day of Term
Tues 23rd Apr	All	Inset Day
Weds 24th Apr	All	First Day of Summer Term
Mon 6th May	All	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Fri 24th May	All	Last Day of Term
Mon 3rd June	All	First Day of Term
Weds 10 th July	Y5 - 6	Upper School Show
Thurs 11 th July	Y5 - 6	Upper School Show
Fri 12 th July	YR - 6	Leavers Service at St Peter's Church
Weds 24th July	All	Last day of Summer Term

Cluster Orchestra

Spring rehearsal	Wednesday 20th March, 2019 Nassington Church
Summer rehearsal	Wednesday 12th June, 2019 St Peter's Church
Concert	Wednesday 12th June 2019, 6:30 p.m. for a 7:00 p.m. start, to finish by 8:00 p.m. St Peter's Church

Residential Dates - 2019

Weds 27 th – Fri 29 th March	Y3	Hartington, Derbyshire
Weds 22 nd - Fri 24 th May	Y4	York
Weds 8 th – Fri 10 th May	Y5	Overstrand, Norfolk
Tues 18 th – Fri 21 st June	Y6	Bushcraft, Boughton, Kettering

Full Governor Meetings 2018/19

Tuesday 12 th February
Tuesday 26 th March
Tuesday 4 th June
Tuesday 9 th July

OUT OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Wrap Around Care - All

Wrap Around Care will be closing over the Christmas period. It will close on Friday 21st December 2018 at 6pm and reopen on Thursday 3rd Jan 2019 at 8am.

Contacting the Afterschool Club

Telephone - 01832 741905

Email - outofschoolclub@oundleprimary.co.uk

Nice Work Running Event - All

Oundle CE Primary School are excited to be hosting another Nice Work running event. The 10K run/race will take place on 13th January 2019 at 10am. You can enter the event by using the following link.

<https://www.nice-work.org.uk/races/Oundle10k>

You can also find details of the 20 mile race they are putting on in March 2019 on their website.

We will be asking for stewards nearer the time. More information will follow. Thank you



The poster features a central white silhouette of a handball player in mid-air, set against a background of colorful paint splashes in red, green, and purple. The text is arranged as follows:

- Top left: Northampton Handball Club logo.
- Center: Large bold text 'HAND BALL' with the silhouette.
- Below center: 'ACADEMY 4 KIDS' in large, stylized red and orange letters.
- Bottom left: '2019 JANUARY 6PM-7PM BOYS & GIRLS AGES 9-16'.
- Bottom right: '1ST SESSION 23RD JANUARY HELD AT BENHAM SPORTS ARENA KINGS PARK RD, NORTHAMPTON NN3 6LL INFO @ NORTHAMPTONHANDBALL@GMAIL.COM'.