



Message from the Head of School

With only a week left until half term – my thoughts turn towards those children who may find change trickier than others, and who may becoming more anxious as the holiday approaches. If you are worried about your child, please do speak to your child's teacher or to myself, Miss Sturch or Mr Chapman so that we can help support your child with the transition into the half term holiday.

This week, our Year 2 children have demonstrated boundless resilience and determination as they have continued to face the challenges that National tests (Y2 SATs) pose. They have made us all so incredibly proud – demonstrating how fantastic they all are. Whether they found the tests easier or harder – they gave their very best efforts – did not give up and have worked incredibly hard. Well done to you all! You are all AMAZING!

Congratulations must also go to our wonderful award winners for this week. In our celebration assembly on a Friday, we choose two children from each class who have shone with their classwork for our 'Academic Recognition Awards' to celebrate success and achievement. We also recognise someone in school each week for their exceptional effort to make the right choices with the 'Scotch Orchard Behaviour Recognition Award' – look out for their smart yellow badge that we hope they will wear with Immense pride to show they have received this great accolade.



Next Week

Wednesday 24th May –

Netball Tournament @
Greysbrooke School

Thursday 25th May –

Year 6 Drayton Manor Visit

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



Contact information

As always, I am available by email (rwarrack@scotchorchard.staffs.sch.uk), on the school gate or by telephone (01543 227400) for anyone who wishes to speak with me.

Have a great weekend!

Dr R Warrack

Dr Warrack



This Weeks Attendance

Reception	98.49 %
Year 1	85.38 %
Year 2	96.92 %
Year 3	93.57 %
Year 4	94.29 %
Year 5	91.43 %
Year 6	95.62 %



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

24/05/23	Year 5/6 Netball Tournament at Greysbrooke Primary School 15:30	Year 5 and Year 6
25/05/23	Year 6 SATs Celebration Trip – Drayton Manor	Year 6
29/05/23	BANK HOLIDAY – school closed	
30/05/23 – 02/06/23	SUMMER HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
05/06/23 to 16/06/23	Year 4 Multiplication Times Tables Check Window	Year 4
12/06/23 – 16/06/23	Phonics Screening Check administration window	Year 1 (selected Y2 children)
12/06/23	PTA Event – Preloved Uniform Swap and Preloved Book Swap – Chat with friends and family in the school hall, with tea, coffee and cake/biscuits available to buy. Donations for books or uniform also welcome – 14:00 – 16:00 (approx)	Whole school
16/06/23	Breakfast with parents and Anglo-Saxon/Viking Topic Assembly 09:00	Year 4
21/06/23	Football Tournament with local schools – at Scotch Orchard 15:30 – 17:30	
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
26/06/23	Engage Youth Mentoring – Y6 to Y7 Transition Workshop	Year 6
27/06/23 to 28/06/23	King Edward VI Y7 Transition Days	Year 6
27/06/23	Girls Football Match at Ridgeway Primary School 15:30 – 16:30	Year 5/6
30/06/23	Tamworth Castle School trip	Year 4
03/07/23	EYFS Sports Day 9:15 – 11:30	EYFS
04/07/23	ATLP Awards at Drayton Manor Park – Invited children and their families only	Invited children/families
05/07/23	SEND Transition picnics – KS1 – invited children only	Invited children
06/07/23	Year 4 at Netherstowe (Sports Day) – attendees to be confirmed	Year 4
06/07/23	Music Service Concert 14:30	Year 3 and Year 5
07/07/23	EYFS Twycross Zoo trip	Reception and Nursery
07/07/23	Year 5 and 6 Careers Event – at Scotch Orchard	Year 5 and 6
07/07/23	REPORTS ISSUED TO ALL PARENTS TODAY	Whole school
10/07/23	TBC: New Reception Parent meeting 18:00 to 19:00	New Reception parents
11/07/23	SEND Transition picnics – KS2 - invited children and their families only	Invited children/families
11/07/23	Parent opportunity to discuss reports (Timings TBC - 15:15 to 18:15)	Whole School
12/07/23	KS1 and KS2 Sports Day 9:00 – 12:00; Picnic on the Field; 13:00 PTA Summer Fayre	KS1 and KS2
13/07/23 to 14/07/23	Big Sleepover on the field	Year 3
14/07/23	Nursery Stay and Play for new children and parents/families - 11:00 to 12:00	New Nursery families
14/07/23	Leavers Performance 14:00	Year 6
17/07/23	Meet your new teacher day	Whole School
17/07/23	Leavers Performance 18:00	Year 6
18/07/23	Leavers Party - venue TBC 18:00	Year 6
19/07/23	Y6 Leavers Lunch – 13:00	Year 6
21/07/23	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony – 09:00 – 10:00 – parents invited	Year 6
24/07/23	Training day – school closed	Whole School
25/07/23	SUMMER HOLIDAY	Whole School



Please remember we are a nut free school. Please do not send any food into school that contains nuts. This includes any Nutella products. This is to protect any pupils or staff who may have nut allergies – as contact with nuts for someone who is allergic can have fatal consequences. Thank you for your consideration.

Safe Parking

If you would like to report inconsiderate or unsafe parking around school, including parking on pavements in nearby roads, please scan the QR code on your smartphone 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 local parking.



Trim Trail Notice

Please do not allow your children onto the trail at the end of the day. We have a robust risk assessment which states that children should be supervised by a trained member of school staff whilst on the trim trail, and due to discussions with parents and children as they are being dismissed, we cannot ensure these measures are in place.

Thank you for your co-operation.





Football at St Michael's

The boys from our football team attended a small football tournament at St Michael's school on Wednesday afternoon (a girls' game is being organised for after half term). The children, as always, represented the school brilliantly and wore the Scotch Orchard football kit with pride.

We played two games in total, losing one and drawing the other. Against St Michael's, we were unlucky, with Harry and Jacob both hitting the post with excellent strikes. A superb performance from Will, Joe and Mason prevented St Michael's from scoring any more goals towards the end of the second half. In our second game against Five Spires, the children earned a superb 0-0 draw. Once again, we were unlucky, as the opposition had an excellent goalkeeper who saved many of our team's strikes at goal. Zac and Ollie played brilliantly in midfield, controlling the game and working hard to support the defence and attack. However, we must make a special mention to our captain of the day, Carter, who made several excellent saves and led the team with pride.

Once again, Mr Chapman and Mr Burns were delighted with the way the children performed and worked as a team in some challenging matches.

Well done Scotch Orchard Football Team!





Message for parents: WhatsApp

We have become increasingly aware this week that many children in our school have been using the social media app, WhatsApp. We understand that, in our modern society, many families use this as a tool to communicate with blended families, even though the app is for children aged 16+. However, we would recommend families to spend time reading the attached pictures with information about WhatsApp. It has come to our knowledge that some children have been communicating with each other outside of school via WhatsApp both individually and via group chats. We ask for children to refrain from using WhatsApp as a communication tool with each other. As always, can we ask parents to regularly monitor their children's mobile phone usage and to contact the school office if you have any concerns or queries. Thank you for your continued co-operation.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know About WHATSAPP

WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, and making voice and video calls. The app offers end-to-end encryption, meaning messages can only be read by the sender and the recipient(s). Not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 reportedly caused millions of users to leave the app. But the new policy was widely misinterpreted: it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

16+
in UK & EU;
12+ rest of world.

'Prize Scams'
WhatsApp users occasionally receive messages from unauthorised third parties or fraudsters pretending to offer prizes – encouraging recipients to click a link to win. A common scam involves a warning that someone's WhatsApp subscription has run out, aiming to dupe them into disclosing payment details. Other scams include instructions to forward a message to earn a gift or reward.

Enabling Fake News
WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India, some outbreaks of mob violence were reported to have been sparked by false allegations shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Connections with Strangers
To start a WhatsApp chat, you need the mobile number of the person you want to message (they also need to have the app). WhatsApp can also access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts use WhatsApp. If your child has given their mobile number to somebody they don't know, that person could then use it to get in touch via WhatsApp.

Disappearing Messages
With 'disappearing messages', users can send messages that vanish from WhatsApp after seven days. A new feature also erases photos and videos from chats after they've been viewed. These files can't be saved or forwarded on, making monitoring what children are discussing problematic – and if someone sent your child an inappropriate message, it would be difficult to prove. Content can be reported to WhatsApp, however, ensure your child knows how to do this.

'Only Admins' and Cyberbullying
Group chats and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admins' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

Live Location Sharing
The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." Indeed, it is a useful method for a child to let loved ones know they are safe. But if your child is in a chat with people they don't know, it means they will be exposing their location to them, too.

Advice for Parents & Carers

Report Potential Scams
Advise your child not to engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they will be given the option to report that number as spam. They can also report a contact or a group as spam by tapping on the contact or group name to open their profile and scrolling down to 'report spam'.

Create a Safe Profile
Even though someone would need your child's phone number to add them as a contact, as an extra precaution it's worth altering your young one's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody'. Choosing one of the latter two ensures their profile is protected.

Use Location Features Sparingly
If your child needs to use 'live location' to show you or their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives 'live location' options of 15 minutes, one hour or eight hours. However, your child can manually choose to stop sharing their position at any time.

Fact-Check Messages
You can now fact-check messages that have been forwarded at least five times in WhatsApp, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was accurate or not. It's a good way to encourage young people to question things they see online.

Explain about Blocking
If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list – they would also need to be deleted from the device's address book. The option to block someone is on their contact info screen.

Leave a Group
If your child is part of a group chat that makes them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they no longer want to be part of, show them how to use the group's settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once; if they leave a second time, it is permanent.

Delete Accidental Messages
If your child has posted a message in the wrong chat or sent a message that they immediately regret, they can delete it. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone'. WhatsApp allows seven minutes to delete a message after it's sent – but it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.



PTA NEWSLETTER

FRIENDS OF SCOTCH ORCHARD
KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE.

FRIDAY 19TH MAY

THE PTA Scotch Orchard Primary SUMMER RAFFLE!



WE ARE KINDLY ASKING COMPANY'S AND
BUSINESS'S TO DONATE TO OUR RAFFLE

If you are in a position to
donate or can spread the word
on us wishing for raffle prizes,
we will be grateful for the
help.

We look forward to having a
raffle this summer !

Your Children
Will Be Proud
Of It.

Get Involved,
Be In The Know

The Children
Will Benefit
From It.

Many Hands
Make Light
Work.

Meet New
Friends!!

You'll
Feel Good
About It.

*Everyone is a
member*

Next meeting
Monday
22nd May 2023
8Pm
via Zoom

Meeting ID: 738 2489 3407
Passcode: p1sPGFd

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair~ Lucy Worrall (Yr 1 & 5)

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

Treasurer~ Nicky Scott (Yr1)

UP COMING EVENTS

Half Term ~ Fund-Raisins
Monday 12th June ~ Pre-Loved
Uniform & Pre-Loved Books Event
TBC ~ After School Ice Cream Sale
Wednesday 12th July ~ Summer
Fayre



PTA NEWSLETTER

Friend of scotch orchard keeping you up to date.



Wednesday 12th July.
After sports day & Picnic.



At the end of June we will be requesting for donations of Jolly Jars, Wine and Tombola items of new/unwanted gifts. All used for fun games at the summer fayre.

Could anyone lend us a clothes rail?



Please save any Pre-Loved books for the event on Monday 12th June

Chocolate
Bingo Raised
£185
Thankyou

Why not help in something the PTA are doing this summer, however big or small we appreciate helpers. And it's Great Fun !

Any questions or queries Please get in touch email-
scotchorchardpta@gmail.com
Or Message Lucy Worrall- 07581510459



Clean, washed and de-labelled uniform. Dropped off to school office. Large, green collection basket in doorway. Thankyou



This also includes P.E kits, shoes, coats.