

OUNDLE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER No. 7



We are delighted to announce that we are now formally a part of the Open Learning Partnership. A partnership between local primary and secondary, state and independent schools including Laxton Junior School, Thomas Deacon Academy, Kettering Buccleuch Academy, Prince William School and Oundle School.

The aims of the partnership are:

- to offer opportunity and experience that individual schools could not offer alone, allowing pupils to work with, and be challenged by, others of similar ability or interest.
- to raise aspirations and outcomes for all pupils considering their prior attainment, interest and background.
- to share resources and best practice among staff through dialogue and engagement which allows the development of leadership and expertise across both sectors and phases.

We are very excited to be part of this new venture and are looking forward to being involved in future collaborative events. To keep up to date follow [@OpenLP Learning on twitter](#).

Extra-Curricular Clubs for Spring Term – Y3 - 6

Letters about next term's after school clubs have now been issued on Parentmail. If you could complete the online forms by **Monday 10th December AM** (extended date) so we can allocate places and let you know week commencing 7th January which club(s) your child will be attending. Clubs will be starting week commencing Monday, 14th January.

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.

Christingle Service - All

I'm sure all of you who attended the Christingle Service on Sunday will have enjoyed the experience. It's always a lovely start to the Christmas festivities.



The contents of the collection 'candles' have so far raised £434. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

OPS Nativity - FS – Y3

We are sure that you will agree that this year's service, 'Are We There Yet', was delightful and our congratulations go to all of the children and staff involved for making it such a special occasion. Christmas just wouldn't be the same without an Oundle Primary School Nativity Service! Our thanks also go to the throng of volunteers who got us to and from the church in safety- as always, your support was much appreciated!



Christmas Craft Workop – FS – Y1

FS and Y1 are very much looking forward to a festive Christmas craft session led by 'Primary Workshops for schools' on Monday 10th December, where they will be making a special mosaic to have as a keepsake or to use as a gift.

Christmas @ Oundle Primary - All

Christmas Post has now started. All Christmas cards will need a stamp on, which can be purchased from Y6 children in the design area or in the library. The Christmas postal staff will distribute cards throughout the school. The money raised will go to a charity chosen by the School Council.



Can parents please ensure that the address on the front of the envelope gives as much detail as possible, with the child's full name, class and teacher written clearly on the front. "Lucy in Year 3" is not guaranteed to get to the right person, I'm afraid! We will have year group card post boxes located in the library.

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

Tues, 11 th Dec	Yr 4, 5 & 6 Readings and Carol Service, 7pm (St. Peter's)
Fri, 14 th Dec	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper
Mon, 17 th Dec	Peter Pan Panto & Party Day
Wed, 19 th Dec	Table top games

Christmas Service – Y4,5 & 6

As you are aware, on Tuesday 11th December it is the Christmas Service for all pupils in Years 4 to 6 at St. Peter's Church at 7pm.

During the day, we will all be rehearsing at church and everyone will need a packed lunch to take with them. If you have not cancelled your hot meal with Kingswood Catering this will be changed to a packed lunch with a ham sandwich, if you do not want this meal please

contact Kingswood Catering before 10.00am on Monday 10th December or you will be charged.

We will all walk back in time for normal collection arrangements at the end of the day.

If you are able to support us in walking the children either to church at 10.50am and/or leaving St Peter's Church at 3pm, please contact the office.

For the evening service, all orchestra members are to be in church at 6.30pm to organise and tune their instruments. Everyone else is to arrive at 6.40pm. All children are to wear their school uniform. Children have been asked to see their class teacher upon arrival to register them. At the end of the service, class teachers will dismiss the children to their adults.

Christmas Lunch - All

Friday 14th December is Christmas lunch day. If your child is bringing a packed lunch into school on that day, maybe you could decorate it in a Christmas theme with tinsel, wrapping paper etc. to make it more festive!



Wear a Christmas Jumper for Charity Day - All

On Friday, 14th December we will be supporting the 'Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day' at OPS. The day will be a non-uniform day and children can wear a Christmas themed jumper ... perhaps in Christmas colours or decorated with some tinsel. We do **NOT** expect anyone to go out to buy something special for the occasion. Just use your initiative and decorate a jumper you already have. We would be grateful for any silver donations on the day.



Christmas Show - All

All children will be seeing a performance of Peter Pan on **Monday, 17th December** in the school hall.

Christmas Parties - All

These are taking place on **Monday, 17th December** after lunch and there will be a special treat from the PSA. Children can come to school in their party clothes on this day.

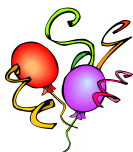


Table Top Games - All

On the last day of term, children can bring in a table-top game to play, if they wish. This should be a non-electronic game which can be shared with others.



Swimming Classes Y3 & 4

Next term the children in Y4 will be going swimming at the Oundle School pool on Mondays starting from 14th January to 25th March (9.30 - 11.00am) and Y3 on Tuesdays, from 30th April to 9th July (9.30 - 11.00am). In order to do this we need parental support, both in the changing room and in the pool itself. If you think you can help please return the attached form or contact the office so that we can organise a timetable. The more people



who volunteer the better and we welcome parents of all children in school to support us in this activity.

Parking - All



We have yet again had a number of complaints this week from both residents and parents about the inconsiderate and very dangerous parking on Cotterstock and Glaphorn Road. Please think about other road user and pedestrians when you park – we have been told of parents blocking driveways and parking so that children cannot cross the road safely without stepping around cars parked too close to the junctions around school. The local PCSOs are aware of the issues and will be patrolling the area to ensure our children's safety.

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**, 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.



Thank you to all of the parents who have sent in all the lovely messages congratulating the children and staff on all the hard work for putting on a wonderful Nativity at St Peter's Church.

Snow Plan - All



Please see attached information on what to do if you think school is closed due to bad weather or if there is a problem with water, heating or Health and Safety issues. Could we please remind you to check the Oundle Primary School website for news @ www.oundleprimary.org

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.oundleceprimary.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.

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@oundleceprimary.co.uk or by calling the office number.

Contacting the School

By email admin@oundleceprimary.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
Sat 8 th Dec	All	Christmas Fayre 2-4.00pm
Tuesday 11 th Dec	4 - 6	Carol Service – 7.00pm
Weds 12 th Dec	Y6	Peterborough Gurdwara
Friday 14 th Dec	All	Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day
Mon 17 th Dec	All	Christmas Panto – Peter Pan
Mon 17 th Dec	All	Party Day
Wed 19 th Dec	All	Table top games / Last Day of Term
Thurs 3rd Jan	All	Inset Day
Fri 4th Jan	All	Inset Day
Mon 7th Jan	All	First Day of Spring Term
Weds 9 th Jan	Y4	Living Rain Forest
Tues 15 th Jan	Y2	Northampton Synagogue
Mon 21 st Jan	All	1,2,3 Magic. 9.00 -11.00am
Mon 28 th Jan	All	1,2,3 Magic. 9.00 -11.00am
Mon 4 th Feb	All	1,2,3 Magic. 9.00 -11.00am
Tues 5 th Feb	Y2	Warwick Castle
Weds 6 th Feb	Y4	Candlemas
Mon 11 th Feb	All	1,2,3 Magic. 9.00 -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 Monday 3rd Jan 2019 at 8am.

Contacting the Afterschool Club

Telephone - 01832 741905

Email - outofschoolclub@oundleceprimary.co.uk



(Family service at St. Peter's Church)

Sunday 16th December 2018

Harvest Service

Worship for all God's Family

Service begins at 9.45am.

All welcome!

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

Wildcats Theatre School

Award winning Wildcats Theatre School are bringing their Musical Theatre classes to Oundle C of E Primary School. Starting January, children will be able to take part in Musical Theatre classes on Wednesdays working towards shows and performances and optional LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts) graded exams. Wildcats focus on singing, dancing and acting skills and develop children's confidence in not only performing arts but everyday life. The schools founder, Caz will be leading the classes in Oundle which are open to children from all schools in the area.

Recent members have taken part in the following events:

- Singing at Christmas lights switch on events
- Performing at Stamford Corn Exchange
- Dancing at the local Santa run
- Taking part on stage at the Feel the Force event in Peterborough
- Dancing at the Olympic Park in Stratford

Classes start in January and are every WEDNESDAY, 5pm for ages 4-7 and 6pm for ages 8-12. All new starters who join for January from Oundle C of E Primary will receive their basic uniform t shirt for FREE.

For more info contact 01780 762000 or [email admin@wildcats-uk.com](mailto:admin@wildcats-uk.com). www.wildcats.org.uk