

Newsletter

11 January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Key dates

15 January	Young Voices Concert (Sheffield Arena)
17 January	Archery after-school club – first session (3.20pm to 4.20pm)
24 January	Key Stage 1 visit to 'Eureka!', Halifax
1 July	Inset Day (revised date)

Letter from myself to parents and carers

As you will be aware, I have written to parents and carers today to introduce myself and to tell you how I am looking forward to working with your children and getting to know yourselves!

This letter was been sent to parents/carers by email; however, paper copies are available from in the school entrance.

Mrs Carr

As part of the transition arrangements over the autumn term, Mrs Carr was supporting Mrs Lindley in the running of the school and Mrs Lindop was working full time in the Upper Foundation Stage, on a temporary basis.

I am pleased to say that Mrs Carr will be returning to teach in the Upper Foundation Stage each Thursday and Friday and Mrs Lindop will resume teaching from Monday to Wednesday.

Dogs on School Premises

In the interests of health and safety, please do not bring dogs onto the school grounds, even if they are being held in someone's arms. Thank you.

Safeguarding – Breakfast Club

If your child attends Breakfast Club, please ensure that an adult brings them into the school building, making sure that the Breakfast Club staff are aware that they have arrived. Recently, there have been several occasions when children have arrived for Breakfast Club unaccompanied by an adult.

Safeguarding at Orchard Head School is a top priority and we are concerned that,

should a child not arrive at school for Breakfast Club (which is not compulsory), their absence would not be noted until the attendance register is taken after 9.00am, therefore by personally bringing your child to Breakfast Club, their safety can be assured. Thank you.

Road Safety/Car Parking at the front of school

In the interests of safety for our children (and their accompanying adults), parents, carers and visitors to school should refrain from parking on the zig-zag lines at the front of school.

Just before the Christmas break, there was an incident whereby someone was almost run over by a car reversing on the zig-zag lines as she was trying to cross the road between cars.

Year 6 Focus Groups

As you are aware, we are fortunate to have Mr Dunn, an experienced Year 6 teacher, adding experience and value to our staff structure. As a result of this, we have taken the decision to regroup our year 6 children each morning into focus groups for certain activities, which will better meet their learning needs. This will commence next week.

SATs Information Evening

There will be an information evening on **Tuesday 29 January**, for those parents/carers of children in Year 2 and Year 6, who will be taking their SATs this year.

The SATs meeting for Year 2 parents/carers will take place between 5.00pm and 5.30pm and the SATs meeting for Year 6 parents/carers will take place immediately afterwards, at approximately 5.30pm until 6.00pm.

I look forward to seeing you all then.

Emergency contact details

Please make sure that school has the most up-to-date contact details for your child, should they be ill or have an accident in school. Please complete the relevant form (available in the school entrance) and hand it in to the office. Thank you.

I would just like to say that I have really enjoyed my first week as Head of School at Orchard Head and I am so excited at what the future will bring!

Yours sincerely



Mr J Mitchell
Head of School