

Newsletter

1 February 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Key dates

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
2 April	Parent Pupil Teacher Interviews - 3.30pm to 7.00pm
4 April	Parent Pupil Teacher Interviews - 3.30pm to 6.00pm
1 July	Inset Day

Merit Certificates

We have changed the way in which merit certificates are awarded to pupils. Each week, there will be a whole-school focus and one pupil in each class will be awarded a merit certificate for excelling in that area of focus.

To recognise these achievements, as well as receiving a certificate in assembly, the children will be invited to have biscuits and juice with Mr Mitchell. Please see the table below for this week's achievers:

This week's focus: EFFORT		
Next week's focus – 'Kindness'		
CLASS	NAME	REASON
Y1W	Calvin G	Excellent presentation in his maths book
Y1/2	Kean W	Trying hard in all his lessons
Y2S	Jaxon-R H	Good behaviour. Making the right choices
Y3/4H	Freddy C	Always trying to do his best
Y4Mc	Liam H	Trying his best in independent writing
Y5Fr	Sophie L	Giving 100% this week
Y5/6F	Dylan N	Creating a wonderful "Back Story"
Y5/6J	Emily K	Doing her best in reading

Collecting children at the end of the school day – Y1/2 and Y1W classes

Can parents/carers of children in Y1W and Y1/2 classes please collect their children from the enclosed area outside these classrooms. Could parents and carers of children in Mr Ward's class please use the gate at the right side of the area and those in Mrs Lightowler/Mrs Hegarty's class, use the left-hand gate. Please see the photograph below:



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.

Parent/Carer Evenings

The next Parent/Carer Evenings will take place on 2 April (3.30pm - 7.00pm) and 4 April (3.30pm – 6.00pm). As in previous PPTIs, parents and carers will be sent a link to book a slot online. Parents who do not have access to the internet will be able to telephone the school office and the admin staff will be able to help them choose an available slot. Further details will be given nearer to the time.

Times Tables Rock Stars

I am very pleased to announce that we are re-launching “Times Tables Rock Stars” for pupils in Year 1 to Year 6. This is an online programme, designed to help children in developing their knowledge of times-tables and solving division problems.

Parents and carers will shortly be receiving a letter giving more information and inviting them to experience a short taster session with their child.

Pontefract Park Run

We are very proud to say that Orchard Head School was the top attending school at last Sunday's 'Pontefract Park Run'. Well done to everyone who attended! For anyone who has not yet taken part and would like to do so, the run takes place at 9.00am each Sunday at Pontefract Park. This is a fun way for the family to keep fit and healthy and everyone is welcome.

Class Assemblies

Please see below, details of upcoming assemblies:

DATE	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	Mrs 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	93.86
Nursery pm	93.00
UFSLC	92.69
UFSR	93.71
Y1W	95.43
Y1/2B	94.32
Y2S	95.06
Y3T	95.07
Y3/4HL	97.26
Y4McA	96.28
Y5Fr	95.22
Y5/6F	94.64
Y5/6J	96.35
Whole School	95.21

Closing date for the Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant

The closing date for receipt of applications for the lunchtime supervisor position is Wednesday 6 February 2019. Application forms can be obtained from the school office.

I hope you all have a good weekend!

Yours sincerely



Mr J Mitchell
Head of School