

# Newsletter

18 January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

## Key dates

24 January	Key Stage 1 visit to 'Eureka!', Halifax
1 July	Inset Day (revised date)

I have really enjoyed my second week as Head of School at Orchard Head. I am beginning to get to know all the children and their individual personalities and I have found them to be polite, well-mannered and a pleasure to teach!

### Mrs Jodrell-Gregson

I am delighted to confirm that Mrs Jodrell-Gregson is expecting a baby, due in early summer. Congratulations to her on her good news!

Further information will be sent to parents/carers at a later date, confirming maternity arrangements for Mrs Jodrell-Gregson.

### Mr Paul Seaton

We are very sorry to say that our Business Manager, Mr Paul Seaton, will be leaving us for pastures new on 8 February. We wish him well in his new position as Business Manager at a school within his home town.

### Y1/2 Class teachers

From next week, Mrs Louise Hegarty-McClelland will be working in Class Y1/2, along with Mrs Lightowler. It would be really welcoming if parents/carers could introduce themselves to Mrs Hegarty-McClelland, whilst collecting their children at the end of the school day. Thank you.

### Late Gates

Starting from Monday 28 January, we will be operating a 'Late Gates' scheme to encourage children to arrive at school on time.

Mrs Carr and Mrs Higginson will be standing at the front of school each morning. They will be wearing pink hi-viz vests bearing the words "Attendance Team" on the front and back of them.

Both Mrs Carr and Mrs Higginson will be there, not only to encourage punctuality, but

also to offer support to any parents/carers who feel that they need it. Please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Carr or Mrs Higginson, if you feel that you need advice or help.

Please note that class registration takes place between 8.50am and 9.00am each morning. Please see below, how arriving at school after this time affects your child's attendance record:

Time of your child's arrival in school	Effect upon your child's attendance record
Between 9.00am and 9.15am	Your child will be marked as " <b>Late</b> " in the attendance register.
After 9.15am	There is the likelihood that your child will be given an " <b>Unauthorised Absence</b> " mark for the whole of the morning session.

There are a number of obvious exceptions to this; for example, if a child is ill.

### Young Voices

The children had a wonderful time at Young Voices on Tuesday and, as always, were extremely well behaved. We give a very big 'thank you' to Mrs Franks and Mr Tucker for organising the children throughout the event (including during the coach journeys there and back) and for making the evening so enjoyable for the children!

### Pontefract Park Run

During Monday's assembly, we will be talking to the children about the 'Pontefract Park Run', which takes place at 9.00am in the park every Saturday morning. This is a fun way for the family to keep fit and healthy. Everyone is welcome.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend!

Yours sincerely



Mr J Mitchell  
Head of School