

# Newsletter

5 April 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

## Key dates

5 April	School closes for Easter
23 April	School reopens after Easter holiday
23 April	Pupil Parent Teacher Meeting (Miss Tokil's class) 3.30pm to 7.00pm
23 April	Pontefract Academies Trust Parents' Information Evening 6.00pm
25 April	Pupil Parent Teacher Meeting (Miss Tokil's class) 3.30pm to 6.00pm
1 July	Inset Day

## Merit Certificates

This week's achievers are:

<b>This week's focus: RESILIENCE</b>		
<b>The focus after Easter is: 'Respecting Others'</b>		
<b>CLASS</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>REASON</b>
Y1W	Ava S	Never giving up and always wanting to improve her work
Y1/2	Noah K	Continuing to build resilience to improve his handwriting
Y2S	Alyssa T	Always trying her best and not giving up on hard work
Y3/4H	Sophia C-F	Showing great resilience with her written work
Y3T	Grace H	Showing great resilience in trying to achieve her pen licence
Y4Mc	Lilly K	Showing exceptional resolve when working with decimals
Y5Fr	Jade B	Showing resilience in Maths this week
Y5/6F	Ava P	Showing great resilience when constructing angles
Y5/6J	Emily K	Showing resilience in Maths – never giving up

### Trust Meeting for Parents and Carers

After the Easter holiday, Pontefract Academies Trust will be holding an Information Evening for parents and carers, to give updates and information about what is happening within school and within the Trust itself.

It has now been confirmed that the meeting will take place in the school hall on Tuesday, 23 April at 6 o'clock and will last for approximately 1 hour.

If you would like to attend, for seating allocation purposes, please book a place via the link recently sent to you by email. Thank you.

### Pupil Parent Teacher Meetings

Pupil Parent Teacher Meetings for class Y3T (Miss Tokil) will now take place on the following dates:

Tuesday 23 April - 3.30pm to 7.00pm

Thursday 24 April - 3.30pm to 6.00pm

Please note: Only the dates have changed. Your previous timeslot will remain the same. If these dates are not convenient, please contact school to arrange an alternative time/date.

May I thank all those parents/carers who have already attended the Pupil Parent Teacher Meetings. Could those parents/carers who were unable to attend any of these sessions, please contact school after Easter to arrange an appointment with your child's class teacher.

### Parent/Carer Survey

Please can parents/carers take time to complete our parent/carers survey, which can be accessed through the following link: <https://bit.ly/2CMznJi>

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey, as this will help us with our ongoing school improvement.

### Coffee Morning in School

There will be a coffee morning for parents/carers and grandparents on Friday 3 May, at 9.00am in the school hall, to discuss ideas for fundraising. We are desperately short of volunteers for our fundraising team, "Friends of Orchard Head" and we hope that this informal gathering will encourage parents, carers and grandparents to become a member and help to raise much needed funds for school. Many large items (that school would not have been able to afford) have been purchased because of the wonderful work done by the fundraising team. We hope you will be able to attend and look forward to having a coffee or tea with you!

### O2 NSPCC – Parents vs Kids Quiz

Parents and carers may like to have fun by competing in the NSPCC's 'Parents vs Kids' quiz. The quiz can be played as a family, or 1 to 1 or in teams. Each team takes it in turn to answer a question, with parents/carers going first. Parents/carers and children each get 2 minutes to answer a question. If you would like to play, please click on the following link: <https://www.o2.co.uk/help/nspcc/parents-vs-kids>

### Class Assemblies/Open Classroom Sessions

There will be no more class assemblies until June 2019. Instead, we will be having 'Open Classroom' sessions, when parents/carers can join their child in class.

The dates are as follows:

DAY	DATE	OPEN CLASSROOM
Wednesday	1 May	Year 1 & Year 2 pupils
Wednesday	8 May	Year 3 & Year 4 pupils
Wednesday	15 May	No sessions
Wednesday	22 May	Year 5 & Year 6 pupils

### Class Assemblies – June 2019 onwards

In June, we resume class assemblies, as follows:

DAY	DATE	ASSEMBLY
Wednesday	5 June	Mr Field's class
Wednesday	12 June	Mrs Jodrell's class
Wednesday	19 June	Mr Ward's class
Wednesday	26 June	Miss Tokil's class
Wednesday	3 July	Mrs Franks' class

### Weekly Attendance

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

Class	Attendance %
Nursery am	91.89
Nursery pm	100.00
UFSLC	95.22
UFSR	95.45
Y1W	96.00
Y1/2	99.33
Y2S	97.33
Y3T	97.93
Y3/4HL	97.00
Y4McA	97.67
Y5Fr	98.33
Y5/6F	94.84
Y5/6J	99.29
Whole School	97.00

Yours sincerely



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