

Orchards Junior School



Being the best we can be ...not in the world but for the world

At the start of Year Six we normally invite the parents in for a welcome evening to introduce the staff and outline opportunities, expectations and organisation for the year. Unfortunately that is not possible this year so you will find all of the relevant information below:

Aims of the year:

-  To give the children a fantastic final year at The Orchards
-  For all pupils to achieve their targets in the SATs
-  To prepare the children for high school

SATs:

These are extremely important National tests that are due to take place in week beginning the 10th May 2021. Please do not book a holiday during SATs week or in the weeks leading up to it.

We prepare the children well for these but any extra help at home would be beneficial. We will send home past papers and other useful resources to use.

High School Transition:

This is the responsibility of the parents/guardians of the children and the deadline for the applications is the 31st of October 2020. Information can be found online at the following site:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-places/secondary-school-places/>

We are happy to support you with your application if needed, please contact the class teacher on Class Dojo.

Uniform and Behaviour:

-  We have high expectations for behaviour in lessons and around the school. If a pupil receives a yellow or red slip they will have a detention. If they are repeat offenders, they will miss out on activities such as creativity days, trips and discos.
-  Pupils should be in correct uniform. On days they are not (this includes a missing tie or wearing trainers) they will be given a warning. If by the following day they are still not in correct uniform, they will miss their break time.

Homework:

-  Every Tuesday (starting from Tuesday 15th September) we will be setting homework on MyMaths.
-  We will also be sending out homework books this week. These are based around general knowledge and will be extremely beneficial for the children to complete. They consist of six weekly tasks. Due to the current restrictions regarding Covid-19, we will not be able to take these in to mark. Please send pictures of the work to the class teacher on Class Dojo and we will award raffle tickets for effort and outstanding work.

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Covid-19:

As the situation is ever changing, it is unclear whether we will be able to run our residential trip to Disneyland. Day trips and off-timetable days may not be permitted either. We will be closely monitoring the situation and if it is safe to do so and the Government allows it, we will include as many of these opportunities as we can. We will give you as much warning as possible ahead of each of these events.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for a great start to the year. The children have settled in really well and we are so happy to be back in the classroom with them. Please rest assured that we will do our utmost, in these unusual circumstances, to ensure the children have a really enjoyable final year at The Orchards.

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