

ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - MAY 2019

Dear Parents/ Carers



School Uniform changes for 2019/20

The School and Governors propose to change the uniform slightly from next academic year. The reason behind the uniform update is to ensure that our pupils look smart and have pride in their uniform. The children have now chosen the design for the tie and were very excited to see the finished look, as modelled here by one of our year 6 pupils!

New school Uniform (Y1-6) - in the winter, the children will continue to wear grey trousers, grey skirts or grey pinafores, along with white button up shirts and a blue and white striped tie. They may also wear a royal blue V-neck jumper or cardigan, with the school badge.

Children will wear plain black school shoes (not trainers) with white or grey socks. In the summer the uniform will be blue and white checked dresses or a short sleeve white button up shirt, with a tie, and grey shorts.

In the Nursery and Reception classes children will continue to wear tracksuit bottoms (royal blue or black), with a polo shirt (royal blue or white with school logo) and a royal blue sweatshirt with logo.

Parent Partnership Forum

The Parent Partnership forum, held on 8th May, was about the curriculum offered by Orchard Primary School. You can read the minutes and see the presentation from this event on the school's website.

SATS



Next week sees the start of KS2 SATs and we would like to wish all of our young people well. Remember - the most important thing that you can do is to try your best! Please see the letter from the Year 6 team that was sent out on ParentPay today for further details of the week.

School Clubs

We are very fortunate at Orchard Primary School to be able to offer a wide range of Extra Curricular activities. The cost of all of these activities is covered by the school. We have noticed however that a number of children ask to take part in a club, and then give up without telling anyone, or attend irregularly. Please talk to your children about this, if they decide they no longer want to attend. It would be good for their perseverance and determination if they saw the term out before giving up, and that a parent made contact with the school. We work hard at Orchard Primary to give our children the skills to be resilient.

Underfunding

I am sure you have seen the media coverage about school funding. Schools across the country are finding it more and more difficult to make ends meet. Orchard Primary has had a significant budget reduction this year, and this will impact on what we can do as a school. Please could you endeavour to help in the following ways:

- Curriculum - we aim to offer the pupils a full and exciting curriculum, and school visits and activities are an important part of the wider curriculum. We fund as much as we can ourselves, asking for as little money as possible from parents/carers. Please help us by contributing to the cost of trips, so that we can continue to go the extra mile for all of our children.
- Stationery - for the start of the next academic year, we would ask for all KS2 children to provide a small pencil case containing HB pencils, coloured pencils, a blue handwriting pen (not a biro), a glue stick, eraser, sharpener and ruler. It would also be helpful if pupils could bring in a box of tissues for their classroom.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs J Rowntree
Headteacher