



Newsletter



Message from the Head of School

What a packed week we have had for the last week of this half term!

The weather has improved and the sun has shone brightly this week. In light of this, after half term please consider applying sun-cream for your child before they leave for school, and send them to school with a sunhat or cap to keep the sun off their face whilst they are outside.

The warmer weather means that we are able to spend breaks and lunchtimes outside on our fabulous field. If your child suffers from hay-fever, this can be a trickier time of year. You can send anti-histamines (such as Piriton), which have been prescribed by the doctor for your child's hay-fever, into school if they may need a top-up of medication during the day – although many doctors can prescribe once-a-day tablets that can help stop your child from experiencing the unpleasant symptoms of hay-fever at bay throughout the day. If you do wish to bring medicine into school, please bring your medication in the original box with the label from the pharmacist on, so that we can see the required dosage for your child. You will need to fill in a medication form at the office, so that we have your permission to administer the medicine.

You may also want to send an extra bottle of drink into school as the weather warms up. It is extremely important to keep children hydrated – as this is vital in order for children to learn effectively.

It was wonderful to see how much fun the Year 6 children had at Drayton Manor Park on Thursday. I was delighted to hear how splendidly they behaved – although I expected nothing less – and I have heard about their adventures and escapades – what a fitting treat after so much hard work!

As the half-term holiday is now ahead – thoughts may turn to holiday adventures or visiting friend and families, going to the park or sporting activities. I hope that everyone stays safe and look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 5th May.

The times Tables check window opens and if your child is in Year 4, they will take the check at some point over the following two weeks (5th to 16th June). Daily time on the APP - Times Tables Rockstars –would be a great way for the children to keep their times tables skills up to speed over the half term holiday. Watch out for the PTA pre-loved uniform and book swap in the second week too – starting at 2pm in the school hall on Monday 12th June.

Monday 29th May

Please place your lunch orders for the week beginning 5th June by the end of today

Monday 5th June

Back to school

Monday 5th June – 16th June

Year 4 Multiplication Times Tables Check Window

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	90.23 %
Year 1	93.94 %
Year 2	97.69 %
Year 3	88.21 %
Year 4	84.86 %
Year 5	89.29 %
Year 6	96.88 %

This Weeks
attendance
superstars are:

Year 2

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

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 14/03/23	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



Year 6 trip to Drayton Manor

Our wonderful Year 6s have worked so hard this half term. To celebrate their achievements and the end of their SATs assessment, we booked a special trip to Drayton Manor on Thursday 25th May.



The children, unsurprisingly, behaved fantastically. All staff who attended the trip commented on how kind and understanding the children were. We saw them allowing families with young children and pushchairs ahead of them in queues and we also saw all of the children encouraging each other beautifully.



What is so wonderful about a trip to Drayton Manor with the children, is seeing them challenge themselves and test their comfort zones. Every child who attended came away with a big smile on their face, beaming with pride at fears they had conquered. Year 6, we tell you this all the time, but you should all be so proud of yourselves. Enjoy a nice break before your final half term of Primary School.

Trim Trail

In last week's edition of the newsletter, we asked parents to refrain from allowing their children to use the Trim Trail at the end of the school day.

However, we are still seeing children freely using the equipment after school. We have a robust risk assessment which states that children must 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. The trim trail is therefore closed to all children at the end of the school day.

This is because school has a duty of care to ensure the safety of all of our children at Scotch Orchard, which is why there is a robust risk assessment in place.



Although we know that the trim trail equipment is extremely enticing and the children really want to play, please can we ask you to support us at school to keep your children safe by preventing them from using the equipment at the end of the day.

This will be greatly appreciated - we particularly do not want anyone to get hurt.

Thank you.



Netball success

On Wednesday 24th May, we took 11 of the netball players to Greysbrooke Primary School for a mini tournament. We played competitive matches against Greysbrooke and St Michael's. The children represented the school brilliantly and all did themselves proud. We finished 2nd and 3rd in the tournament, entering two teams. The children all played with great flair and confidence, showing great teamwork.

A special shout out must go to Erin and Stella, who were noticed by other schools for their encouragement and performance. Mr Burns and Mr Chapman also found it hard to not notice Eleanor, who was so supportive to all children, whether she was playing or spectating. Well done to all Year 5/6 netball players and a big thank you to Mrs Parry for organising the event.



Peter Pan: The musical

Lights, camera, action! Year 6s production of 'Peter Pan' is officially underway. The children have been given their roles and their scripts and have also started practicing the songs. We have an exciting final half term ahead of us and we cannot wait to present the amazing talent that Year 6 have to offer. Please can we ask Year 6 parents to rehearse lines with their children over the half term. A reminder that we have two performances scheduled for Friday 14th July and Monday 17th July. Second star to the right, and straight on till morning!



MARTIAL MOVEMENT 360

Martial Art Classes

The Friary School, Lichfield

For juniors, teens and adults
of all abilities and goals

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yourself through martial arts

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a free
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Self control

Fitness



PTA NEWSLETTER

Friend of scotch orchard keeping you up to date.

PTA Pre-Loved School Uniform



scotchorchardpta@gmail.com



We are very proud to offer a Pre-Loved Uniform Event.

Also Pre-Loved books !

At Scotch Orchard School in the hall.

Monday 12th June

2pm-4pm

Feel free to come along for a tea or coffee and a natter.

Donations welcome.

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



RAISING FUNDS FOR THE CHILDREN TO HAVE A SHED WITH PLAYGROUND TOYS INSIDE.

**Chocolate
Bingo Raised
£185
Thankyou**



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

And book donations dropped off here too.

Thankyou

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





PTA NEWSLETTER

**DON'T FORGET TO
BRING YOUR BOXES
BACK INTO SCHOOL
AFTER HALF TERM**

FUND-RAISINS

FOR 2023



**THE CHALLENGE IS TO
EAT YOUR RAISINS
AND TO FILL YOUR
BOX WITH AS MUCH
MONEY AS YOU CAN
BY 1ST JUNE**

(Can you aim for £20.23)

The class that
collectively raise the
most money will
receive an extra
playtime in school
and ice lollies!

**AND a prize for the
individual with the
most creative
fundraising idea.**

IDEAS

Chores for change
Sponsored silence
Dog walking
Old toy sale
Bake sale
Sponsored run
Sell your art
Car wash
Anything you like.

All proceeds from this event
will go towards....New
breaktime play equipment!

Please make sure your raisin
box has your child's names,
class and amount raised
clearly written on the box.



Scotch Orchard
Play ground

After school on a
Friday, The PTA are
selling ice creams

COMING SOON