



ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2019

Dear Parents,

It's been lovely to have seen so many of you in school, whether it's been for special assemblies, parents' evening or PTA events. I hope that you have felt very welcome in school and have been proud of your children. I know that the pupils have been thrilled to have seen so many adults this term, and to be able to share with them some of the wonderful learning activities they have experienced! Have a lovely Easter break.

Best wishes

Fiona Shields & the Orchard Team

YEAR 3 RESIDENTIAL TO BEAUMANOR HALL

Year 3 pupils had a wonderful time on their residential visit to Beaumanor Hall and returned to school absolutely buzzing about the amazing activities they had participated in.

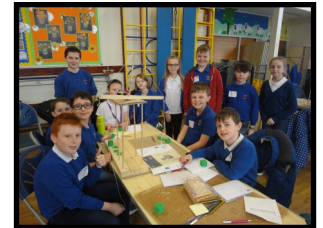
Thank you so much to the staff who accompanied the children for the two days. It was much appreciated.



ROLLS ROYCE DESIGN CHALLENGE

Twelve pupils from Orchard were joined by teams from Shardlow and Weston on Trent Primary School to undertake an exceptionally challenging design project set by volunteers from Rolls Royce.

Taking place at the weekend, pupils were set the task of creating a boat lift that would carry a number of weights plus a Lego figure!



Pupils worked exceptionally hard and designed some fantastic models. Congratulations to Shardlow and Weston, who both had winning entries in the various design categories.

COMIC RELIEF



Thank you to parents and pupils who donated cakes for the Red Nose Day appeal.

The School Council organised the sale brilliantly, and together with none uniform contributions, the school raised £340.50 for Comic Relief.

MOTHER'S DAY THANK YOU AFTERNOON

It was lovely to see so many mums, grandmas and other special family members in school for our special 'Mother's Day Thank You' afternoon, organised by the PTA. We really hope you enjoyed the refreshments on offer.



REMINDER: SCHOOL GROUNDS DIY SOS!

'The Great Orchard Spring Clean' is happening on Saturday 6th April. Please let the office know if you are able to help out during the day - even as little as half an hour would make a difference to improving the outdoor environment. We are also asking for any plant donations so if you have any shrubs or herbs in your garden which are a little overgrown and need to be rehomed, we would be happy to have them! Thank you.

REMINDER: CHOCOLATE RAFFLE

Tickets for the chocolate raffle will be available to purchase in school from 1st -11th April. School Council members will visit classrooms to sell the tickets at 50p each. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 12th April.

REMINDER: SCHOOL NURSE DATES

Please contact the school office to book.

8.4.19 - 8.30-9.30

9.5.19 - 8.30-9.30

11.6.19 - 2.30-3.30

4.7.19 - 8.30-9.30

OUTDOOR LEARNING EVENT AT NOTTINGHAM TRENT UNIVERSITY

Pupils in Y5 had a wonderful time at Nottingham Trent University as they undertook a variety of outdoor learning experiences. The work tied in beautifully with their topic on evolution, plants and animal adaptations, and they even had time for a bit of pond dipping!



POLITE REMINDER

We are having an increasing number of parents collecting their children late from school on a regular basis. Could I remind parents to phone school if they know that they will not be at school for 3.15pm due to unforeseen circumstances. On a similar theme, an increasing number of children are regularly arriving at school after 8.55am, thereby incurring a late mark. Punctuality is not only monitored by the school, but data is also sent to the Local Authority. Please ensure that you child arrives in time for registration. Thank you for your support.

DIARY DATES

Friday 12th April - SCHOOL CLOSSES

Monday 15th - Friday 26th EASTER BREAK

Monday 29th April - SCHOOL OPENS

Tuesday 7th to Friday 10th May - KS1 SATS Week (Year 2 tests)

Monday 13th to Thursday 16th May - KS2 SATS

Week bg. 20th May - House Competitions Week

Friday 24th May - SCHOOL CLOSSES

Monday 27th to Friday 31st May - HALF TERM

Monday 3rd June - SCHOOL OPENS

Thursday 20th June - Sports Day (KS2 a.m./KS1 p.m.)

Friday 5th July - Whole school transition morning

Monday 8th July - Parents' Evening

Thursday 11th - Awards Assemblies KS1a.m./KS2 p.m

Friday 12th July - Leavers' Assembly; SCHOOL CLOSSES

CREATIVE CURRICULUM UPDATE

Nicola Cutts, one of our school Governors recently visited the school to look at how our new 'Creative Curriculum' is being delivered across classes. Below are some extracts from her report:

"Class 6 were learning about the Vikings – the children were keen to show their work and learning. The children are able to move on at their own pace – most children were working on a diary entry with the literacy base to this topic. All pupils were engaged in the lesson."

"Class 1 were learning about the stars and explorers and developing curiosity skills. Looking at things they already know and things they can learn. I observed a few children painting an artistic piece that the whole class have been contributing to – all looked engaged and happy."

"Class 9 were busy preparing a wildlife documentary they had written in a "David Attenborough style" and then were going to be using the technology in the school (the green screen) to film it to enhance learning and confidence building in pupils. Teaching staff were again extremely positive about the creative curriculum providing structure to learning."