



Message from the Head of School

What a difference two weeks and a whole load of Easter Eggs can make! The sun is starting to shine more brightly – and we are out on the school field at playtime – as the ground is so much drier than it has been. Please feel free to send your child with a change of shoes, if you would like them to be able to wear alternates to their school shoes whilst outside on the grass at break or lunchtime.

This week, we have welcomed Miss Egan to Nursery – and Miss Birch to Reception. It has been lovely to see the children getting to know their teachers – and seeing them happy, even though it has been a big change. The children have been amazing, showing resilience and self-confidence as they show their new teachers where things are and what they love to do during the school day. I would like to thank you all for your support as Miss Birch and Miss Egan get to know you and your children, as change can be very difficult for anyone, especially our littlest children. Please watch out for opportunities in the next weeks for Reception and Nursery parents to come into school to get to know Miss Egan and Miss Birch better.

The NEU Teaching Union are on strike again next week, but we anticipate that school will be open as usual again. On the same day, Miss Parry will be taking the Year 2 children on their local trip around Lichfield. Children will need sturdy walking shoes as they will be walking to and from the sites of interest on this visit.

On Friday afternoon, the PTA will be holding their Chocolate Bingo Event. Tickets will be sold in advance, as only 200 are available, with the remaining tickets sold on the door.

As always, I am available by email (rwarrack@scotchorchard.staffs.sch.uk), in person on the school gate or by telephone – via the office (01543 227400) for anyone who wishes to speak with me. Have a great weekend!

Dr Warrack

Monday 24th April –

8:00 - Year 6 SATs breakfast for all Y6 parents and children

Tuesday 25th April

Tempest photography – Year 6

Thursday 27th April -

NEU Teacher Strike Day

9:00 – 14:30 - Year 2 Lichfield Walk

Friday 28th April -

08:15 - Year 3 Class breakfast and Egyptian Assembly

15:30 – PTA Chocolate Bingo in the school hall – entrance by ticket only

Accessing Lichfield Foodbank

Everyone who comes to the foodbank for emergency food needs to have a valid foodbank voucher. For more information please contact us on 07833 844873 or on clientvoucher@lichfield.foodbank.org.uk.

Life Church, Netherstowe - 01543 254596

Wade Street Church - 01543 253003
Curborough Community Centre - 01543 417149





This Weeks Attendance

Reception	99.62 %
Year 1	94.62 %
Year 2	98 %
Year 3	96.15 %
Year 4	94.23 %
Year 5	92.25 %
Year 6	96.56 %

This Weeks
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superstars are:

Reception

Attendance Update

Regular, punctual attendance at school is important for your child.

Children should arrive at school in time for a 9:00am start.

Going to school regularly is important for your child's future. Parents are responsible for making sure their children receive full-time education and are legally responsible for making sure that children go to school. If your child doesn't go to school, you could get fined or prosecuted.

Please inform the school office by 9:30am if your child is absent by voicemail: on **01543 227 400** and **press option 1** to leave a message or email us at: office@scotchorchard.staffs.sch.uk.

If we do not receive notification of your child's absence, office staff will contact you to ascertain the reason for your child's absence. The office staff will persist until they have spoken to someone to confirm the reason for a child's absence.



FACT: The more time your child spends in school, the better your child's attainment.



Dates for your diary: Spring and Summer 2023

24/04/23	SATS breakfast for all Year 6 pupils and parent – please book food	Year 6
25/04/23	Tempest Photography – Year 6	Year 6
27/04/23	NEU Teacher Union – National Strike Day – School Open as usual	
27/04/23	Lichfield Walk	Year 2
28/04/23	Breakfast with parents and Egyptian Topic Class Assembly – 8:15 to 9:30/9:45am	Year 3
28/04/23	PTA Chocolate Bingo Event - Entrance by ticket only – sold in advance and rest (200 in total) available on the door	All welcome
01/05/23	BANK HOLIDAY – school closed	
02/05/23	NEU Teacher Union – National Strike Day – School Open as usual	
05/05/23	King Charles IV Coronation Celebration – Parents invited into school via the front office for afternoon tea with their child/children from 2:00pm – MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW NEXT WEEK	Whole School
05/05/23	Safety Seymour in class	Year 2
05/05/23	PTA – Parent Drop-in Session – to share ideas 14:30 – 15:20	Whole School
08/05/23	BANK HOLIDAY King Charles IV Coronation– school closed	
09/05/23 to 12/05/23	Year 6 SATs Week	Year 6
25/05/23	Year 6 SATs Celebration Trip – Drayton Manor	Year 6
26/05/23	Whole School Summer Musical Concert 14:00 – 15:15	Whole School
29/05/23	BANK HOLIDAY – school closed	
30/05/23 – 02/06/23	SUMMER HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
06/06/23 to 16/06/23	Year 4 Multiplication Times Tables Check Window	Year 4
08/06/23	TBC: EYFS Trip	Reception and Nursery
16/06/23	Breakfast with parents and Anglo-Saxon/Viking Topic Assembly 09:00	Year 4
22/06/23	Breakfast with parents and Topic Class Assembly – 8:15 for Breakfast; 9am for assembly	Year 5
23/06/23	Weston School trip	Year 1
30/06/23	Tamworth Castle School trip	Year 4
03/07/23	Sports Day 9:15 – 11:30	EYFS
06/07/23	Music Service Concert 14:30	Year 3 and Year 5
12/07/23	KS1 and KS2 Sports Day 9:00 – 12:00; Picnic on the Field; 13:00 Summer Fayre	KS1 and KS2
13/07/23	Big Sleepover	Year 3
17/07/23	Leavers Performance 18:00	Year 6
18/07/23	Leavers Party - venue TBC 18:00	Year 6
21/07/23	Year 6 Graduation – 09:00 – 10:00	Year 6
24/07/23	Training day – school closed	
25/07/23	SUMMER HOLIDAY	

Please look out next week for more information about our King Charles' IV Coronation Celebration (Friday 5th May)



Football Report



On Thursday afternoon, we were delighted to host St Chad's Primary School Football Team at Scotch Orchard. We played two football games against their teams, providing the majority of our footballers with the chance to play some football. This was a tremendous evening of sport with two very competitive games played and we are delighted to announce that both games ended with Scotch Orchard winning 2-1.

Scotch Orchard started the game in the best way, with Harry scoring a goal from a half volley, which slotted into the top corner of the net from his original shot, within the first minute of the game. Following this, the game was extremely competitive, with St Chad's putting the pressure on, and forcing Carter to make an excellent save to stop the score from being levelled. Scotch Orchard continued to look dangerous, with Daisy creating chances and causing their defenders problems down the left wing. Unfortunately, a well-placed strike into the bottom corner from St Chad's made it 1-1. The second half started the same way as the first half, with a competitive nature and chances occurring at both ends. Towards the latter stages of the second half, Ollie had a long range shot from the half way line that rebounded off the keeper and Mason was there to tap the ball home; therefore, making it 2-1 to Scotch Orchard with just 5 minutes left. Scotch Orchard managed to hold on to the final whistle, despite a lot of pressure from the committed St Chad's players.

The second game featured 7 new outfield players. However, the competitive nature of the game was no different, with two very even teams doing themselves proud with the quality of football being played. It was a game with very few chances available, due to the quality of the defence from both sides. At half time it was 0-0. Scotch Orchard's first goal came from Clemmie winning the ball back in midfield and passing the ball to Abi, who managed to find Ava with a pass that dissected the St Chad's defenders, leaving Ava to calmly finish in the bottom corner. The second goal was the star of the show with Phoebe's wonder strike from the half way line, nestling into the bottom corner of the goal. The celebrations that followed really showed this team's togetherness and you could feel and see the joy coming from all the players!

We are all so proud of everyone who represented Scotch Orchard on Thursday. Everybody performed fantastically well and showed our 'caring' school value throughout, with their impeccable behaviour and sportsmanship. A massive thank you to Mr Coupland for refereeing the game! We would also like to thank St Chad's for coming to Scotch Orchard to play the fixture as well as our kit sponsors, **Lichfield City Community Football**, **JDR DRIVEWAYS** and **Black Country Boxing** for providing the wonderful Scotch Orchard football kit. Finally a huge thank you to all the parents who came to support the children, it is really appreciated.





Our PTA Latest News

PTA NEWSLETTER

FRIENDS OF SCOTCH ORCHARD
KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE.

FRIDAY 21ST APRIL



The money a PTA raises is usually used to fund resources or experiences that enrich pupils' education.

It's important for a PTA to take ownership of its funds and work with the school to decide what to buy, rather than handing over a cheque to be incorporated into general school funds. Your committee should ensure the money is spent appropriately and in line with what your members and donors would expect.

Scotch Orchard PTA would like the opportunity for the committee, parents and pupils to offer suggestions too: provide a suggestion box that's accessible to all in the school hall on Friday 5th May.

Everyone is a member



The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is a key date in the PTA calendar, giving members a chance to review the past year and vote in a new committee. AGM was successful on 30th March 2023.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair~ Lucy Worrall (Yr 1 & 5)

Secretary~ Joelle Booth-Davis (N & Yr 2)

Treasurer~ Nicky Scott (Yr1)



A PTA is a group of volunteer parents and teachers who work together to make their school a better environment for children to learn. They raise extra funds through a wide range of fun and creative initiatives, events, and much, much more.



PTA NEWSLETTER

Friend of scotch orchard keeping you up to date.



Are you free on Wednesday 12th July.

Do you know anyone who can help or give us their time and talent.

All our volunteers and stall holders will receive free refreshment.

Sharing stalls also helps, so you can still explore the fayre.

Access to printer and laminater?

Be our graphic designer



We would like someone to help with signs and posters we need to make for events. Such as price signs for tuck shop. Size and age signs for pre loved uniform event.



Having a sort out? Uniform that doesn't fit anymore but too good to bin? Please donate to school.



Clean, washed, ironed and de-labelled uniform dropped off to school hall via playground on Friday 5th May. Thankyou

Do any parents have any specific roles or skills in...



Photo booth

Plant sale

Small business's

Singers or buskers

Up Coming Events

Chocolate Bingo- Friday 28th April.

Ideas Vote- Friday 5th May

Pre-Loved Uniform sale- June

Summer Fayre- 12th July

Annual Meeting- September

Enrichment day for pupils- September

Pumpkin Competition- October

Half term Disco- October

Christmas Movie Night- December

Gazebo or Marquee

Have you got a gazebo or Marquee, we can borrow please !

On the day of the summer fayre, Wednesday 12th July.



If you can help, however big or small. We would be greatful of your time and skills.

Please email- scotchorchardpta@gmail.com
Or Message Lucy Worrall- 07581510459



Behaviour Recognition Award



Congratulations to Iris for being awarded the very first Scotch Orchard Primary School 'Behaviour Recognition' Award, for her exemplary behaviour this week. This is a brand new, special award which will be given to one child each week.

Mrs Tomlinson is so incredibly proud of Iris for always being so polite in class, giving her very best effort during lessons and showing our Scotch Orchard values each and every day.

It was a pleasure to congratulate her in our celebration assembly on Friday morning.

Well done, Iris!

Academic Recognition Awards

From next week, teachers will also be awarding Certificates in each year group to recognise the academic achievements of our fantastic children across school. Awards are not necessarily presented for high achievement, but rather in recognition of the progress or effort that children have made in their daily learning.

Tonight's last minute sporting news!

Congratulations to our fabulous Scotch orchard Netball Team, who we have just heard have won their match this evening at St Peter and St Paul's Primary School 3-1. Thanks to our fabulous parents who were able to transport the team to the match after the minibus booking was cancelled at the last minute. Thanks also to Mrs Parry for training and leading the team to success.

We can't wait for their next match!



Scotch Orchard Pupils represent football on the Aston Villa Pitch!

I am delighted to share with you all the news that some of our talented Year 6 pupils - Daisy, Ava, Phoebe and Clemmie (Bella was on holiday) - were all mascots for Aston Villa Women v Chelsea on Sunday 16th April 2023. The game was live on BBC and can be watched via the iPlayer.





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