

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we welcome our children and families back into the new academic year, we are excited to be working together to reignite our fantastic school community and cohesion. Here at Orchard Primary School, we understand the key part that parent-school partnership plays in a child's education. Studies show that parental involvement in a child's education is one of the most important factors in raising self-esteem and academic achievement. We understand that families are busy, so we try to provide as many opportunities for parental involvement as possible. Below we have listed the many ways that you can get involved:

- Attending coffee mornings – We have a session for parents to discuss how best we can support children's learning over a cup of tea or coffee! Please find the coffee morning timetable on the back of this letter.
- Orchard Friends – Our Parent Association helps to run all the community events including International Evening and the Winter/Summer Fayres. Please contact the school office if you would like to be part of the Parent Association.
- Reading champions – We invite parents in to read with children across the school to help develop our children's love of reading. Please contact the school office if you would like to volunteer.
- Meet the Teacher - We invite one adult from each family to come to these sessions. The sessions will be held in your child's classroom after school.
- Assemblies – We are excited to reintroduce class assemblies (Years 5 and 6) this half term.

We will also be reintroducing Friday Parent Reading in the lower school in Autumn 2.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your on-going support and we look forward to working with you over the coming year.

Kind regards,

Ms Keisha Nelson  
Lower School Deputy Headteacher

### Autumn Term Coffee Mornings 2021-2022

Date	Focus
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Reading:</b> How can I help my child to read? What books should children be reading at home?
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Anti-Bullying and behaviour:</b> What does bullying mean? What do I do if I think bullying is happening?
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Maths:</b> How do I use Timestables Rockstars and Mathletics at home?
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>Online-Safety:</b> How can I keep my child safe when they are using technology?
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Homework Support:</b> How can I set a routine and help my child with their homework?
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Spelling and Vocabulary:</b> How do I help my child to learn their spellings and learn new words?
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	<b>Science:</b> What exciting experiments can I try with my child at home?
<b>Half Term</b>	
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Phonics and handwriting:</b> How can I help my child to learn to read? How can improve my child's handwriting?
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Wellbeing:</b> What does mental wellbeing mean and how do I speak to my child about this?
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Art:</b> How do I find inspiration for creative art projects at home on a budget?
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>ICT:</b> What apps does my child use in school?
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	<b>Christmas Holiday Activities:</b> What activities can we try in the holidays and what local places can we visit?
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Parent Reading Celebration Event for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2</b>

### EYFS Parent/Carer Workshops

Date	Focus
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Developing Language:</b> Make a sock puppet with your child to help your child learn new words at home
<b>Half Term</b>	
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Fine Motor and Handwriting:</b> Spend time in the EYFS classrooms and learn how to help your child's fine motor development

### Meet the Teacher

Date	Time	Year Groups	Location
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	3:40pm	Years 1 and 2	Classrooms
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	3:40pm	Years 3 and 4	Classrooms
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	3:40pm	Years 5 and 6	Classrooms

### Class Assemblies

Date	Time	Class	Location
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	10.15 – 10.30am	Chestnut Class	Lower Hall
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	10.15 – 10.30am	Redwood Class	Lower Hall
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	10.15 – 10.50am	Maple Class	Lower Hall
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	10.15 – 10.50am	Holly Class	Lower Hall
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	10.15 – 10.50am	Poplar Class	Lower Hall
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	10.15 – 10.50am	Elder Class	Lower Hall