

Friday 7th
October 2022

Scotch Orchard Newsletter



Welcome to Ms Edwards!

This week we have welcomed Ms Edwards to our Office Team as our school administration assistant. She will be in the school office alongside Mrs Godber over the next few weeks to help answer any queries that you may have.



SEND Coffee Morning

We had our first SEND Coffee Morning this week. It was a wonderful way for our SENCO, Mrs Spires, to connect with parents and answer any questions. These will run regularly every each term. The next meeting is at **9am** on the **25.01.22**. We look forward to welcoming you.



School Advocate Roles

We still have vacancies for our school advocate roles as publicised in last week's newsletter. We are looking for people who are excited to help us deliver the very best for our children, their families and our community, and are particularly hopeful that parents may be willing to step forward into these roles. Training for all roles will be provided but what is most important, is your willingness to commit time, energy and care towards the school community.

Thank you to those who have already expressed an interest, Mrs Bishop will be in touch with you next week with further information. If you are interested in finding out more about the roles, **please contact the school office** to arrange an appointment with Mrs Bishop to discuss your interest.

Join our Parent Voice!

Our next meeting of the Parent Voice team will be organised week beginning 14th November. Some of you were experiencing difficulties with last week's link but it has now been reset. Please indicate your preferences here: <https://forms.office.com/r/mbGC1GfNuM>

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Emotion Coaching Workshop

Thank you to those of you who attended the Emotion Coaching Workshop on Wednesday with Mrs Spires and Mrs Bishop this week. We learnt what emotion is, why it is successful and how it can be used to support children in school.

If you missed our workshop, please don't worry, we intend repeating our workshop later this term. Please look out for further information next week but in the meantime, here is a link to the information booklet handed to all who attended.:

<https://tinyurl.com/3ajmsy2t>

Join our PTA

We are looking to expand our Parent-Teacher Association this year. Being a part of our Scotch Orchard PTA is much more than simply fundraising. It provides closer links between home and school and it is an excellent way to bring staff, parents and friends together socially in support of the school, working towards a common goal. If you are interested in volunteering, please register your interest at the school office.

Safe Parking

If you would like to report any inconsiderate or unsafe parking around school, please scan the QR code to the right on your smart phone or tablet. This will take you to the Staffordshire County Council's website where you can give more information about the concerns you have.



Communication with school

A polite reminder that we are no longer using the Class Dojo direct messaging system to communicate with individual parents. However, we do continue to use the platform for sharing whole school and class information. If you need to contact your class teacher or any other member of staff, we urge you to contact the school office in order to arrange a personal phone call or face to face meeting.

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Diary Dates

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 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' Evenings: 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' Evenings: Thursday 3rd November 4-6:30pm

Worry workshop for pupils: Tuesday 8th November

Year 5 trip to Albert Hall: Wednesday 9th November

Year 2 trip to Think Tank: Friday 11th November

Year 6 Parent Breakfast & Remembrance Assembly: Friday 11th November at 9:00am

Anti-bullying workshop for pupils: Monday 14th November

Year 3 Reading workshop for parents: Monday 14th November at 9:00am

Year 4 Reading workshop for parents: Monday 21st November at 9:00am

PD DAY (School is closed for Pupils): Monday 28th November

Attendance Update

Regular, punctual attendance at school is important for your child. Children should arrive at school in time for an 8:55am start.

Please inform the school office by 8.45am if your child is absent by voicemail or email to: [01543227400 option 1](tel:01543227400) or office@scotchorchard.staffs.sch.uk. If we do not receive notification of your child's absence, office staff will need to contact you to ascertain a reason.

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. Thank you.

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).