



ORCHARD NEWSLETTER

Northwind Traders Newsletter

August 2016

Thank You!

Well it really doesn't seem that long ago we were tidying away the last of the boxes and excitedly waiting on the children to arrive for their first day. Now we are at the end of the first term at Orchard Primary School and nursery.

What a busy first term we have had. All classes have been sharing their learning on the blog and have loved getting your comments. I am regularly using Twitter to keep you up to date between our newsletters and we have had two events for parents.

The first at the start of September was an open afternoon/evening when you got a first look inside the school and a chance to share in some learning with your child. The second just last week was our learning dialogue with staff. Both were very well attended.

I did have some feedback on the learning dialogue being in the hall, this is to ensure safety of both staff and parents and is common practice across North Lanarkshire. We will look at how we layout the hall for future dialogues. I will get the feedback from the evaluation to you all soon.

Thank you for your support in the first term!

Jill Woodward

Head Teacher

Breakfast Club

We have a breakfast club in school. To come to the Breakfast club please use the main front doors and go into the assembly hall. Mrs Chisholm will be there and will support your child with breakfast and activities. Breakfast is served from 8-8.25am. Then activities till 8.50am. Breakfast club is for children only.

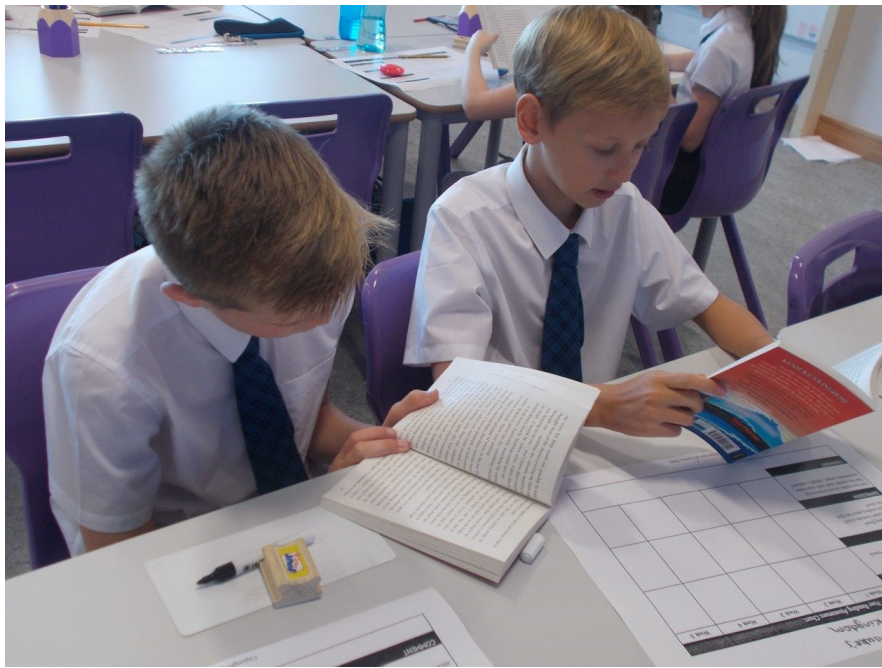


Active Learning

Lost property

We have now gathered a large amount of lost property and it is at our main office. Please have a look to see if you recognize anything.

Remember put names on all uniform items.



In the classroo

Parent Council

On Tuesday 4th October we elected our first parent Council as Orchard Primary School and Nursery.

I would like to thank all members of the Interim Parent Council who did a fantastic job during the months leading to the closure of Overtown and Castlehill Primaries. They supported me so well since I was appointed.

I am looking forward to working with our newly formed Parent Council in the coming session as we develop our new school.

The Parent Council has 20 members of the Parent Forum and will meet on the first Tuesday of each month. Their next Meeting is 1st November at 6.45pm.

They are already planning a range of events for children and families this session. The first event to look out for more information on is a Fancy Dress opening party on Tuesday 15th November. Details to follow soon!!

Snapshot Jotters

All classes have now had their Snapshot of Learning jotters home for the first time. These jotters have a sample of your child's work in them from across the curriculum during a month.

The jotters have an evaluation sheet for you to complete with your child and we ask you to do this by colouring the shapes and writing a short comment.

The jotters will next be home on Friday 4th November and returned on Monday 7th.

School Opening

Letters went out last week for the official opening of the school. This is one event for the whole campus with both Orchard and Clyde Valley being represented on the evening.

Due to the capacity of the hall there will be limited tickets for the event. Once we have final numbers from North Lanarkshire Council Mr Quail and I will issue parental invites to those who return the request slip. If we have more requests than tickets then we will draw names from a ballot.

All children will be part of this as NLC will provide the school with cakes to be shared to mark the opening.

Our school choir have been practicing very hard with the support of Mrs Sally Wilkinson, our Kodaly teacher. The choir will be performing at the opening event on Thursday 27th October.



Jumping for joy...



Dogs in Campus

Please note dogs should not be inside the main school gates, not just the playground.

We have reports of dogs fowling and this is a health risk to both parents and children.



Rewarding Achievement & Success



Orchard Awards

As I mentioned in our last newsletter we have been developing how we will celebrate the children's success as individuals in the class and how we will reward the class as a whole for attitude and manners in the whole school.

The children chose The ORCHARDS as a way of celebrating their learning weekly. Staff will choose up to 2 children each week who have been successful, responsible, effective or confident within their learning and the learning environment. Certificates will be presented at Monday assembly or in class if the child is not at assembly.

Classes will be working toward earning points in class and around the school for manners and respect. Each class will have a ship which they will sail along to success. Staff will choose from a range of rewards. This will also be announced at a Monday assembly.. We will have a class of the week from P1-4, P5-7 and 1 LCSC class.

Photographs

The photographer will be in school on Thursday 27th October. All children will have an individual photograph taken and proofs will be sent home for you to decide if you want to purchase these. Every child will also be part of a year group photograph. These will be modern in style and photographed in small groups and brought together as a whole year group. You will be able to purchase these. You will be sent home a letter with a form to return if you have more than 1 child in the school and can request a family photo.

We will also have a commemorative whole school photo and individual staff board for display in the school.

Halloween

On Friday 28th October children can come to school in fancy dress for Halloween.

There will be a parade and mini disco for P1-4 and P5-7 including LCSC classes.

Every class will then have activities and learning themed for Halloween across the rest of the day. At morning break children will change out of costumes and can be in casual clothes. This is a non uniform day!!

Dates & Events

Below are dates that you will need for term two we will issue further Xmas information

Friday 14th Oct	School closes for October week opens again Monday 24th October
Thursday 27th Oct	Photographer in school & Official opening in the evening
Friday 28th Oct	School Halloween fancy dress morning & class events NSPCC in school P6&7 assembly
Monday 31st Oct	Gospel Hall working with P6&7
Tuesday 1st Nov	Parent Council Meeting 6.45-8.45pm
Thursday 3rd Nov	P6 & P7 class workshops NSPCC
Friday 18th Nov	Children in Need Day
Monday 21st Nov	School closed—In-Service Day



Contact Us

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Crossing Patrol

Thank you to all parents who were in contact with me regarding a crossing patrol for Castlehill Road. I have as I promised been in contact with North Lanarkshire since the school opened discussing this issue.

As of Friday 7th October the crossing patrol has been moved from Main Street in Overtown to Castlehill Road. The Crossing patrol will be positioned between Jenny Lee Drive and Orchard Street. It will be there from 8.15-9.05am and 2.50-3.25pm.

If you have any further feedback on the crossing patrol please contact me at school.

Pantomime

We have booked Hopscotch Theatre group to come into school and perform Aladdin pantomime to the whole school. This gives all children the opportunity to see a pantomime in their own school. Hopscotch will be in school for the last afternoon on Friday 23rd December.

Coming soon !!

Look out for information coming home in school bags and homework diaries.