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School Newsletter

Welcome Back!

The Summer Term is upon us and we have lots of exciting activities planned for the children to engage with and look forward to. Staff have spent the beginning of term reviewing pupil progress, since the start of the school year, and are modifying lesson plans to ensure that children achieve the targets set for them. The diary is full of educational trips and visitors for the term, starting with Monarch Farm, who will be visiting Caterpillar Class on the 8th May.

Staff News

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Taylor to Caterpillar Class, on a part-time basis, following a year's Maternity Leave with her son. Mrs Taylor will be in school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We have also had two special visitors this month. Baby Ellie has been into school with Miss Lowe and has been introduced to the children in Ladybird Class. Baby Florence and Mrs Steggle have also paid us a visit. We are pleased to inform you that both mothers and daughters are doing well and both staff members are enjoying the early days of motherhood.



We would like to introduce Karen Burge, our new School Cook. Karen has been with us on a temporary basis in the past but has now been appointed as our permanent cook. She already knows many of the children and is looking forward to being a regular face at Orchard Park!



Class Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on **Tuesday 7th May** to take class photographs. Please can you ensure that your child is in full uniform on that day. There will be opportunity to purchase the photographs (without obligation). The class photographs are electronically stitched together so will be sent home with the children at a slightly later date.



Earrings in School

We have received lots of questions about earrings recently and we would, therefore, like to remind you that children are not allowed to participate in PE if they are wearing jewellery. This also includes swimming. We have received National Guidance that states it is no longer safe to cover earrings with tape. The reason is because of potential tearing of the earlobe but also the very slim chance that the post of the earring could damage the neck which is where the brachial nerve is running directly to the brain. There are anecdotal cases of children wearing earrings with plasters over them being hit by a ball and coming off worse with nasty injuries. For these reasons, please may we ask that, whenever possible, children are not sent to school wearing jewellery (especially on PE days).



Attendance at Orchard Park



April Attendance Awards



Well done to Butterflies who achieved 98%

2nd - 97%
Grasshopper Class

Joint 3rd - 96%
Beetles & Fireflies

Overall School Attendance 96%

Class Assemblies

Butterfly Class



Butterfly Class Assembly will take place on
Weds 8th May

Ladybird Class



Ladybird Class Assembly will take place on
Weds 19th June

All welcome!

School Hall at 9:10 am





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Sunny Days!

On sunny days please can you send your child to school with a sun hat and sun cream (already applied). In addition, please can you ensure that your child has a water bottle in school every day. It is really important that children remain hydrated. Studies prove that drinking improves concentration and even fine motor skills. This also supports our school policy on healthy lifestyles. Remember that it is possible to order an Orchard Park water bottle for your child via Agora at £3.50 each.



Orchard Park Seedlings

The Orchard Park Seedlings is a parent led messy play session that takes place every Monday between 10 and 11:30 am at the Orchard Park Community Centre. Pre-school children (with parents!) welcome. Please phone 01223 728118 if you would like further information.

Lost Property

Items of lost property have been left outside the Library for parents to collect. Any items that are not collected by Wednesday 8th May will either be disposed of or donated to charity. Thank you.

SATS Week

Y6 SATS Week begins Monday 13th through to Friday 17th May. Please can we ask that you support your child by having early nights the weekend before and during the week of SATS. We appreciate that SATS can be stressful for pupils so to help start the day, the PTFA has very kindly offered to provide a SATS breakfast for the Year 6 pupils. The PTFA are looking for volunteers at any of these breakfast sessions. If you are able to help, please let a member of staff know. Friday 17th, we will be celebrating the end of SATS by having breakfast at The Travelodge Hotel on Orchard Park. To attend the breakfast sessions, the children will need to arrive at school at 8:15 am via the School Office.



Dates for the Diary!

Mon 6th May - BH school closed
Wed 8th May - Butterfly Class Assembly
Mon 13th to Fri 17th May - SATS Week
Mon 27th to Fri 31st May - Half Term
Mon 3rd June - Inset Day school closed
Mon 17th to Wed 19th June - Y6 Kingswood Residential Trip
Wed 19th June - Ladybird Class Assembly
Wed 3rd July - Sports Day (am)
Wed 10th July - KS2 Production (pm)
Thurs 11th July - KS2 Production (eve)
Wed 24th July - Last day of Term

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Thank You PTFA!

Thank you to everybody who helped and supported at the Easter Eggstravaganza
We raised £566 for the PTFA funds



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