



# ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2022

Dear Parents,

It has been a very positive Summer Term so far and we couldn't be more proud of your children. As well as working extremely hard to make good progress in all areas of the curriculum, we have also been impressed with the 'character' shown by so many of our pupils. We have been particularly impressed with how our Year 6 pupils have grown in confidence, independence and maturity - they are more than ready to move into Year 7, and we wish them all the very best for the future.

Thank you and 'well done' to staff, who have worked incredibly hard again this year to ensure that the school goes from strength to strength. They are a wonderful team and a privilege to work with.

Finally, thank you as always, for your support and partnership. Having great relationships with parents is something that we are always very appreciative of.

Here's to a good Summer, and a great start to the next school year ...

Best wishes

Fiona Shields & the Orchard Team

### TIMINGS OF THE SCHOOL DAY FOR 2022-23

In March, the Government's 'white paper' set an expectation that most schools will deliver a school week of 32.5 hours as soon as they can, and from September 2023 at the latest. As such, from August 2022, the timings for some year groups will need to change.

Timings for the school day for 2022-23 are shown below. Please note that pupils must be in class for registration at 8.45am please.

Whilst we appreciated that staggered timings at the end of the day helped somewhat with traffic issues, all pupils will now have to be dismissed at 3.15pm. Parents are therefore asked to be mindful of additional vehicles parking near to the school at this time and are asked to leave plenty of time to arrive at school on time for collection.

There will also be more pupils gathering on the KS1 playground at home-time. However, we will try to send EYFS and KS1 pupils out a couple of minutes earlier so that they can vacate the site whilst it is less crowded. It would be helpful if parents/carers stood in a similar spot each afternoon so that both pupils and staff can spot you easily!

Pupils from Classes 9/10 should be collected from the KS2 playground, walk across the car park and up through the cordoned off car park gates.

Lunchtimes will remain staggered due to larger pupil numbers.

Year Group	EYFS (Red/Green Apples)	Y1 & 2 (C1,2,3&4)	Y3 & 4 (C5,6 & 7)	Y5 & 6 (C8,9&10)
<b>Morning Arrival Window</b>	8.35-8.45am KS1 Playground	8.35-8.45am KS1 Playground	8.35-8.45am LKS2 verandah	8.35-8.45am LKS2 verandah or via the KS2 playground
<b>Registration</b>	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am
<b>Lunchtime</b>	11.30 -12.40pm	11.50-12.50pm	12.00-1.00pm	12.00pm - 1.00pm
<b>Finish/ Collection</b>	3.15pm KS1 playground	3.15pm KS1 playground	3.15pm C5 via the verandah by the office; C6/7 via the KS1 playground	3.15pm C8 via the verandah; C9/10 via the KS2 playground and through cordoned off car park gates

## PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

We had a wonderful day celebrating everything that is great about Britain and Queen Elizabeth II.

The day not only helped pupils to celebrate the nation's Royal Family but enabled us to develop their awareness of our rich culture and history. Pupils undertook a range of super activities, including making a Royal Family Tree, making paper plate Royal Guardsmen and learning the National Anthem. The street party lunch was wonderful!

Thanks to our fantastic 'Bake Off', afternoon tea was served on the field in the sunshine. (Your entries were amazing. We were blown away by the number of cakes received - thank you!) Winners for the Art, Cake and DT competitions received certificates and a book.



## STAFFING UPDATE

Mrs Laura Thompson has been appointed both as an LSA (Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri mornings), as well as Office and Finance Administrator (afternoons and all of Wednesday). She currently works in the school office at Stenson Primary School and comes to Orchard with a huge amount of knowledge and appreciation of school life.

I'm also delighted to inform you that Miss Hannah Tisdell will be staying with us following her student placement in EYFS. She will be working in Class 3 next year but will also be covering other classes so that as a qualified teacher she can continue to broaden her experience across a range of year groups.

Other staffing news will be outlined in the new classes letter in the report envelope.

## REMINDER: ANNUAL REPORTS

A reminder that annual reports will be sent out on Friday 24th June. Please check your child's bag.

For any parents' wishing to discuss their child's report, there will be an opportunity to do on Wednesday 6th July (See separate letter in report envelope for details).

There will also be a letter to parents regarding classes for next year in the report envelope.

## DIARY DATES

Tuesday 14th June: KS2 Zorb Football with Progressive Sport

Thursday 16th June: Sports Day (KS2 a.m./KS1 p.m. )

Friday 17th June: Y5&6 Enterprise Morning

Monday 20th June: Y3 trip to Matlock Bath

Tuesday 21st June: Y4 trip to Matlock Bath

Friday 24th June: Annual Reports sent home

Friday 1st July: Whole school transition morning

Friday 1st July: PTA Indulgence Evening

Wednesday 6th July: Parent's meetings to discuss report

Friday 8th July: School closes

## TRANSITION MORNING - Friday 1st July

All pupils will get the chance to work with their new teacher and/or class group during our whole school transition morning on Friday 1st July.

If you would 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.

## SAFER CYCLING

Please could parents encourage pupils who cycle to school on their own to keep their helmets on when riding their bike. A number of staff have passed children on their way to school with helmets dangling off their handle bars!

## FIRST AID

Children are very prone to bumps and knocks when playing outdoors. Whilst we will always offer treatment to children who urgently require it, to make First Aid more manageable at break/lunchtimes, we need to create a triage system. Therefore, we may decide not to send a pupil in for First Aid if there is no visible sign of injury and the 'accident' was very minor e.g. ran into another child and banged the muscly part of their arm. Staff will monitor the injury however, to ensure that there is no further discomfort.

## **SOCIAL NETWORKING BEHAVIOUR OUT OF SCHOOL**

Orchard will always strive to maintain an excellent reputation for pupil behaviour both in school and also out of school hours. This includes 'online' issues which may arise.

As a school, we will investigate any incidents of misbehaviour or anti-social behaviour that we are made aware of and this is important to ensure any behaviour issues do not spread into the school day.

Recently, we have had to deal with several issues involving inappropriate WhatsApp messages.

It should be noted that dealing with issues involving social network sites takes up a huge amount of time by school staff, and notably, the school only has a limited level of jurisdiction for out-of-school behaviour.

In such circumstances, we would work alongside parents/carers to ensure they play the lead role in resolving such behaviour. However, we also reserve the right to involve other agencies to support our stance on out-of-school behaviour issues (for example, the police; Social Care/Early Help).

We would certainly be in immediate contact with such agencies if any aspect of safeguarding for the child/ren was being compromised by their out-of-school or online behaviour.

It is important for parents/carers to note that the school will always assist with out-of-school behaviour issues but cannot be held responsible or accountable for them.

## **GOVERNORS**

We have a very strong board of Governors who, as volunteers, have worked hard this year to ensure that the school remains efficient and effective. My thanks to them for their support, input and ideas.

## **PTA EVENTS UPDATE**

A huge thank you to the school's wonderful PTA group for organising events again this year. It's really appreciated. Thank you as always, for supporting these activities as parents/carers.

## **WATER BOTTLES**

Please could all pupils bring a water bottle into school during these warmer weeks to reduce the need for beakers. Can you please ensure it has your child's name on. Thank you.

## **REMINDER: SPORTS DAY ARRANGEMENTS**

Sports Day will take place on **Thursday 16th June**, weather permitting. Timings are as follows:

KS2 – 9.30–11.30ish. Parents are invited into the school grounds from 9.20am.

KS1 – 1.15-2.45pm. Parents are invited into the school grounds from 1.05pm

The children will be in house teams and colours. Parents are asked to provide a top in their child's house colour but we have coloured bibs in school if you are not able to provide one. (Redgate = Red; Coppice = Blue; McLeans = Green; Wheatcroft = Yellow)

The children will sit on benches and chairs on the far side of the running track and parents are asked to make their way to the chairs nearest the playground. Children in Y1-6 should wear their PE uniform to school on this day, with the coloured t-shirt replacing the standard white top. Thank you.

## **CLUBS**

It has been wonderful to see clubs up and running again. Pupils have had a super time, and with a good variety of clubs on offer, there has been a lot of great learning taking place. Thanks to staff for leading these activities.

## **Y6 ENTERPRISE SCHEME**

Pupils in Year 6 are currently busy using their creativity and problem solving skills to devise some fantastic stalls for their Enterprise Morning, which will be taking place on Friday 17th June.

The aim is for each 'House' to run an activity that will make them as much profit as possible from their £1 loan. They've had some brilliant ideas so far including a cake stall, a mocktail bar and a second hand toy sale.

Pupils in all of the other year groups will spend part of Friday morning being their customers, and are therefore invited to bring money into school to spend on the stalls! (Activities or food items are generally priced between 25p-50p; we'd suggest that pupils bring in no more than £5 therefore).

See previously sent email for permission slip needed for the nail bar etc.