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School Newsletter

September Update

This month, staff and pupils have been focusing on fluency and reasoning in maths. As part of our continual improvement process, we are looking to enhance our pupils' ability to efficiently recall key facts and methods, ensuring they are mathematically fluent. This is coupled with reasoning, where children are having to describe, explain, convince, justify and prove using prior knowledge to enhance their problem solving abilities. Over the year, we will be sharing the childrens' work with you and asking for your feedback. In the meantime, if you have any queries please contact your child's class teacher.

Staffing Update

Mrs MacColl is now on Maternity Leave, giving her just a few weeks to prepare for the arrival of her son. Further news regarding mother and baby will be in our next newsletter.

Curriculum Achievement and Expectation Meetings

We hope you found the curriculum year group meetings informative and that you were provided with a clear picture of the teaching and learning that will be taking place in your child's class this year. If you were unable to attend, you should have received subject overviews via your child's book bag. These are also available on the school website via 'Curriculum' which is under the 'School information' tab.

Communication

We continually strive to improve communication between home and school. Please do take the time to look at the school website for a wealth of information relevant



to your child's education. We also have a school Twitter account which is available to view on the website or alternatively for you to follow @orchardparkschool. We tweet regularly with school news and general information. Please note that we are unable to respond to questions on Twitter so please contact the school if a tweet raises any queries.

Harvest Assembly

Our Harvest Assembly is due to take place on **Thursday 4th October**. The assembly is an opportunity for the children to donate non perishable foods to those less fortunate than ourselves. This year our chosen charity is the Red Hen Project.



School Governance

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Sam James has been nominated as a Parent Governor. Mrs James is an advocate for an outstanding curriculum that meets the needs of all learners. She is driven by the inclusion agenda and wants to support the school in ensuring that all pupils make exceptional progress from their own individual starting points.



Camera, Lights, Action!

Thank you to everybody for contributions to PTFA events held over the last year. As a result, we now have high quality stage lighting in the school hall. The multi-coloured LED lights function from a control box that will be used to enhance our productions in the future. We cannot wait to put them to use!



KEY DATES

- Wed 3rd Oct**
Y6 Scott Polar Research Trip
- Fri 5th Oct**
Building Resilience Workshop - Red Hen
- Thur 11th Oct**
Y5/6 Football Tournament at Netherhall
- Fri 12th Oct**
Y1 Stay & Play
- 22nd - 26th Oct**
Half Term
- Mon 29th Oct**
Inset Day - School Closed
- Tues 30th Oct**
Autumn Term 2 Begins

Class Assemblies

Dragonfly Class



Dragonfly Class Assembly will take place on Wed 17th Oct

Firefly Class



Firefly Class Assembly will take place on Wed 21st Nov

All welcome!

School Hall at 9:10 am





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Headteacher Award

At the start of every academic year, the Headteacher Award is presented to those children who have returned to school with a determination to achieve and excel. The learning behaviour of our pupils is strong. On this occasion, the following children have been nominated:



- Caterpillars - Grace A
- Ladybirds - Joseph M
- Butterflies - Dominic B
- Bumblebees - Harry F
- Grasshoppers - Curtis D
- Beetles - Ruth D
- Fireflies - Johnny B
- Dragonflies - Luke C

Class Photographs

The photographer will be in school on **Wednesday 31st October** to take individual portrait photographs. Please make sure that your child is in school and in uniform. There will be an opportunity to purchase but without obligation.



The Importance of Punctuality

Good attendance and punctuality underpin good education. When children arrive late, they miss out on essential instructions given at the beginning of the lesson. This can significantly reduce achievement, regardless of academic ability. Your child may also feel awkward arriving to the classroom when everyone else is settled. Furthermore, when one pupil arrives late, it disrupts the entire class and the teacher. From 8.50 am, your children are expected to respond to teacher's marking, prepare books for the up and coming lesson or complete a SODA activity linked to prior or up and coming learning. Missing this every day will be to your child's detriment.

The Education Welfare Officer regularly visits our school to review attendance. As part of this, she looks at punctuality and will challenge us if a child shows a pattern of persistent lateness. In order to help promote punctuality, parents of children who regularly arrive to school after 9 am will be sent a letter advising them on how many occasions their child has arrived to school after 9 am and how many minutes of learning they have missed as a result of this. In order to avoid this, please can we ask you that your child arrives promptly to school. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

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**ORCHARD PARK
PTFA AGM & FREE FAMILY
GAMES NIGHT**

WHEN: THURSDAY 11 OCTOBER
WHERE: ORCHARD PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
TIME: 5.30 PM TO 7.15 PM

	All family members are welcome	
	FREE Cheese & wine provided Squash available	
	FREE Tea & coffee available	
	Bring your own games	

PTFA AGM & Free Family Games Night

The PTFA's AGM will take place on **Thursday 11th October** between 5:30 and 7:15 pm here at Orchard Park. The PTFA are organising a Free Family Games Night in an effort to encourage as many of you as possible to attend. There will be free cheese, wine, tea, coffee and soft drinks available. Please come along and join in the fun. Remember to bring your own favourite board games!

Helping your children to 'bounce back'

9.15 - 11.15am Friday 5th October with the Red Hen at Orchard Park Primary School
Ringfort Road, Cambridge, CB4 2GR

Building Resilience

Often, children can find it difficult 'pick themselves up' when they have experienced a difficult situation. For example, falling out with their friends or finding a school task challenging. On this workshop you will discover ways to foster resilience in your child/children.

To find out more, see if it might help you, or to book contact Maria on 07966 839 635
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