

Newsletter

15 March 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Key dates

22 March	Class photographs
2 April	Pupil Parent Teacher Meetings (except Mrs Jodrell's) - 3.30pm to 7.00pm
4 April	Pupil Parent Teacher Meetings (except Mrs Jodrell's) - 3.30pm to 6.00pm
1 July	Inset Day
5 April	School closes for Easter
23 April	School reopens after Easter holiday

Merit Certificates

Please see below for this week's achievers:

This week's focus: APPRECIATING OTHERS		
Next week's focus – 'Teamwork'		
CLASS	NAME	REASON
Y1W	Holly P	Always appreciating others and having lovely manners
Y1/2	Poppy M	Appreciating her peers and adults
Y2S	Emelia C	Always showing appreciation for others by being respectful in class
Y3/4H	Harry B	Showing appreciation and respect for others
Y3T	Freya S	Appreciating her peers and teachers
Y4Mc	Poppy G	Always looking to highlight the positives in her peers
Y5Fr	Isabella C	Showing appreciation for other children and adults
Y5/6F	Olivia S	Always being appreciative of everyone
Y5/6J	Finley C	Appreciation of books and his passion for reading

Safeguarding - Reporting a child absent from school

To report your child's absence from school, please contact school before 9.00am **on first the day of the child's absence.**

The school telephone number is 01977 723495 - please choose **Option 1.**

At Orchard Head School, we apply robust safeguarding measures to all aspects of school life. These measures include those that apply to pupils' absence and attendance.

If a child is not present during registration on a school day and school has not been notified of the reason, school will attempt to contact the child's parent/carer by telephone. If we are unable to reach parents/carers, school will attempt to get in touch with other emergency contacts held on the child's file.

To safeguard our children, should school be unable to reach either parents/carers or any other of the child's emergency contacts, a member of staff who is responsible for attendance may carry out a home visit. Such a visit may be made at any time during the child's absence and the members of staff making the home visit will ask to see the child.

Class Photographs – Change of Day/Date

Please note: Due to unavoidable circumstances, the date of the class photographs has now been changed. The original day/date was Wednesday 20 March. The new day/date is **Friday 22 March 2019.**

Pupil Parent Teacher Meetings

As you are aware, Pupil Parent Teacher Meetings (for all classes, except Mrs Jodrell's class and Nursery) are taking place on Tuesday 2 April and Thursday 4 April. If you have not yet made a booking, please do so via the link that was recently sent to you by email and text. Alternatively, you can book an available timeslot by contacting the school office. Thank you.

Class Assemblies

Please see below, details of assemblies up to the Easter holiday:

DAY	DATE	ASSEMBLY
Wednesday	20 March	Miss Tokil
Wednesday	27 March	Mrs Franks

Mrs Jodrell-Gregson

Next Friday (22 March) is the last day in school for Mrs Jodrell before she takes maternity leave. We have appointed an experienced teacher, Mrs Axup, to cover Mrs Jodrell's class in her absence.

Open Classroom sessions after the Easter holiday

For the first few weeks after the Easter break, there will be no class assembly. 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

Fortnite and other online games/apps

In view of the number of children regularly using the internet to access games and as a means of communication, we would like to give details of a website which provides advice to parents and carers on keeping their child safe online. To access this website, please click on the following link:

https://ineqe.com/h2bsaferservice/?utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=70573254&hsenc=p2ANqtz-b87w6xAlJ8VhX_nNs5t0RffwW10Pz6ZhGEtRAwHnBDC2lCeG2Bnv9WrOCbh9lawM0CA24PBI-na6P-79Rfzr9tloCLnsU2SDvTa9CAu_P_y-tfNw&hsmi=70573254#video-briefings

Jessie & Friends – An online safety education resource for 4 to 7 year-olds

Based on a series of three fun, age-appropriate animations, 'Jessie & Friends' follows Jessie, Mo and Tia, as they view, share and game their way to a safer future online.

The animations are accompanied by a catchy song, storybooks and posters, a detailed resource pack with engaging learning activities on key topics (e.g. trust, consent) and advice for parents/carers on using 'Jessie and Friends' to start a positive, age-appropriate online safety conversation with their child. Please click on the following link for more details: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends/>

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

PE Kit/Revised PE Timetable

To help ensure that your child has his/her PE kit in school on their class's PE day, please send them to school with their PE kit every Monday. The kit will remain in school until Friday of that week, when it can be taken home for washing, ready to be brought back in to school the following Monday. Thank you. The revised PE timetable is as follows:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y2S	Y1/2	Y1W	Y3/4H	Y5/6J
Y5Fr	Y4Mc	UFS	Y3T	Y5/6F
Y5/6J	Y1W	Y5Fr	Y1/2	Y4Mc
Y5/6F	Y2S	Y3T	UFS	Y3/4H

During SATs Week, the teaching of PE will need to be more flexible. However, should any PE sessions be missed during SATs week, they will be carried out in the weeks following SATs.

Polling Day – Thursday 2 May 2019

On Thursday 2 May (Polling Day), Nursery will be closed to pupils and will re-open as usual on Friday 3 May 2019.

Weekly Attendance

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

Class	Attendance %
Nursery am	95.97
Nursery pm	97.96
UFSLC	90.22
UFSR	95.45
Y1W	96.67
Y1/2B	100.00
Y2S	92.24
Y3T	96.55
Y3/4HL	99.17
Y4McA	99.57
Y5Fr	98.33
Y5/6F	99.60
Y5/6J	97.22
Whole School	96.98

Yours sincerely



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