



ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2021

Dear Parents,

It has been a very positive Summer Term so far and pupils continue to work extremely hard in order to make good progress in all areas of the Curriculum; we couldn't be more proud of your children. We are also very pleased to see how Year 6 pupils in particular 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.

I'd also like to praise all of the staff who have worked incredibly hard again this year, embracing change positively to ensure that the school goes from strength to strength. They are a wonderful team and a privilege to work with.

We hope that as we approach the Summer holiday, all of our families will now be able to spend some quality time together and will have the opportunity to socialise a little more under the amended Covid 19 guidelines. Thank you as always, for your support and partnership.

Best wishes

Fiona Shields & the Orchard Team

PARENT GOVERNORS

I am delighted to welcome a number of parents onto the school's Governing Body. Mrs Sarah Corton will continue in her role as associate governor, but will be joined by two new parent governors, Mr Luke Green and Mrs Rachel Bunney.

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.

EVERYONE'S WELCOME

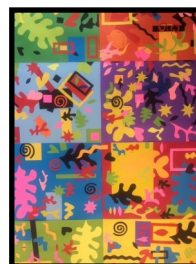
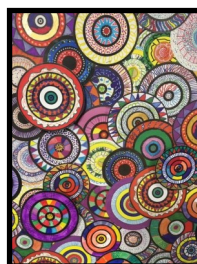
Your children are amazing! Staff have been blown away by how engaged pupils have been with the new RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) lessons, which have included activities from the Everyone's Welcome programme.



The children have loved the thought provoking stories, have shown a huge amount of understanding, respect and interest, and have asked some very good questions. We're really pleased with how successful the new PSHE sessions have been this term - well done kids!

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. A few pictures from a couple of clubs - Art, Outdoor Adventurers and Choir.



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.

STAFFING UPDATE

Congratulations to Mrs Astle and Mrs Fordham who, after a gruelling assessment process, have completed the Higher Level Teaching Assistant Award (HLTA). We are exceptionally proud of them.

SPORTING NEWS

Congratulations to pupils who participated in the recent Cross Country Championships organised by Charnwood Sports Partnership. Their conduct and performances were superb. Thank you very much to Mrs Godsell, Mr Patching (who will be leading PE next year) and the parents who supported their children.

REMINDER: ANNUAL REPORTS

A reminder that annual reports will be sent out on Friday 25th June. Please check your child's bag.

For any parents' wishing to discuss their child's report, there will be an opportunity to do so via Google Classroom on Monday 5th 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.

TRANSITION MORNING - Friday 2nd 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 2nd July. Pupils will work outside in their class bubbles to support Covid safety measures.

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.

SAFE ONLINE BEHAVIOUR AT HOME

Simon Genders (Leicestershire County Council Safeguarding Development Team) has created this presentation for schools to share with parents to support and encourage safe online behaviour at home. <https://youtu.be/hfYIFsivDws>

DIARY DATES

Friday 25th June - Annual reports sent out
Monday 5th July - Remote parent consultations to discuss reports if required
Friday 9th July - School closes for the Summer

Monday 23rd & Tuesday 24th August - INSET days (school closed for pupils)
Wednesday 25th August - School opens to pupils
Friday 15th October - School finishes
18th to 22nd October - Half Term

PTA EVENTS UPDATE

A huge thank you to the school's wonderful PTA group for organising the refreshments for the Film Night, and running the Rainbow Bounce.



The children had a super time at both events and it was a lovely way to end the last few weeks of half-term.

Thank you to those parents who helped out with the sponsored bounce and to all of you who supported the PTA fundraising through the purchase of 'tickets' etc. The amount of £3628.40 raised was amazing. It's really appreciated.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

We very much welcome your opinions and feedback regarding school performance and would therefore appreciate it if you could take the time to complete the annual parent questionnaire, which has been uploaded to Dojo. It should only take a few minutes to complete. A paper copy can be made available on request.

The deadline for completing the questionnaire is Wednesday 23rd June. Thank you.

Y5/6 ENTERPRISE SCHEME

As part of 'My Money' week, a national activity week for schools designed to raise awareness of the importance of financial education and get children and young people excited about money matters, our Y5/6 pupils organised their own Enterprise Scheme.

From a £1 loan, they have grown their profits thanks to the contributions of their friends in other classes. Thank you for helping your child to either run, or support this event. They all had great fun!