

# Newsletter

19 October 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

## Boggle Hole

Yesterday, we waved Year 4 off to Boggle Hole - such excitement! They arrive back today and I am sure that everyone will have had a wonderful time. Mrs Carr face-timed the children this morning and they were having lots of fun!

Thank you to the children in Year 5, who sent letters to Year 4, telling them all about their experiences of Boggle Hole, in order to whet their appetite!

## Harvest Celebration

We will be holding our harvest celebration next Thursday. We will forward all your donations to Knottingley Food Bank.

All the following items are urgently needed by Knottingley Food Bank and we are asking if parents/carers would kindly donate the following food items (the first 5 items on the list are in desperately short supply):

Fruit juices (dilute);

Coffee;

Rice pudding;

Soup;

Sugar;

Tinned fruit (400g);

Tea bags (80s)

Dried pasta (500g)

UHT milk (1ltr)

Breakfast cereals.

Thank you so much for your generosity.

## Book Fayre next week

Our Book Fayre will take place before and after school from Monday 22 October to Thursday 25 October in the school hall. **Please support us by buying books from the Book Fayre, as commission from the sales goes towards buying books and items for our school library.**

### Key dates

22-25 October	Book Fayre in the school hall (before and after school)
25 October	Harvest Festival
5 November	Training Day: School closed to pupils
26 October	School closes (half term)
7 November	9.30am - Open morning for prospective parents

### Book Fayre (continued)

If a book that you were hoping to purchase has sold out, you can place an order and make payment for the book at the Book Fayre and it will hopefully be delivered to school on Friday 26 October.

I would like to thank you all again for your support and generosity.

### Payment for School Meals

Please can we remind parents/carers of our school policy in respect of payment for school meals. We encourage parents/carers to pay for school meals in advance, however should arrears build up to more than £20, your child will not be able to have a school meal until the debt is cleared.

**Y3 parents/carers, please note:** All children up to and including Year 2, are entitled to have a free meal under the government's 'Universal Free School Meals' scheme. As your child is now in Year 3, they are no longer eligible to have a free school meal under this scheme. If you have not already done so, please make payment for any meals that your child has had since the beginning of September 2018. Thank you.

### Lost Property

Lost property will be displayed on a table in the school hall on Friday, before and after school. Hopefully, we will be able to reunite unclaimed items of clothing with their owners!

### Lockers for the Key Stage 2 Corridor

Lockers will be installed in the Key Stage 2 corridor over the half-term break. The children will be able to store their coats and belongings in the lockers, rather than keeping them in their classrooms. There will be no keys, only turn locks!

A little training will be required, regarding placing items in the lockers, including possible hazards from leaving locker doors open.

### Half Term

We break up next Friday, 26 October, for half term.

Pupils do not return to school until **Tuesday 6 November**, as Monday 5 November is a professional training day for staff.

### Attendance

Well done everyone - our attendance is rising!

Our attendance has climbed up to 95.88%, which is definitely going in the right direction. Let's keep this up and we'll see where we can get it to by Christmas!

## Volunteers

Do you have an hour or more to spare each week? We need volunteers to support readers in Years 1, 2, 3 and 4. Please contact the school if you are able to help.

## Relief Lunchtime Supervisors required

If you are interested in becoming a Relief Lunchtime Supervisor, please contact the school office on 01977 723495.

## Consent Forms

Please can I remind those parents and carers to complete and return the consent form given out last week, which asks permission for your child to take part in certain activities and the details of the people who have your permission to collect your child from school. Safeguarding is a priority at Orchard Head and we wish to ensure that we have the most up-to-date information regarding your child.

## Weekly Attendance

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance %</b>
Nursery am	94.53
Nursery pm	97.50
UFSLC	96.96
UFSR	99.55
Y1W	97.00
Y1/2B	97.24
Y2S	87.33
Y3T	97.86
Y3/4HL	99.67
Y4McA	98.00
Y5Fr	97.00
Y5/6F	93.00
Y5/6J	97.78
Whole School	96.32

Yours sincerely



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