

The Orchards Primary Academy Newsletter

6th September 2019 / Autumn Term



This Term's News

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year; a particular welcome to new children and families who are joining us this year! We hope that everyone is enjoying being back in school and getting back into the routines. The children all look great in their new school uniforms, but can we remind you that trainers, boots or shoes with heels are not permitted.

This term we are going to be focusing on self-evaluation. As part of this we will be asking all pupils, parents, governors and staff to complete surveys on how they think the school is doing. The results of these will be used to make improvements going forward. Please look out for these over the next few weeks as we really do appreciate your feedback.

Mrs Carrier

Important Dates

Thursday 12th September – whole school BBQ

Thursday 17th October – Reception Open day 10 – 11am; Reception 2020 intake

Friday 27th September – Macmillan coffee morning 9am – 10.30am

Tuesday 22nd October – Reception Open day 2 – 3pm; Reception 2020 intake

Friday 25th October – break up for half term

Important dates for individual classes will be on the class newsletter – please look out for these.

Reminders

Please remember to bring your child's full PE kit in school so that they do not miss out on their lesson entitlement; blue shorts, white t-shirt and pumps.

Photo Gallery



Introducing our new School Parliament members for 2019-2020. This group of children will meet regularly and play an important part in the decision making of our Academy.

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Year 6 are raring to go for their residential trip to Kingswood!

This month's value



Ambition

Attendance

Number for reporting absences 0121 464 4302 Mr Hadley. School should be informed of absences before 9.30am on each day of absence.

Whole school attendance: 95.1%

Highest class attendance: Year 1, 97.3%

Social Media

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News from Early Years

All of the children in Early Years are settling well into their new classes. They have already started to explore their new environments and are making new friends! In reception, the children have been painting pictures of their faces and talking about themselves. In nursery, the children are getting used to their family groups and the routines of the day.

Homework books will be sent home shortly to support your child's learning at home. Please support your child with correct pencil grip whilst completing their homework.

News from KS1

Y1- Although the move from early years to Y1 can be a daunting step, the children have responded wonderfully and they are enjoying a smooth, free-flow transition.

Y2- The children have been as vibrant as ever; they have settled well and have adapted well to their new learning environment.

Y3- Wow- the infant children are now juniors! The children have embraced their move into the junior building and have shown great maturity this week in all aspects of their schooling.

I look forward to updating you on the exciting learning taking place across KS1 in the coming weeks.

News from KS2

It has been a delight seeing the children return smart, refreshed and keen to learn. We have a new member of staff to welcome to Year 4, Mr Kendrick, a teacher of vast experience whom I am sure will really bring learning alive for the children. Over the coming weeks we have many exciting things to look out for, including the election of members to our school parliament from every class, the selection of a new Head and Deputy Head girl and boy, not to mention the forthcoming residential trip to Kingswood for Year 6 pupils on 27th September. We will organize a parent meeting for this next week. Let's start the way we mean to go on and have a very successful and enjoyable year in Key Stage 2.