

Friday 16th
September 2022

Scotch Orchard Newsletter



Hello to Early Years!

It was wonderful to welcome our Nursery and Reception classes into our Scotch Orchard family this week. Miss Haywood, Miss Badger and Mr Coupland are very proud of how all the children have adapted to their new routines and settled into our Early Years setting. It has been a pleasure to see so many smiling faces each day! Well done, Early Years.



Meet the Teacher

On **Tuesday 20th September, from 5:30pm-6:30pm**, we will be running a 'Meet the Teacher' drop-in session for parents. At this time, you and your children are invited into school to visit your child's classroom, meet the teacher and ask any questions you might have. You will also receive a 'Welcome' handout that includes further information about PE days, uniform and homework.

As this will run as a drop-in session, if you have multiple children of different year groups, you will be able to visit each classroom within the course of the hour.

We look forward to seeing you!

Big Issue: Poverty

This week across school, pupils in Years 1-6 have been looking at our first 'Big Issue' topic: Poverty. These 'Big Issues' topics are an opportunity for the children to develop their knowledge and understanding of the wider world within their classrooms. Our Pupil Voice members had a meeting with Miss Sturch where they created an assembly to summarise what they had been learning



Join our Parent Voice!

As you may have read in our newsletter last week, we are launching a 'Parent Voice' team that will meet half termly with the Leadership Team to discuss our vision and plans for the upcoming year. The first parent voice meeting has been scheduled for **9am on Tuesday 20th September**.

If you have not already signed up but wish to, please [register your interest here](#).

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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Diary Dates

School Closed: Monday 19th September

Parent Voice: Behaviour Tuesday 20th September 9:00am

Meet the Teacher: Tuesday 20th September 5:30pm-6:30pm

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' Evening: 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

Parents' Evening: Thursday 3rd November 4-6:30pm

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. If you are concerned with any parking issues near to school, we encourage you to register your this directly with Staffordshire Highways: <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Highways/Parking-and-enforcement/On-Street-Parking/Problem-parking/No-traffic-regulation-orders/Parking-near-to-schools.aspx>

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).