

Dear Parents and Carers,

The new term is well and truly underway, and the school timetable is now fully up and running. Different pupils are attending and enjoying initiatives such as individual music lessons, Forest School visits, cycling instruction, swimming sessions and trampoline lessons at the Oxford Academy secondary school. We aim to offer every pupil as balanced and varied curriculum as possible. With this in mind, it is important to ensure your child is safe and well so they are in school to enjoy these opportunities.

The school nurse team will be visiting us on **Tuesday 17th October** to provide nasal flu immunisation for all the children in Years 1, 2, 3 and 4. This involves a painless and free vaccination, given by a quick and simple spray up the nose. Please return consent forms linked to this event by **Monday 25th September**. To alleviate the pupils feeling nervous about receiving the immunisation, we have decided to base the nurses in our new sensory room. The soothing music and aroma therapy will hopefully put them at ease.

If your child is away from school due to sickness or to attend an appointment, please ring in and inform us by 9am. We have a duty of care to know the whereabouts of all our pupils. Equally, if your child is unwell, please ensure they remain at home until fully recovered. For example, if your child has been sick, we advise they remain off school for 48 hours.

As many of you will be aware, there have been lots of changes to how the pupils are grouped in their taxis. Whilst many of these rearrangements have been for the better, some have caused the pupils to become anxious or distressed. This has resulted in a concerning number of incidents occurring during journeys to and from school. We routinely talk to the pupils about the need to remain safe and calm when travelling in their taxis, and follow up all instances of inappropriate behaviour. Please support us by reinforcing this message. Checking their taxi diary daily, and chatting with the driver and passenger assistant are excellent ways of ensuring the journeys are as safe as possible. Where these anxieties are because of changes to the adults supporting the pupils, or shortcomings in their approach, please raise these items with Education Transport. We as a school are not responsible for organising the taxis or staffing the vehicles. All complaints should be made via the following telephone number and email address: 01865 323 795 or EE-SpecialEducationNeedsITU@Oxfordshire.gov.uk

As you may have seen from the letter we sent out this week, Oxfordshire's local authority is currently undergoing an Ofsted and Care Quality Commission inspection. We wish our colleagues at county hall well, and hope any outcomes from the inspection will see to improvements to the services made available to your child.

We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible into school for next Friday's (**September 29th**) McMillan Cancer Support coffee morning at 10.00am. Please complete the response form which will be forwarded to you next week.



Jonathan Willis
Headteacher



Eagle Class

In Eagle class we have been looking at nouns and adjectives and how they are used in sentences. In science we have looked at floating and sinking as well as friction and forces. In PE we have been looking at invasion games and working on our ball skills. We have also undertaken some practical problem solving in maths.

Red Kite Class

Red Kite have enjoyed learning all about World War 2 during Literacy and Topic lessons. We created a huge time line of WW2 events, and have written character descriptions based on the evacuees in the text we are reading - *Friend or Foe* by

Michael Morpurgo. We're half way through creating our own PowerPoint presentations about our chosen

aspects of the war. We did some

fantastic problem solving and team building activities during P.E and have been loving Forest School of a Friday. Toasting marshmallows and building shelters, lots of fun.

Kestrel Class

Over the past two weeks Kestrel class have been learning to cook meatballs, tuna bake and flapjacks. They have one swimming and are perfecting their strokes! Kestrel have also been learning about number bonds to 10, the oceans of the world and went on a treasure hunt!

Kingfisher Class

Kingfisher class have settled in well and are making friends. We have begun our topic, 'Blue Abyss' and yesterday worked hard to make branching keys to separate a group of sea creatures. In maths we are working with 2, 3 and even 4 digit numbers and are learning to add numbers together using partitioning. This week we visited The Oxford Academy to learn about netball and trampolining - we had a great time!

Chaffinch Class

We have done some lovely art work involving making sea life creatures using a mixture of different materials. These are linked to our Under the Sea topic. Our creations are now on display in class, and the children are very proud of their efforts. We have enjoyed two Forest School sessions: scavenging for materials to make the dens we built feel nice and cosy.

Osprey

We have been extremely busy this week reading the Michael Morpurgo book *Friend or Foe*, and writing diary entries as David: one of the

evacuees. We have been learning how to multiply and divide by 10,100,1000. In our science work we are finding out about healthy eating.

Falcon

Falcon have made a fantastic start to the year. We enjoyed going to Oxford Academy for a PE and trampoline session and have made some delicious cookies and rather crumbly flapjack. We have started our topic based around World War 2 and produced some high-quality writing based on our book, *Friend or Foe*. In maths lessons we have been focussing on place value.

Heron Class

We have been busy making jam with ingredients we picked from at Forest School, as well as our very own Northern House orchard! Those pupils involved in the cycling course had a great day on Wednesday, and are really growing in confidence. In literacy work has involved reading the first chapter of the book 'Storm'. The class predicted that Annie would meet the ghost in the next chapter...

Wren Class

We have been enjoying our superhero's topic, and began the week hunting the superhero's hiding in our garden and new playground. They have also been thinking about the weather in our literacy work: adding sound effects to a poem about the wind. The new pupils have settled in really well and are making the most of their new school.

The Nest

We have been spending a lot of time getting to know and welcoming our new class mates. We have been learning all about our new school and finding out where everything is. As part of our circle time we were given the challenge of creating 3 class models. We worked in pairs and were given a Lego base and a box of Lego each. We were given 10 minutes to start creating a model. After 10 minutes, each pair moved to the next model and added on to that. We repeated this activity until everybody in the class had helped create each model.