



Newsletter



July 2018

WINNERS!

End of Year

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff at Orchard Primary School for the amazing job they do every day. They often go above and beyond to make sure that the children have great learning opportunities and, without their dedication and support, Orchard would not be as special as it is. Working together enables the children to achieve the very best that they can so I would also like to thank parents and carers for their ongoing support, from the PTA to classroom volunteers, mums, dads, nans and grandads - a very BIG Thank You.

We are now a cash-free school, so thanks to everyone who has signed up to ParentPay. Our aim is to use Class Dojo and ParentPay to communicate effectively with you all either by message or email.

School Results

A very big Well Done! To the pupils and teachers for a great set of results across the school. As you can see from the tables below, the school has improved on last year's results and is in line with last year for KS1 Maths.

% of children reaching Age Related Expectations

| KS1 | 2017 | 2018 |
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| Reading | 67 | 79↑ |
| Writing | 67 | 69↑ |

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| Maths | 73 | 72 |
| EYFS GLD | 68 | 69↑ |
| Y1 Phonics | 73 | 76↑ |

| KS2 | 2017 | 2018 |
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| Reading | 70 | 80↑ |
| Writing | 47 | 77↑ |
| Maths | 70 | 73↑ |
| EGPS | 70 | 84↑ |
| Reading/ Writing/ Maths | 43 | 68↑ |

School Uniform

The children always look very smart when they come to school in their full school uniforms. In addition to the white polo shirts the children may wear a **royal blue** (not pale blue) polo shirt next year. Please remember that pupils should only wear black school shoes or trainers with no additional colours. PE kits – white t-shirt and black shorts and plimsolls or trainers must be worn. No extreme hairstyles, or coloured hair, no nail varnish or jewellery.

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Keeping busy during the holidays

The libraries are running a reading challenge in which we encourage all children to participate – **First Friday back: Bonus Golden Time for everyone who brings in a certificate!** Also, on LGFL, there is a fantastic Maths challenge – J2 Blast



Goodbye

This is the time of the year when we say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils, we wish them all well with their move to secondary school. They have worked really hard this year and can now look forward to the next stage of their lives. A very big thank you to all the Year 6 parents for the support and encouragement you have given to Orchard Primary School over the years. We are also saying goodbye to: Miss Brett-Smith, Mrs Clapshoe, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Marriott and Mr Taylor. Thank you all for your dedication and support.

We look forward to the annual family picnic on Friday, the last day of the school year, at 12.15 when we can all say our farewells.



School Term and Holiday Dates : 2018/19

Autumn Term 2018

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| Monday 3 September | Staff Training |
| Tuesday 4 September | Staff Training |
| Wednesday 5 September– Thursday 18th October | Autumn Term 1 |
| Friday 19 th October | Staff training |
| Monday 22 October – Friday 26 October | Half Term holiday |
| Monday 29 October – Friday 21 December | Autumn Term 2 |
| Monday 24 December – Friday 4 January | Christmas holiday |

Spring Term 2019

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| Monday 7 January 2019 | Staff Training |
| Tuesday 8 January – Friday 15 February | Spring Term 1 |
| Monday 18 February – Friday 22 February | Half Term holiday |
| Monday 25 February – Friday 5 April | Spring Term 2 |
| Monday 8 April - Monday 22 April | Easter holiday |

Summer Term 2019

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| Tuesday 23 April – Thursday 23 May | Summer Term 1 |
| Monday 6 May | Public holiday |
| Friday 24 May | Staff Training |
| Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May | Half Term holiday |
| Monday 3 June – Tuesday 23 July | Summer Term 2 |