

Orchard Head Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

5th September 2018

Welcome back everyone! We hope you have wonderful summer holiday and are looking forward to the new school year. We are very excited about 2018 -19 and are looking forward to teaching our new and exciting topics for this year.

New members of staff

We are delighted to welcome 5 new teachers this year. Mrs Hume will be teaching in Morning Nursery. Mr Ward, who successfully trained with us last year, has gained his qualified teacher status and will be teaching in Year 1. Miss Tokil will be joining the middle team in Year 3 and Miss Franks will be joining the upper team in Year 5. We also welcome back Mrs Jodrell, who completed her teacher training with us two years ago and is rejoining the team in Year 5/6. We wish all our new teachers the best of luck and know you will help us in making them feel welcome at Orchard Head.

Key Dates

Weds 19th Sept Y6 SATS Evening

Y6 Parents Day – appointments to be advised

Tues 2nd Oct Parent Evening 3:30pm -7:00pm

Weds 3rd Oct Parent Evening 3:30pm – 5:30pm

Thurs 25th Oct Harvest Festival

The Start of the School Day

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that all children should be lined up on the playground in their classes by 8:50am, ready to begin the school day. We kindly ask you to leave your children in their class line when the bell rings and then make your way to the area at the back of the lines from which point you will be able to watch your child enter school. This year, there will be new lining up points. The class teacher will stand where your child's class line will begin. The children have been asked to line up in alphabetical order and have been practising this today. Mrs Lindley, Mrs Carr and Mrs Lightowler will be on the playground ready to assist in implementing the new system. This will ensure not only a settled and orderly start to the school day but also the safety of the children. Please make anyone dropping children off at school aware of these changes.

The school day ends at 3:15pm for UFS and KS1 and at 3:20pm for Key Stage 2. If you are unsure of which exit to collect your child from, please ask a teacher. Teachers will be on the playground and available for parents/carers to speak to, from 8:45am. For a more in depth discussion, please feel free to make an appointment via the office. Our door is always open.

Uniform

Thank you for your support regarding changes to our school uniform. The children all look very smart and ready to learn. Could we please remind you to label all items of clothing with your child's name in order to help us unite lost items with their owner.



Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs G Lindley
Head of School

Please stand at the back of the lines.

Regards.