



Scotch Orchard Primary School

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Summer Term Newsletter - May 2021

With summer just around the corner and a feeling of hope and optimism in the air, we are pleased to be looking forward and planning some exciting opportunities for the children next half term. It was with a heavy heart that we missed out on key Summer events last year due to lockdown, so we are delighted to be organising internal events such as our annual Sports' Days and Y6 Leavers' Performance, which will be held with one bubble at a time. While we are unable to invite parents on site, we are exploring ways for you to be there virtually.



Construction on our exciting new Trim Trail will begin on 7th June, ready for the children to enjoy from early July. We know they will love it!

Please make a note of a change to the last day of term: Tuesday 20th July.

Wishing you all a wonderful sun-filled half term holiday. Have fun and stay safe.

Mrs Bishop, Headteacher



Operational Procedures

Thank you for your continued support in adhering to our safety procedures onsite, despite restrictions easing in the community.

Our current procedures at arrival and collection times, including our social distancing measures and the wearing of a facemask whilst on school premises, will remain until the end of the Summer Term.

Currently, there are no plans to alter these guidelines, but they are under constant review and we will inform you immediately of any changes.

Important end of term date changes

Please make a note of the following changes to the end of term:

Tuesday 20th July - last day of term.

School will close to pupils at normal staggered timings.

Wednesday 21st July - INSET (school closed).

This is rescheduled from 16th March.

For full diary dates for the next academic year, please see overleaf.

Absences and late arrivals

Since the introduction of our new electronic sign-in system, we have seen a significant improvement in children arriving on time. Thank you for your support with the new procedure.

Ensuring your child arrives promptly for the start of their school day has so many benefits, including enabling them to settle calmly into their classroom ready for a productive day of learning ahead. We will continue to monitor arrival times and contact individual families to offer further support as necessary.

Please remember, we are always here to help. If you are experiencing any difficulties, do speak to the Office Team, your child's class teacher or the Leadership Team.

Transition arrangements for the 2021/22 academic year

Our usual transition activities will be taking place during the last week of term, when children will get to know their new teacher for the next academic year.

This year, the children will remain in their current classroom and their new teacher will visit them to take part in lots of fun activities. Details of your child's next class teacher will be communicated to you towards the end of term.

For children moving into the next phase of their learning (Reception to KS1 and Year 2 to KS2), there will be additional transition opportunities for you to engage in, as we know it can be a worrying time for children. More details will follow next half term.

Covid reporting during Half Term

Gov.uk have asked schools to continue with contact tracing over half term. For the purpose of contact tracing, parents and carer need only inform us if a pupil 'tests positive within 2 days of the child being in their education setting'. It is important that you use covid19@scotchorchard.staffs.sch.uk and not the office email as it is not monitored during the break. Parents are asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst at school. If symptoms develop after 2 days, you do not need to inform us. Where pupils test positive for Covid-19 more than 2 days since being at school, you will only need to inform us if they will be self-isolating when we return on 7th June. Please follow the contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.



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ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/22 DIARY DATES

AUTUMN TERM 2021

INSET Days (school closed to pupils):

- Thursday 2nd September
- Friday 3rd September
- Friday 22nd October
- Monday 29th November

Term starts: Monday 6th September

Half term: Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October

Term ends: Friday 17th December

SPRING TERM 2022

INSET Days (school closed to pupils):

- Tuesday 4th January
- Friday 18th February
- Friday 8th April

Term starts: Wednesday 5th January

Half term: Monday 21st February – Friday 25th February

Term ends: Thursday 7th April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 17th April

Easter Monday: Monday 18th April

SUMMER TERM 2022

INSET Day (school closed to pupils):

- Friday 1st July

Term starts: Monday 25th April

May Bank Holiday: Monday 2nd May

Half term: Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June

Term ends: Friday 22nd July

Summer Holiday: Monday 25th July – Friday 2nd September