



DATES TO REMEMBER

- 27th September
Macmillan Cancer
Coffee Morning
- 4th October
KS1 Library van
- 6th October
P6/7 Cross
Country
(Lurgan Park)
- 12th October
School photos
- 18th October
KS2 Library van
- 20th October
Sponsored Walk
Boys' Football
tournament
- 23rd - 26th Oct.
Parent/Teacher
interviews
- 27th October
Nursery Open
Afternoon 1- 2 pm
- 30th - 3rd Nov
Half-Term

Welcome
Back To
School



Nursery

P1/P2



P2/P3



P4/P5



P5/P6



P6/P7



WELCOME

Welcome to our new edition of the Orchard County Newsletter. Two newsletters will be produced per term to keep parents updated with what is happening in school. In our quest to again become an officially recognised Eco School we are aiming to reduce the amount of paper we use. Therefore, future newsletters will be available on the new school website and paper copies will only be available in the office for those who have difficulty accessing these.

Our new P1 and nursery pupils have all settled in very well. September is a very busy month for pupils, teachers and parents. Thank you for having your children so well presented and prepared for the year ahead. We are very proud of our uniform and reputation and want to maintain our high standards. Please ensure that all your child's items are labelled with their name to ensure that they are easily returned when misplaced.

NEW WEBSITE

The school website will be changing in the next few weeks and parents will be able to download a school app onto their phone to obtain up-to-date school information such as events, menus, messages and the school calendar. Please be patient while we are in this transition period. Further details will follow.



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

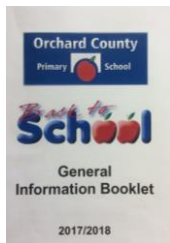
It is brilliant to see so many P5-P7 pupils taking part in after school activities. We hope to offer a wide range of activities throughout the year. We are always open to new ideas. Please ensure that your child is well prepared for their activities. Please remember that all pupils should be collected at 3.45pm. We will always endeavour to keep activities going but on some occasions we may have to cancel due to persistent rain/snow. If this happens you will be advised by text.

SEPTEMBER PARENTS' AFTERNOON

Thank you for attending the P1-P7 information meetings, we hope you found these useful. Remember the parent/teacher interviews will take place week beginning Monday 23rd October. During these meetings you will be able to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher. School will end at 1pm for all pupils that day.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please remember we have a number of pupils in school with nut allergies. It is therefore important that NO child brings NUTS or products containing nuts into school.



Back to School General Information Booklet

Please **remember** to read your booklet, it contains very useful information about times, staff, pupil arrivals and departures, uniform and medical issues.



SCHOOL MEALS

School meals cost **£2.60 per day and £13** for a full week. Cheques should be made payable to Education Authority - S Region. If your child/children are entitled to Free School Meals, please ensure that you complete the forms as soon as possible. For more details or to download an application form please visit

(www.eani.org.uk/i-want-to/fsm/) This makes a difference also to our school budget.

SCHOOL ARRIVALS AND PICK UP

Please remember pupils should not be left on school grounds before **8.40am**. We have noticed some pupils being dropped off earlier and left unsupervised.

Parents can walk their younger children to the black gates each morning and then encourage them to continue to their relevant door on their own. Mornings are a very busy time for teachers and they are not available to chat with parents at this time. Please pass on a message through the office or by a note to your child's teacher.



PARKING

Please drive carefully and park in the designated parents' parking area in front of the MUGA. No parents should be parking in the school kitchen carpark unless they have obtained permission, this is for kitchen staff only and delivery vehicles. Please leave the bus stop clear and do not park at the front of the school. This causes great difficulty for the bus driver who needs clear access to enter and exit the car park on time. The lowered kerb area in front of the nursery is an ideal place for dropping pupils off, please do not park over this area or leave your car here unattended. Thank you for your assistance with this.

HEAD LICE

Please check your child's hair regularly using a special nit comb and treat if necessary. We have already had some reported cases of head lice. Long hair should be tied back.

MUSIC PAYMENTS

Please ensure that all music payments have been returned.

SCHOOL PENS



School pens will be on sale in school from Monday at a cost of £2.50.

They are navy and silver and are black ballpoint pens.



MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT COFFEE MORNING- Wed 27th Sept 9.30-11.30 am.

P7 are planning to hold a coffee morning on Wednesday morning in the hall. We hope as many parents and friends can call at some time during the morning for some tea/coffee and buns. If you can't attend and would like to make a donation, please forward it with your child in an envelope.

We would like to ask that all families send in some buns or cakes to help with this. We would really appreciate if it could all be in school by **Tuesday afternoon**. I know there are some great bakers amongst our pupils, parents and grandparents. Thank you in advance for your support.

HARVESTING OF OUR OWN FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

P2 have been busy picking their beans that they planted last year,



I'm not sure if there was quite enough to feed the whole family for dinner!

The Eco club had great fun picking their apples in the rain but the reward the next day was worth it. Miss Barnes, Mr Crawford and the Eco club enjoyed

making apple crumble with their produce. Some even said it was nicer than their mum's crumble!



Please continue to remember our school cook, Mrs Carolyn Martin and her family as they mourn the sudden loss of their son. Richard was a past pupil of Annaghmore Primary and many of the current staff taught him and were very proud and fond of him. He also was a regular visitor in Orchard County as a volleyball coach and enjoyed sharing his experiences and his love for animals with our younger pupils. As a family, they are very much in all our thoughts and prayers.



