

# Newsletter

26<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

## Key dates

2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Polling Day - Nursery closed to pupils
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Picnic Lunch in School (as voted for by pupils)
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Coffee Morning in school for parents, carers, grandparents & community members
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	School closes 2.00pm - Tour de Yorkshire (there will be no After School Care Club)
6 <sup>th</sup> May	School Closed - Bank Holiday
24 <sup>th</sup> May	School closes for Half Term
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	School re-opens

## Merit Certificates

This week's achievers are:

<b>This week's focus: RESPECTING OTHERS</b>		
<b>The focus next week is: 'Friendship'</b>		
<b>CLASS</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>REASON</b>
Y1W	Kat O	Always being helpful and polite to staff and peers
Y1/2	Leilah W	Consistently showing respect to everyone and school
Y2S	Sophie A	Always listening to and respecting others
Y3/4H	Frayah B	Always saying "Thank you" after her PE lesson
Y3T	Amelia M	Being respectful to adults, peers and to school rules
Y4Mc	Jake R	Always respecting his peers and our school's values
Y5Fr	Lacey S	Always showing respect to both adults and peers
Y5/6F	Dylan N	Always showing respect to others in school
Y5/6J	Olivia R	Showing respect by always being polite, kind and caring

## **Coffee Morning in School for Parents, Carers, Grandparents and Members of the School Community - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

There will be a coffee morning for parents, carers, grandparents and members of the school community on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, at 9.00am in the school hall.

By holding this friendly, informal coffee morning, we hope to generate interest for people to join our fundraising group, 'Friends of Orchard Head' and to help raise much-needed funds for school. We are desperately short of volunteers and we hope that this informal gathering will encourage parents, carers and grandparents and others who have a link to our school, to become a member of our friendly fundraising team. We welcome any fundraising ideas you may have.

Many large items, that school would not have been able to afford, have been purchased because of the wonderful work done by the 'Friends of Orchard Head' fundraising team.

We hope that you will be able to attend and we look forward to seeing you all.

## **Early School Closure for the Tour de Yorkshire – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

School will close at 2.00pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, to enable parents and carers to collect their children and take them home before the roads become congested during the Tour de Yorkshire event that goes through Pontefract and surrounding areas later in the afternoon. Please see the letter and the text that was sent out to parents/carers yesterday morning, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April. Thank you.

## **Nursery Closed - Polling Day, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

As you will be aware, the nursery building is to be used as a polling station next Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, therefore the nursery will be closed to pupils for the whole day.

## **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May (Polling Day) Picnic Lunch for all pupils**

Yesterday, the children in each class were asked to take a vote on whether they want to have a school meal as usual on Polling Day (Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May) or whether they would prefer to have a picnic lunch outside (or in the hall if it is raining). The picnic will consist of sandwiches, sausage rolls, a bun, some fruit and a drink.

Following the rules of democracy, the majority of children decided that they would like to have a picnic!

Parents/carers may provide their child with a packed lunch from home, if they prefer.

## **Online Safeguarding Resources for you and your child**

Please click on the following link, or copy and paste it into your web browser:

<http://tiny.cc/dfqr5y>

## **Pontefract Academies Trust Parents/Carers Meeting**

Thank you to everyone who attended the Trust meeting for parents and carers on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April. We hope you found the event beneficial and that it gave you further opportunity to find out about developments in school and in the wider Trust.

## **Class Assemblies/Open Classroom Sessions**

Until June 2019, instead of class assemblies, there will be 'Open Classroom' sessions, when parents/carers can join their child in class. The purpose of these is for you to

have an opportunity to spend time with your children and to see their learning and their books. The dates are as follows:

DAY	DATE	OPEN CLASSROOM
Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 1 & Year 2 pupils
Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3 & Year 4 pupils
Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> June	Mr Field's class
Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup> June	Mrs Jodrell's (Mrs Axup) class
Wednesday	19 <sup>th</sup> June	Mr Ward's class
Wednesday	26 <sup>th</sup> June	Miss Tokil's class
Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Mrs Franks' class

### **Weekly Attendance**

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

Class	Attendance %
Nursery am	96.69
Nursery pm	90.00
UFSLC	97.83
UFSR	93.18
Y1W	95.42
Y1/2	95.00
Y2S	99.17
Y3T	97.84
Y3/4HL	100.00
Y4McA	97.08
Y5Fr	94.58
Y5/6F	95.97
Y5/6J	95.54
Whole School	96.45

Yours sincerely



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