

Newsletter

25 January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Key dates

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| 15 February | Last day of school before the half term break |
| 25 February | Children return to school after half term break |
| 20 March | Class photographs |
| 1 July | Inset Day |

The time is really flying by! I can't believe that I have now been at Orchard Head for three weeks. I am really settling in and getting to know the children even more.

Fundraising – Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)

Before the Christmas holiday, we had a "Christmas Jumper" day, where all proceeds go to a very worthwhile charity, 'Save the Children'. This year, the amount raised was £215.25 which, along with the amount raised nationally, will make a real difference to children's lives.

Fundraising – Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre, which was organised by our fundraising team, "Friends of Orchard Head", was extremely enjoyable. The amount raised for school funds was £832.64. I would like to thank the fundraising team for all their hard work and all those who attended and made the event a big success.

Road Safety outside School during school trips

During the school year, there are various school visits which require the children to be transported by coach (some trips may require more than one coach). As you will appreciate, the road outside school is very narrow and this makes it very difficult for the coaches to make their way to the front of school, especially when cars are parked on both sides of the road.

On school visit days, the coaches need to park as near to school as possible for the safety of the children. Please could parents/carers be mindful of this and avoid parking outside school or making it difficult for the coach to gain access to the front of school when bringing or collecting a child who is going on a school trip.

School Safety - Trim Trails

As a matter of health and safety, please could parents/carers make sure that their children do not use the trim trails in the playground before and after school hours. Thank you.

Class Y1/2 Informal Meeting for Parents/Carers

On Tuesday 29 January, there will be an informal meeting for the parents and carers of pupils in Class Y1/2, when they will have the opportunity to meet the members of staff who are currently teaching their children – Mrs Hegarty and Mrs Lightowler.

This informal meeting will start at 3.15pm and will last for approximately 30 minutes. Mrs Hegarty and Mrs Lightowler look forward to meeting you.

Class Assemblies

Please see below, details of upcoming assemblies:

| DATE | ASSEMBLY |
|-----------|------------------|
| 30/1/19 | Singing assembly |
| 6/2/19 | Mrs Lightowler |
| 13/2/19 | Mr McArthur |
| Half term | |
| 27/2/19 | Miss Squires |
| 6/3/19 | Mr Ward |
| 13/3/19 | Mr Huby |
| 20/3/19 | Miss Tokil |
| 27/3/19 | Miss Franks |

Weekly Attendance

Please see this week's attendance in the table below:

| Class | Attendance % |
|--------------|--------------|
| Nursery am | 94.04 |
| Nursery pm | 93.50 |
| UFSLC | 92.69 |
| UFSR | 93.43 |
| Y1W | 95.56 |
| Y1/2B | 94.22 |
| Y2S | 95.02 |
| Y3T | 95.00 |
| Y3/4HL | 97.25 |
| Y4McA | 96.28 |
| Y5Fr | 95.29 |
| Y5/6F | 94.56 |
| Y5/6J | 96.15 |
| Whole School | 95.19 |

Vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant

We require a lunchtime supervisory assistant to work 6¼ hours per week (1¼ hours per day), to start as soon as possible.

If you are interested in applying, please contact the school office for more information and to obtain an application form.

Wishing you all a good weekend!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Mitchell', written in a cursive style.

Mr J Mitchell
Head of School