



Northbourne News

6th January 2023

I would like to start by wishing you all a Happy New Year. With the number of coughs and colds going around, I hope you managed to stay healthy and enjoy your Christmas Break.

As was previously mentioned in a ParentMail sent on Wednesday, Mr Shaughnessy was taken ill over Christmas and will be returning to school when he has recovered. He has asked me to thank you for all your messages I have been sharing with him – they have been very much appreciated.

Mr Settle's 60th Birthday

Mr Settle celebrated his 60th birthday on Tuesday. With cake and gifts from staff on Wednesday, a fabulous rendition of Happy Birthday at the school gates on Thursday morning, followed by cake from the PTA and gifts from families, we hope that he felt truly spoilt. This was a true reflection of how much we appreciate him and all he does. Mr Settle passes on his thanks to everyone.

Pokémon Cards

Over the last few terms, we have been happy for KS2 children to play with their Pokémon cards at lunchtime. Unfortunately, they are now causing issues which can then affect learning time in the afternoon. We would appreciate your cooperation in telling your children to keep their cards at home. Many thanks in advance for your help with this matter.

Learning Review meetings

Some advance notice that our mid-year Learning Review meetings will take place on Wed 8th (4 – 7pm) and Thurs 9th (3:15 – 5pm) February. Please note: **Wrens** will be on Tues 7th (3:15 – 5pm) and Wed 8th (4 – 7pm). These are likely to be remote. More information will follow later in the term, but please make a note in your diaries in the meantime.

Admission to Reception

A reminder that the deadline for applications for children to start Reception in September – that is, children born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 – is **January 15th 2023**. Please remember that children in our Nursery **do not** automatically transfer into school at the start of Reception – an application for **all** children needs to be made to the Local Authority.

Applying on time is likely to maximise your chance of your child being offered a place at one of your preferred schools – this is far less likely if you apply after the deadline.

Applications are made online at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions; please let us know if you need a paper form or if you have any questions we can help with.

PE days this term

Swans and Puffins	Wrens	Robins	N'gales	Hawks	Owls	Falcons	Kites	Kestrels	Eagles
Thursday	Mon and Wed	Tue and Wed	Tues and Fri	Thurs and Fri	Mon and Thurs	Weds and Thurs	Tues and Thurs	Mon (and on Thurs from 19 th Jan onwards)	Thurs (and Monday 9 th Jan only)

Kestrels final swimming session on Tuesday 10th January – please bring pyjamas.

Eagles swimming will start on Tuesday 17th January for five weeks. More details will follow in the Year 5/6 Newsletter.

Term Dates

Please find term dates for the **2023 - 2024** school year on our school website. We know that thoughts start to turn towards much-needed holidays at this time of year; please do continue to bear in mind that we are not able to authorise absence from school for family holidays and take this into account when booking any time away.