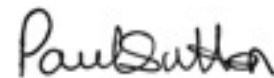


Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a good summer break and are ready for this new academic year at Orchard. We are delighted to now have a dining room which can accommodate all the children throughout lunchtime and many other areas of the school including the school hall have been redecorated. The school also had a 'Tyre Park' installed on the KS2 playground and a new all weather surface laid outside of the dining room. I would like to invite you all to an **Information Evening on Tuesday 22nd September at 7pm**, where you will hear about the school's priorities for this year and have an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher for an introductory talk about the procedures, practicalities and curriculum. Due to space this is for parents only. I do hope to see you all there.



Main Entrance into school

The 'single yellow line' on Gammons Lane outside of the main entrance is now enforced between the hours of 8.30 - 9.30 and 2.30 - 3.30. Please **DO NOT** park on this line during these times as you may get a parking ticket. If you have a blue disabled badge please display as usual.

If you are walking to school using the main entrance please **DO NOT** cut through the car park. This breaks the school's safeguarding procedures for keeping children away from moving vehicles.

Pupil Premium Funding

Your child may qualify for additional funding for the school, which can be used to subsidise school residentials, trips, uniform, clubs and provides a 'free lunch' for this children in Y3-6, if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, (providing you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

If you do qualify for these benefits please complete the form available from the school office ASAP!

Children coming into school

Please do not accompany your child into the school buildings in the mornings or afternoons. If you need to speak with a teacher, either arrange an appointment with the office or speak to them whilst they are outside of their classrooms. This is to safeguard our children - there should not be parents wondering around the school buildings without permission.



Events Happening at Orchard

Mon 21 Sept	Governing Body Meeting: 19.30 - 21.30
Tue 22 Sept	School Information Evening: 19.00 - 20.00
Weds 23 Sept	Year 3 trip: Bracknell Discovery Ccentre
Thur 15 Oct	Year 5 Tri Golf Festival, 13.00 - 15.00
Thur 15 Oct	U11 Table Tennis Competition: 16.00 - 18.00
Tue 20 Oct	Parent Consultations: 17.30 - 20.00
Thur 22 Oct	Parent Consultations: 15.40 - 18.10

Moving On 2016 (or 2017)

The school has sent a Moving On 2016 leaflet which details the secondary schools open evenings in Hertfordshire. These give a fantastic opportunity for children and parents to look around the schools and often hear from the Head teachers and other members of staff. I recommend that if your child is in Year 5 or 6 you consider looking around all the secondary schools in the area. A copy of the leaflet and other information about secondary transfer can be found at <http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/edlearn/admissions/links/infobooks/>



School Meals Catering

We continue to use Caterlink as Orchard's catering contractor. All children in Reception and KS1 will have a free school meal funded via the government's Universal Infant Free School Meal programme. **KS2 payments for meals need to be made in advance** direct to Caterlink. They use their own online payment system which enables you to have email alerts when your lunchtime credit is running out or can you can send money into the school.

