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School Newsletter

A Time for Change

As the academic year comes to a close, we are now able to confirm class structures and staffing for September.

Welcome!

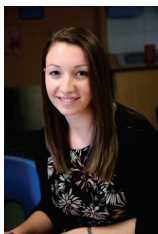
This year we are pleased to have two new Teachers who will be joining the Orchard Park Team.



Mr Guy Turner joins us from a school in Newton with glowing recommendations. Mr Turner is a maths specialist and will continue to drive our maths curriculum next year. Mr Turner also has a track record with computing and PE leadership.



Miss Gemma Jameson is a Newly Qualified Teacher and joins us with fresh enthusiasm and commitment. Gemma's particular curriculum interests include computing and philosophy,



Mrs MacColl has also returned to Orchard Park following Maternity Leave. Mrs MacColl is one of the two Assistant Headteachers and will be joint Year 6 Teacher, working together with Miss Coe.

In addition, we have three new Teaching Assistants also joining us. Lynne Sebley, Deborah Finberg and Rebecca Gravener who will be teaching in a number of classes across the school.



Sad Farewells!



Mr Chivers will be relocating to London and has a new position in a Central London school to widen his teaching experience. Mr Chivers will be missed by all those who have worked with him. We wish him the very best in his new Leadership position.

Miss Downie will be taking a short break from teaching to fulfil a lifelong ambition to travel. Miss Downie will be visiting a number of continents throughout the rest of this year. Upon her return, Miss Downie will also be relocating to Nottingham. I am sure you join me in wishing Miss Downie safe travels and all the very best with her move to Nottingham.

Sadly, Miss Cannon has been out of school due to illness for some time. Due to this, Miss Cannon has decided to take a break from teaching to enable her to fully recover. We hope that Miss Cannon feels fully fit soon and returns to the profession at some point. A special thanks to Miss Cannon for all her work over the last 18 months with Sing and Choir Leadership.

Mrs Halling, having stepped down to working two days a week, has decided to now enjoy full retirement. Mrs Halling was responsible for launching our nursery provision 5 years ago and we have been very grateful for her expertise in Early Years education.

Mrs Edwards, having worked at Orchard Park for 10 years has decided to take on a new challenge.

All the above mentioned members of staff will be sorely missed at Orchard Park but we do, however, wish them every success in their new and differing adventures!

Leavers' Assembly



Wednesday 24th July

1:45 pm

Our final school assembly will take place on Wednesday 24th July

We will be celebrating the end of term and saying goodbye to children and staff who are leaving us.

Please come and join us if you can.

School closes at 2:30 pm

(after the assembly).

Key Dates for Autumn Term

Wednesday 4th Sept
First Day of Term

Mon 21st - Fri 25th Oct
Autumn Half Term

Monday 28th October
Autumn Term 2 Begins

Wed 18th December
Last Day of Term

Mon 6th January
First Day of Spring Term



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School Structure for 2019/2020

Nursery - Caterpillars - Mrs Fletcher
 Reception - Ladybirds - Mrs Gilhart
 Year 1 - Butterflies - Miss Taylor
 Year 2 - Bumblebees - Miss Williamson
 Year 3 - Grasshoppers - Miss Jameson
 Year 4 - Beetles - Miss Muscara
 Year 5 - Fireflies - Mr Turner
 Year 6 - Dragonflies - Mrs MacColl & Miss Coe

Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions regarding the school structure for the new academic year.

Attendance Update



I am disappointed to share that our attendance figures this year fall below the national and local benchmarks. The Local Authority and Governing Body urge that we address this in the next academic year. Below are a few reminders in relation to our Attendance Policy which can be found following this [link](#). Local Authority Guidance can also be found [here](#).

Attendance below 96% is tracked by the Education Welfare Officer.

Attendance below 90% is considered to be persistent absenteeism and is deemed to be a high level of concern with regards to

the impact it will have on pupil's outcomes. Please remember that all medical appointments need to be outside of school hours and holidays must be taken outside of term time. Please note that exceptional circumstances are one off events which are unavoidable. Examples include: death of a close relative, attending a close relative's funeral or a housing crisis. These requests are generally time limited to one day. Please be aware that requests relating to overseas extenuating circumstances will only allow for up to two days travel.

I would ask for your support, as I am confident that together we can address this attendance dip and that the school will continue to perform well in every aspect.

Silver Sporting Award

We are proud to announce that we have been awarded the Silver Mark for our PE and sporting provision. This recognises the number of competitive events that the children participated and performed well within. Thank you to Miss Coe for her successful leadership of this curricular area.

Happy Holidays

I would like to finish the year wishing you all a fantastic summer holiday and I look forward to welcoming you all back when we reopen to pupils on **Wednesday 4th September**.

June Attendance Awards



Well done to Grasshopper Class who achieved 98%

- 2nd - 96% Butterfly Class
- 3rd - 95.3% Beetle Class
- 4th - 95.1% Bumblebee Class
- 5th - 92% Ladybird Class
- 6th - 87% Firefly Class
- 7th - 83% Ladybird Class

Overall School Attendance 94%



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Teaching & Learning Partnership Event

Tuesday 17th September 2019

An opportunity to:

- Find out how you can support your child to make sure they reach age related expectations.
- Find out classroom timetables and routines.
- Explore the new academic year's curriculum.



SAVE THE DATE!



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