

Newsletter

21st June 2019

Key dates

1 st July	Inset Day - School closed to pupils
4 th July	Transition Day for all pupils
4 th July	Invitation to parents/carers to meet their child's new class teacher (3:15- 3:45pm)
5 th July	Sports Day
12 th July	Reserve Sports Day
4 th September	Invitation to parents/carers to meet their child's new class teacher (5 – 6:00pm)
26 th September	Y4 Boggle Hole Residential (26/9/19 to 27/9/19)
2 nd October	Y5 Conwy Residential (2/10/19 to 4/10/19)
25 th November	Y6 Marrick Priory Residential (25/11/19 to 29/11/19)

This week's focus: PROGRESS

Next week's focus is: "Finding positive solutions to problems"

CLASS	NAME	REASON
UFS LC	Orlaith C-P	Excellent progress in her reading and writing
UFS R	Noah M	Excellent progress with his confidence. Well done!
Y1W	Sophie K	Making fantastic progress throughout the year
Y1/2	Barbara L	Working super-hard in maths, resulting in great progress
Y2S	Lacy C	Excellent effort and progress in her reading
Y3/4H	Libby G	Making excellent progress in spellings
Y3T	Noah B	Making excellent progress with his handwriting
Y4Mc	Tyler M	Progressing socially, emotionally and academically
Y5Fr	Vectraz O	Making progress in the fluency of her reading
Y5/6F	Angel L	Making excellent progress with her timestables
Y5/6J	Emily H	Excellent improvement in reading and maths

Summer Fayre – Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who attended the Summer Fayre yesterday – everyone had great fun. Even the weather was kind to us!

We would like to thank our fundraising team, the 'Friends of Orchard Head', for all the work they put in to making the event such a success. Special thanks go to Mrs Cheryl Hook, for all the time and effort she spent in organising and arranging stalls and events for the Fayre.

As you know, the Summer Fayre coincided with the school's Enterprise Week and as part of this, some of our children had a stall at the Fayre. Thank you for supporting our children, by buying from their stalls.

SEND Coffee Morning – Wednesday 26th June

We will be holding an informal coffee morning in the school hall on Wednesday 26th June at 9.00am, where parents and carers can come and talk to Miss Squires and other professionals about the Special Needs and Disability (SEND) provision in school.

Please do join us – everyone is welcome.

Reception Classes – Stay and Play

Please may we remind the parents/carers of Reception (Upper Foundation) children, that there will be a 'Stay and Play' session next Tuesday, 25th June, in the Foundation Stage Unit, between 9.30am and 10.30am. We look forward to seeing you then.

Class Dojo

Thank you to the parents and carers who have responded to the Class Dojo invite. We now have a significant amount of parents / carers accessing this information.

As explained earlier, this platform is not for posting messages; it is for parents and carers to get an insight into how their child's day is progressing.

Exercise books

School will retain the children's current books until the end of the Autumn term, when we break up for the Christmas holiday. Before the Christmas break, these books will then be returned back to the children to take home.

Currently, in school, there are children's books from the last academic year. These will be returned to the children, to take home, before the summer break.

Getting ready for school in September

As we get nearer to the end of this academic year, we begin to look forward to the start of a new term and academic year.

This time of year is an exciting one, when teaching and support staff prepare for their new classes and the children are curious to find out whose class they will be in and who will be joining them.

We also have six new teachers joining us in September and they are really looking forward to working with our children.

School will be closed for training purposes on Monday 1st July, during which the new teachers will be in school, familiarising themselves with their new classrooms and meeting all the other staff.

Reminder: Transition Day in School – Thursday 4th July

On Thursday, 4th July, there will be a transition day in school, when all pupils will spend the day with the teacher, whose class they will be joining in September.

Also on **Thursday 4th July, between 3.15pm and 3.45pm**, parents and carers are invited to meet their child's new teacher in the classroom that their child will be in from September.

We are aware that some parents/carers may not be able to attend the session on Thursday 4th July, due to other commitments, therefore we have arranged an alternative date of **Wednesday 4th September, between 5.00pm and 6.00pm**.

We look forward to seeing you all then.

Pupils and new classes from September 2019

On **Tuesday, 2nd July**, your child will find out which class he or she will be going in to in September. No doubt, they will be eager to tell you the news when they get home!

Class Assemblies – June and July 2019

Class assemblies are as follows:

DAY	DATE	ASSEMBLY
Wednesday	26 th June	Miss Tokil's class
Wednesday	3 rd July	Mrs Franks' class

Government change of date for May Day 2020

The government has announced that May Day 2020, will now take place on Friday 8th May (not Monday 4th May, as previously arranged).

Uniform Requirements for September 2019

As you are aware, school uniform rules will be fully implemented this September. To ensure that your child will be wearing the correct items of uniform, please click on the following link (or type it into your web browser):

<https://orchardhead.patrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Uniform-Guide-OH.pdf>

Please ensure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name so that any 'lost' items can be reunited with their owner as quickly as possible. Thank you.

Reminder: Severe Nut Allergy – Orchard Head is a 'Nut-Free' school

Please may I remind parents and carers not to send their child to school with nuts or products that contain nuts (or nut traces). **Orchard Head School is a 'nut-free' school**, so please bear this in mind when preparing your child's packed lunch or break-time snack. Thank you.

Weekly Attendance

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

Class	Attendance %
Nursery am	95.05
Nursery pm	96.63
UFSLC	87.39
UFSR	91.82
Y1W	97.67
Y1/2	95.33
Y2S	96.00
Y3T	96.00
Y3/4HL	97.00
Y4McA	91.30
Y5Fr	94.14
Y5/6F	97.74
Y5/6J	93.21
WHOLE SCHOOL	94.65

Yours sincerely



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