

End of Term

We are very nearly at the end of another school year, the time this year has flown by. To all the children (and parents) moving onto other schools I wish you all the best - continue your learning journey striving to achieve all that you can. The school will be holding a picnic lunch on the last day of term (July 19th), please join us if you can. The school day finishes at 2pm.

Have a great summer break - remember the school re-opens for Y1-6 on Tuesday 5th September.

Paul Burton

Diary Dates

Thur 13 Jul	Transition Day
Fri 14 Jul	Year 6 Trip: Gulliver's Land
Tue 18 Jul	Nursery Last Day with Sports Day
Wed 19 Jul	Picnic Lunch - School finishes at 14.00
Tue 5 Sept	School Begins Y1-6



2017 Summer Holiday Club

2 days of fun for children aged 5 - 11

Held at... St Mark's Church,
Leggatts Way, WD24 5ND



Tues 25th and Wed 26th Jul
THIS REPEATED ON
Tues 22nd and Wed 23rd Aug
9:30am - 2:30pm

For more information and to book you child a place, visit the holiday club page at www.litoff.org.uk



Girls' Football

Monday 19th June the girls' football team played in the semi-final of the league. Although the girls did not win, their performance throughout this tournament has been incredible. They have all grown and developed as players and they should be immensely proud of their achievements over the past year. I know I am so proud of each and everyone one of them, and I'm sure their parents are too! Well done girls, the first time a girls' team at Orchard has got to the semi-final.

Miss O'Neill



Year 2 trip to Bracknell Discovery Centre

Year 2 went to Bracknell Discovery Centre on Thursday 29th June. We got to do lots of hands on Science, and had a wonderful time. The children were all very well behaved and were a credit to Orchard.

Mrs Harrop & Mrs Herbert



Children's University

On Monday 3rd July, 33 children graduated from the Children's University with a range of accolades; the highest number of graduates we have had. It was lovely to see how proud the children were of their achievements as well as their parents and they all enjoyed an afternoon of entertainment too. It has been fantastic to see that some children are already eligible to receive another award at next year's graduation ceremony. Children can continue to add on their extra-curricular activities throughout the summer. If you would like your child to sign up to the Children's University, please let the office know. Children's University class of 2017 - we are very proud of you!

Miss O'Neill



School Garden

If you can help water the school garden during the first few weeks of the summer break please email the office admin@orchard.herts.sch.uk or carla.maule@orchard.herts.sch.uk and we will create a rota of people. Any help is welcome, the more who offer - the easier it is.

Reception Trip

On Monday 10th July Reception had a fantastic trip to Mead Open Farm. The children enjoyed feeding the goats and lambs as well as going on an exciting tractor ride! The highlight of the day had to be watching the Sheep Derby with our flags. Everybody was on their best behaviour, Mrs Pinder and Miss Woodland were very proud of them all!

Mrs Pinder and Miss Woodland



Attendance

Well done to the 39 children who will receive a certificate from Hertfordshire County Council for achieving 100% attendance this year, this was 20 more children than last year.

Below are the class attendance figures for the year, it was pleasing to see that the current Nursery and Years R, 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 attendance figures were higher this year than last year, however we must still improve the overall attendance next year.

Nursery	92.6%	Year 3	96.4%
Reception	94.1%	Year 4	96.2%
Year 1	96.3%	Year 5	97.3%
Year 2	96.0%	Year 6	96.5%

Attendance less than 90% is unacceptable as all children should be striving for 96% and above. If this applies to your child we will be monitoring their attendance very closely in the Autumn Term and if there is not an improvement you will be asked to meet with the Headteacher to explain the reasons why. This doesn't apply to low attendance due to medical or other exceptional circumstances which have been made aware to the Headteacher.

		Percentage Attendance	Nos of pupils (with marks)
ALL Years		96.3	323
Boys		96.5	157
Girls		96.0	166
Ever FSM		94.1	54
Non Ever FSM		96.7	269
In Care			0
Pupil Premium		94.2	55
Non Pupil Premium		96.7	268
Summer Born		95.9	101
Current FSM		94.8	26
Non Current FSM		96.4	297
SEN	K, A or P	96.0	37
	E or S	92.1	3
	All	95.7	40
No SEN		96.3	283
Traveller			0
Non Traveller		96.3	323
EAL		96.1	148
First Language	English	96.4	174
	Other	96.2	149
Ethnicity	White - British	96.4	112
	White - Irish	98.0	2
	Traveller of Irish heritage		0
	White Other	96.2	46
	Gypsy/Roma		0
	Italian	98.9	2
	Turkish	97.7	5
	Turkish Cypriot		0
	All White	96.5	167
	White and Black Caribbean	95.8	12
	White and Black African	95.2	2
	White and Asian	98.2	11
	Any Other Mixed Background	94.7	17
	All Mixed	95.9	42
	Black Caribbean	98.1	8
	Black - African	97.8	9
	Any Other Black Background		0
	All Black	97.9	17
	Indian	96.8	30
	Pakistani	95.1	42
	Bangladeshi		0
	Any other Asian Background	94.7	14
	All Asian	95.6	86
	Chinese		0
	Any Other Ethnic Group	96.8	11
	All Non White	96.1	156
	Information Not Yet Obtained		0
	Refused		0
Year	1	96.2	86
	2	96.0	60
	3	96.2	58
	4	96.1	60
	5	97.3	31
	6	96.3	28
All Above		96.3	323