

Newsletter

10th May 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Key dates

w/b 13 th May	Year 6 SATs Week (Breakfast provided for Y6 SATs pupils, Monday to Thursday)
23 rd May	European Elections – Nursery closed all day to pupils
24 th May	School closes for Half Term
3 rd June	School re-opens
5 th June	Trip to Scarborough for Upper Foundation pupils
1 st July	Inset Day - School closed to pupils
5 th July	Sports Day
12 th July	Reserve Sports Day

Merit Certificates

This week's achievers are:

This week's focus: COURAGE		
The focus next week is: 'A Passion for Reading'		
CLASS	NAME	REASON
Y1W	Calvin G	Being brave after having been hurt during playtime
Y1/2	Calum G	Never being afraid to try before asking for help
Y2S	Merlin L	Being brave when he doesn't want to do something, but still giving it a go and trying his best
Y3/4H	Lewis W	Having a go at an assertive mentoring test
Y3T	Caitlin L	Being brave in a new school environment
Y4Mc	Max M	Not being afraid to push himself in his writing this week
Y5Fr	Lily B	Having courage to speak in French in front of her peers
Y5/6F	Harrison F	Having courage to participate in activities whilst having a broken foot
Y5/6J	Lily-Rose W	Having courage to share her work in class to help others

Year 6 SATs Week – 13th May to 17th May 2019

The week beginning 13th May is the Key Stage 2 SATs week for our Year 6 pupils.

We must stress that it is of **paramount importance** that your Year 6 child attends school during the above SATs week, as they will not have another opportunity to sit for their SATs at a later date.

SATs Week – Breakfast provided for Y6 pupils

During SATs week, from Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May inclusive, school will provide breakfast for the Year 6 pupils, at no cost to parents/carers, in order to prepare the children for the day.

We would like the children to enjoy a relaxed breakfast with their peers, therefore please can you ensure that your child arrives to school by 8.15am each morning. Thank you.

Urgent Notice: Severe Nut Allergy – Orchard Head is a ‘Nut-Free’ school

Several children and staff in our school have nut allergies, some of which are extremely severe and life-threatening. In view of this, we would like to remind you that **Orchard Head School is a ‘nut-free’ school**.

Please can parents/carers refrain from sending their children to school with any kind of product that may contain nuts or traces of nuts, especially for break times or in packed lunches.

Please do not send your child to school with sandwiches, biscuits or buns containing peanut butter or chocolate spread (contains traces of nut). Thank you.

Nursery Closed – European Election Day, Thursday 23rd May

The nursery building is again to be used as a polling station on Thursday, 23rd May and therefore the nursery will be closed to pupils for the whole day.

Open Classroom Sessions

Once again. There was a fantastic response from parents and carers to the Open Classroom sessions for our Year 3 and Year 4 classes and we have received some extremely positive feedback following this. Thank you to everyone who attended.

There will be no Open Classroom sessions next Wednesday (15th May) due to SATs Week, however the next session will be on Wednesday 22nd May for the Year 5 and Year 6 classes.

Once the last Open Classroom session has taken place, we will be sending a survey to parents/carers, asking for feedback on the sessions. If we receive an overall positive response, we hope to repeat these sessions at a later date.

DAY	DATE	OPEN CLASSROOM
Wednesday	22nd May	Year 5 & Year 6 pupils

Sports Day and Reserve Sports Day

Our Sports Day this year will take place on Friday 5th July. If weather conditions prove to be unsuitable on 5th July, we will have our Sports Day on the following Friday, 12th July.

Class Assemblies – June and July 2019

Class assemblies will be as follows:

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

Attendance Champions

Two children, from each class within Years 1 to 6, are to be our new Attendance Champions. Each Attendance Champion has signed a job description, which includes:

- supporting Mrs Carr and Mrs Higginson each morning on the late gates;
- supporting children in class to increase their attendance;
- being involved in the process of issuing attendance awards;
- creating posters, highlighting the importance of regular attendance in school.

Here are our proud Attendance Champions with Mrs Carr and Mrs Higginson:



Should parents or carers have concerns about their child's attendance, please contact Mrs Carr or Mrs Higginson. Thank you.

Weekly Attendance

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

Class	Attendance %
Nursery am	89.73
Nursery pm	82.76
UFSLC	94.02
UFSR	97.16
Y1W	92.08
Y1/2	94.17
Y2S	95.00
Y3T	98.32
Y3/4HL	96.25
Y4McA	97.50
Y5Fr	93.75
Y5/6F	99.60
Y5/6J	95.54
WHOLE SCHOOL	95.17

Yours sincerely



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