



ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER - JULY 2019

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to see so many parents, carers and grandparents attend and enjoy recent summer term events with us. Thanks also to those parents who have commented so positively about what we've achieved as a school this year - your appreciation of our hard work means the world to us and we're so glad that your children are happy and achieving well. We have been especially proud of our Y6 pupils this year and wish them all the very best as they move onto their new schools.

Have a lovely Summer.

Fiona Shields & the Orchard Team

SPORTING NEWS

Congratulations to all those pupils who represented the school in the County School Games at Uppingham. It was a fantastic day and we are so proud of the efforts of these children.



We were 1st in the County Champions Y3/4 Tri-Golf tournament and 3rd in the County in the Y5/6 swimming - an amazing achievement as the Charnwood district has never won anything in swimming before.

Thank you to those parents who provided transport, and to the staff who accompanied pupils.

ENTERPRISE SCHEME

Congratulations to Year 6 pupils for running a fantastic Enterprise morning at the end of June. They raised just under £450 by 'growing' their £1 loans. We were blown away by their high levels of creativity, teamwork and entrepreneurial skills. Well done to Wheatcroft House who raised the most cash! Thank you so much to parents for sending children in with money to spend. They had a great time!

SPORTS DAY

Congratulations to Redgate House who won Sports Day and to McLeans who won Spirit of the Games.

ANIMAL MAGIC

Pupils in the Foundation Stage and Classes 4,5 and 6 had a fantastic time learning about a range of jungle animals during a visit from 'Animal Magic'. They got to handle a number of amazing creatures and study them close up ... a super outcome event from their topics.



LET LOOSE!

Well done to pupils in Y5 & 6, as well as upper Key Stage 2 staff, for their hard work in putting on a superb performance of 'Let Loose'. The shows were a joy to watch.

MARVELLOUS MATHS DAY & TIMES TABLE-ATHON

As well as undertaking a Time Table A Thon, which was won by Redgate House, pupils took part in a range of problem solving and reasoning tasks during Marvellous Maths Day, to celebrate all the wonderful Maths learning taking place at Orchard and to promote a positive mathematical culture in school. There was some wonderful work being created and lots of practical and exciting hands on learning.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

The results of this year's parent questionnaire are now published on the school's website under the tab 'News & Events - Questionnaires'. Thank you to those parents who completed the survey.

MEET THE SENDCO EVENT

Our new SENDCO, Miss Webster, will be hosting a 'Meet the SENDCO' meeting on Monday 9th September. A letter is being circulated to relevant parents. Please let the office know if you will be attending so that we know how many people to cater for.

CYCLING SAFETY

Staff have been a little concerned to see some of our pupils cycling around Donington well after-school hours without wearing a helmet. A couple of pupils have also been spotted weaving along roads quite dangerously. Please could you have a chat with your child about cycling safety to ensure that pupils are kept safe. Thank you.

STAFFING UPDATE

I am absolutely delighted to inform you that we have appointed a teacher for Class 2. Miss Wrench, who has previously worked as a Deputy Headteacher and SENCO in a school in Derbyshire, will be joining our team for 12 months from the end of August. She brings with her, a wealth of experience and knowledge, and will be a huge asset to the school.

Miss Charity will be taking on the role of Senior Midday Supervisor from the end of August. We are delighted that Mrs Wintle will be resuming her role as Midday Supervisor.

We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Widdowson, who has decided to leave Orchard. We wish her luck in the future. Miss Farrar will be teaching Class 7 next year therefore.

TRANSITION MORNING

We hope that pupils had a lovely morning in their new classes. If you would still like to discuss any aspect of transition regarding your child, please contact your child's 'new' class teacher in the first instance, or myself, so that we can help to alleviate any anxieties or concerns you or your child may have.

DIARY DATES FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

Thursday 29th August - School opens to pupils

Tuesday 3rd September - Meet the teacher
3.15-3.45pm

Monday 9th September - Meet the SENDCO
meeting 2.00-3.15pm

Thursday 26th September - Macmillan Coffee
Morning and none uniform day

Friday 27th September - Harvest Festival at
the Methodist Church 10.00am

Monday 7th October - Bring your
Grandparents to school (drop in anytime
between 1.15-2.45pm - to acknowledge
National Grandparents Day)

Monday 7th October - Parents' Evening (3.30-
6.30pm)

Tuesday 8th October - School Photographs

Thursday 10th October - Parents' Evening
(5.00-7.00pm)

Thursday 10th October - School closes to
pupils

Monday 21st October - School opens to pupils
30th October - 1st Nov - Y5 Whitehall
Residential

Friday 15th November - Children in Need
fundraising day

Friday 6th December - EYFS Nativity
(afternoon)

Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th & Thursday
12th December - KS1 Christmas Performances

Monday 16th December (date TBC) -
Christmas Service at St Edward's Church
10.00am

Friday 20th December - School closes

ADVANCE NOTICE FOR SEPTEMBER: Superhero Dressing Up Day (EYFS & KS1)

Pupils in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1
(Classes 1,2 & 3) are asked to come to school
dressed as a superhero for their special Inspiration
Day on Friday 6th September 2019.