

Friday 23rd
September 2022

Scotch Orchard Newsletter



Celebration Assembly!

Well done to our celebration assembly nominees for this week. We had 5 children over the summer holidays who completed the Lichfield Summer Reading Challenge and who are now our 'Reading Gadgeteers!' This means they read six books in six weeks—it was lovely to see you all so passionate about reading for pleasure!

The other children were chosen by their teachers to achieve a 'Celebration' award as they have shown our Scotch Orchard values of 'caring', 'believing' and 'achieving' this week. We also gave a special mention to Connor O, who is the only child taking part in Lichfield Garrick's 'Priscilla: Queen of the Desert', alongside our very own Mrs Savage. We are very proud of you all!



Meet the Teacher

Thank you to all of you who attended our 'Meet the Teacher' event on Tuesday—it was wonderful to see so many of you in school, seeing the children's classrooms, looking at their work and talking to class teachers. If you missed this event, please contact the school office to receive your class newsletter.

Join our Parent Voice!

Thank you to all who attended the Parent Voice meeting last Tuesday morning. It was incredibly beneficial to meet you all, hear your views and discuss our strategies about our new behaviour policy. Parents suggested that it would be more useful if school communications were a little more specific: *what we are changing, why we are changing and how we are changing*. As a result, at our next meeting we will focus on sharing our school priorities for the coming year and the changes we are making. The meeting is week beginning 14th November—do you have time to join us?

We would love to welcome more of you in school so are keen to choose a day and time which is convenient for you all. Please complete this short survey to telling us your preferences to help us plan the date: <https://forms.office.com/r/mbGC1GfNuM>

Safe Parking

You may have noticed our local Lichfield PCSO Elaine on site at the end of the school day to monitor the parking and traffic on Scotch Orchard.

If you would like to report any inconsiderate or unsafe parking around school, please scan the QR code to the right on your smart phone or tablet. This will take you to the Staffordshire County Council's website where you can give more information about any worries you have about parking.



Communication with school

As you may have read in our newsletter last academic year, we are no longer using the Class Dojo direct messaging system. Although we will continue to use the platform for sharing whole school/class information, if you do need to contact your class teacher or a member of the Leadership Team, please ring or email the office to arrange a phone call or meeting.

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office@scotchorchard.staffs.sch.uk

Diary Dates

Reception Reading & Phonics workshop: Monday 26th September 9:00-10:30am

Year 1 Reading & Phonics workshop: Monday 3rd October 9:00-10:30am

SEND Coffee Morning: Wednesday 5th October 9:00-10:00am

Year 2 Reading & Phonics workshop: Monday 10th October 9:00-10:30am

Reception Open Evening for parents: Tuesday 11th October

Reception Stay & Play (2023 intake): Friday 14th October and Monday 17th October 1-3:00pm

Harvest Week: Donations to be sent into school by Wednesday 19th October

Year 2 Parent Harvest Lunch & Assembly: Wednesday 19th October 12:30pm

Parents Evenings: Thursday 20th October 4-6:30pm

INSET DAY: Friday 21st October

Half Term: Monday 24th—Friday 28th October

Children return to school: Monday 31st October

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Punctuality Reminder

Please note that children should arrive at school promptly, in time for an 8:55am start.

Reporting Absence

Parents are required to inform the school office by 8.45am if their child is absent by voicemail or email to: **01543227400 option 1** or **office@scotchorchard.staffs.sch.uk**

Polite Reminder

Please do not reverse onto residents' drives during drop-off and pick-up times or park on the yellow lines outside school. This causes congestion which is unsafe for the children walking to and from school. Thank you.

Food Allergies

We have some children in school who have severe allergies to anything that contains nuts. Therefore, we politely remind you and request that children do not bring food items into school that contain nuts (including any 'Nutella' based products).