



## Orchard Park Community Primary School

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# School Newsletter

## May & June News

The curriculum has been bursting with enriched learning activities since the start of the Summer Term. Educational visits are central to our curriculum, providing essential experiences that can be built upon within the classroom. Orchard Park pupils have already enjoyed the following activities so far this term:



- Monarch Farm Visit
- Great Fire of London Wow Day
- Mini Red Tennis Tournament
- One Day Creative Dance Workshop
- Living Eggs
- Mobile Planetarium
- Quad Kids Athletics Tournament
- Writing Course at Mayfield Primary
- Houses of Parliament
- Wells-next-the-Sea
- Kwik Cricket Tournament
- Wimpole Hall Farm



The children still have lots more exciting activities to look forward to: Dragonflies residential trip to Kingswood, Arts Day at NCA, Sport for All Festival, the KS2 production and not forgetting Sports Day!



## Sports Day

Sports Day has now been moved to **Friday 12th July** (between 9:30 and 11:00 am). The original date clashed with a Taster Day at Chesterton Village College for our Year 6 pupils. Apologies for any inconvenience this change of date may have caused. Further details will be forwarded nearer the time regarding this very special annual event. In the meantime, please save the new date!



## Head Lice

Unfortunately head lice are a common part of primary school life. As children spend so much time playing and learning together, it is very easy for them to spread. Anyone can get head lice and, contrary to popular belief, having head lice is nothing to do with personal hygiene. To stop the spread of this unwanted visitor, please may we ask that you check your child's hair for head lice. If you do find your child has head lice, it is possible to buy medicated treatments from the Pharmacy, however, the following method is as effective:



1. Wash hair using ordinary shampoo.
2. Apply conditioner to make combing easier.
3. Towel dry the hair.
4. Using a nit comb part hair into sections and comb hair from scalp to the end of the hair.
5. Wipe the comb each time and check for live lice.
6. Repeat until whole head is combed.
7. Thoroughly rinse hair and comb.
8. Comb every three days for at least two weeks until the head is clear of head lice.



## Attendance at Orchard Park



## May Attendance Awards



## Well done to Beetles who achieved 98%

2nd - 95%  
Bumblebee Class

3rd - 95.4%  
Butterfly Class

4th - 95.2%  
Grasshopper Class

5th - 94.1%  
Ladybird Class

6th - 93%  
Dragonfly Class

**Overall School Attendance 95%**

## Ladybird Class



Ladybird Class Assembly will take place on Weds 19th June

All welcome!  
School Hall at 9:10 am





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## School Newsletter Continued

### Headteacher Awards

This month, the focus has continued on reading. Class Teacher's have nominated a child from their class who has shown excellent progress, including the ability to infer, deduce and retrieve information from text. Congratulations to the following recipients of this month's Headteacher Award:



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Caterpillars - Alexis W  
Ladybirds - Alicia P  
Butterflies - Ziana B  
Bumblebees - Harry F  
Grasshoppers - Isobel S  
Beetles - Harry A  
Fireflies - Sinead O'C  
Dragonflies - Nicola T



### Parking

The children's safety is always of paramount importance both inside and outside of school. As you are aware, there are parking restrictions outside the school gates along Ring Fort Road which have been implemented to keep the children safe. It is understood that time is always an issue and that taking the children to school by car is sometimes a necessity. Please may we ask for you to allow extra time so that you can park safely (and legally!). Sadly, each year there are cases in the UK of children being injured as parents have parked irresponsibly and not in designated areas. Please help keep our children safe.

### PTFA Meeting

There will be a PTFA Meeting on **Monday 24th June** with the Summer Fair high on the agenda! The meeting will take place at 9 am after school drop off in the Meeting Room. Everybody is welcome to attend this meeting. If you are able to help the PTFA in any small way, please let a member of staff know. The PTFA desperately need new members!

### Punctuality and Absence

Studies show that it is detrimental to a child's education if they are persistently late or absent. It is, therefore, important that children arrive regularly and punctually at school. Arriving on time encourages habits of good timekeeping, lessens classroom disruption and more importantly children do not miss out on valuable learning time.



The Poppy Gates open at 8:50 am and class registers are taken at 9:00 am daily. If a child arrives at school after 9:00 am we are legally required to place a late mark in the register and record the amount of time they are late. (It is worth noting that if a child arrives at 9:20 am this will affect their attendance rate percentage). Unfortunately this applies in all cases, including travel delays.

Currently, the Poppy Gates are closed at 9:05 am. However, we are finding that children are technically in school but not accounted for as they have missed registration. Due to this safeguarding issue, the Poppy Gates will now be closed promptly at 9:00 am.

With these points in mind, it would be very much appreciated if your child arrived at school on time. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Whilst writing, can we remind you that despite this small change, our open door policy still remains. Teachers are always available to talk to either before or after school should you wish to do so.

### Orchard Park Maths Morning

Do you wonder what happens during a maths lesson? Are you interested in discovering how we solve mathematical problems? On **Wednesday 3rd July** we will be holding a maths event, open to all.

We will be demonstrating how maths is taught at Orchard Park and how you can help your child to achieve their best. You will also get the fantastic opportunity to see live maths lessons across the school. The event will take place after school drop off between 9:15 and 10:30 am. Please come and join us!



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