

## Welcome back

Now we have returned from the Christmas Break I would like to welcome the children and staff who have started at Orchard - I hope you have a great time with us.

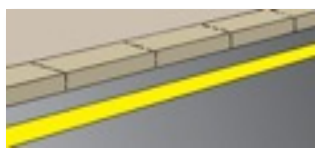
I would like to remind all our parents that school starts at 8.50 and finishes at 15.15 (Reception Children) and 15.20 for Y1-6. Nursery sessions are 8.55 - 11.55 and 12.30 - 15.30. Please drop off your children on time and collect them on time.

Attendance at school is statutory for all children aged 5 and over and the Government has increased its expectation for a child's attendance and schools will be judged on this by Ofsted! Please support the school by ensuring your child attends school every day. We will always send children home who are too poorly to continue with the day.

*Paul Sutton*

## Parking

PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE YELLOW LINES OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL on



Gammons Lane. These lines were put in by Hertfordshire Highways to protect the safety of Mrs Newlan, our School Crossing Patrol. She needs to be able to see clearly the approaching traffic to protect herself and our children. You are putting our children and Mrs Newlan at risk by parking on the yellow lines.

Please also do not block our neighbours driveways on the roads around school - this is very inconsiderate. Please be especially careful if parking on Gammons Farm Close and Churchfields. Do not park over the pavement.



## Events Happening at Orchard

<b>Mon 25 Jan</b>	Governors Meeting, 19.30
<b>Tue 26 Jan</b>	Netball Tournament @ Francis Combe, 3.30pm
<b>Thur 28 Jan</b>	Year 4 Indoor Athletics, 1pm
<b>Tue 9 Feb</b>	Class RP Assembly for Parents , 9.00
<b>Wed 10 Feb</b>	Stay and Play sessions for Nursery
<b>Thur 11 Feb</b>	PSFA Discos , after school.
<b>Tue 23 Feb</b>	School Class Photographs
<b>Wed 2 Mar</b>	Voice in a Million - Wembley Arena
<b>Thur 3 Mar</b>	Year 5 Quicksticks Hockey, 1pm
<b>Sun 13 Mar</b>	Choir singing at The Royal Albert Hall
<b>Wed 16 Mar</b>	Class RL Assembly for Parents, 9.00
<b>Wed 16 Mar</b>	Year 6 trip to Kidzania
<b>Fri 25 Mar</b>	SCHOOL CLOSED - Good Friday
<b>Mon 28 Mar</b>	SCHOOL CLOSED - Easter Monday
<b>Fri 1 Apr</b>	School finishes at 2pm - last day of term
<b>Mon 18 Apr</b>	SCHOOL OPENS - children return from the Spring Break

## Food in school

The school has to comply with the Government's Food Standards for schools. This ensures that children only receive a nutrient - balanced diet at lunchtimes and other sources of food and drink during the day are considered healthy options.

The school's policy on mid-morning snacks is that they have to be a piece of fruit or vegetable and children can either have milk or water.

At lunchtimes we strongly encourage, for the children that bring in a packed lunch, you provide a healthy balanced meal. We DO NOT allow NUTS as some children are allergic to them and may have severe reactions just from the smell! They should not have chocolate bars or sweets in them.

Please support the school and abide by our policies.



## ParentPay

This is the school's new online payment system. This now needs to be used to make all payments to the school. Use either the link below or the link from the school's website

<http://www.parentpay.com>

If you require your activation letter again please contact the school office.

