



The Orchard Primary School

www.orchardprimary.com

29th September 2023

### Foodbank based at Hope Church Hounslow

We are very grateful to all our families who have kindly donated to the local foodbank in the last academic/school year.

Over this academic year we will once again be collecting for our local foodbank based at Hope Church on Bath Road. We will be spreading donations over the course of the school year, by asking each year group to donate during a particular month. Details to follow...

A message will go out via Ping each month to remind each year group. The foodbank helps support those experiencing financial hardship and rely completely on donations. This year so far they have served 2795 guests and provided food for 4022 adults and 2583 children. Our school / your doctor can refer any family needing assistance— speak to Mrs Rowe

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week beginning 2nd October 2023  
Reception children are in school from  
9am—3.20pm

Thursday, 5th October 2023  
Year 1 Class Drop in at 3.10pm

Friday, 6th October 2023  
Year 2 Class Drop in at 3.10pm

### Reception Admission 2024

The application process went live on the 1st September 2023. You are now able to apply for a place in our Reception classes for September 2024.

Information can be found @  
[www.hounslow.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hounslow.gov.uk/admissions)

Or please contact  
[admissions@hounslow.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@hounslow.gov.uk)

**Closing date : 15.01.2024**

### Secondary School Transfer - Year 7 Admission 2024

Leaflets have been given out to the Year 6 children with advice for parents on how/where to apply online.

**Closing date for Secondary School Transfer applications is 31.10.2023**

Admissions link: [www.hounslow.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hounslow.gov.uk/admissions)

For further information, please contact:  
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### The Orchard Explorers

#### Where in the world is Miss Arri?

Two weeks ago, I was in Japan. This week I'm already a day ahead of you. The flight from London was about 22 hours with a stopover. So far, I've visited the location of 'Ramsey Street' and 'Summer Bay'. Have a look at some of my holiday photos. I've had a great time visiting the Great Barrier Reef, spotted many marsupials and was in awe of Uluru. I've eaten some great BBQ food and have spent my dollars. It is so hot here I've been wearing my sunnies everyday.



Answer for World Geography crossword in Issue 3:

#### Across

- 5. Largest lake in Africa—Victoria
- 7. The southernmost continent - Antarctica
- 8. Longest river in North America - Mississippi River
- 10. Largest island in the world - Greenland

#### Down

- 1. One of the longest rivers in Africa - Congo
- 2. Mt Everest is part of this mountain chain - Himalayas
- 3. Mt. Kilimanjaro is in this country - Tanzania
- 4. This is an island off the coast of Australia—Tasmania
- 5. A volcanic mountain in Japan - Fuji
- 9. The largest desert in the world - Sahara



**Laurel class and Ash class achieved the highest attendance for this week, the 25th to the 28th September 2023.**

**Every school day does matter.**



### Punctuality

Gates open at 8.45am. Children can go straight into class at this time.

◇ Key Stage 2 children **MUST** be in class by 8.55am.

◇ Key Stage 1 children **MUST** be in class by 9.00am.

Please be on time to school. Being late disrupts the start of the class and can make your child miss out on important lessons and time with their classmates.

### Attendance

If your child is unable to attend school, for any reason, please let us know. Please email:  
[absence@tops.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:absence@tops.hounslow.sch.uk)  
Or telephone the school on 0208 570 6247 and leave a voicemail message on the absence line by choosing Option 2.

Please leave as much detail as possible — 'sick' or 'unwell' cannot be accepted as a reason. Please try to make appointments outside of school time. If your child needs to attend an appointment during the school day, or has been at the hospital, please provide an appointment card, hospital discharge letter or email details (appointment & time) to the absence email.

**This is needed so absence can be authorised.**

If collecting early to take your child to an appointment, please also include this in your email.

Thank you.

The Orchard Primary School achieves the Gold School Games Mark Award!



We are delighted to announce that we, The Orchard Primary School, have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award again for the 2022/23 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Our sporting achievements this year include:

- Running a variety of clubs for different sports including 'Girls Active Club' and 'Boots and Book Club'
- Offering Tai Chi workshops to all pupils across the school to develop core strength through active breaks.
- Providing new innovative play equipment to encourage active playtimes and develop new clubs.
- Running a successful Sports Leaders award with Y6 pupils and positive playground training with SMSAs and children to enhance playtime provision and activity levels.
- Increasing numbers of young people who are actively taking part in physical activity and school sport.
- Representing our school at the Netball Borough Competition.

With lots of young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfill criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thank you goes always to our Orchard school community - the pupils for their dedication and commitment to co-curricular activities, the parents for their continuous support and the PE co-ordinators and staff for their passion, enthusiasm and dedication to running additional clubs and fixtures.

We look forward to applying once again in 2024!



### REMINDERS

Please remember to name all your child's clothing and to have a named water bottle for your child to bring to school daily.

If you need to update any information held on record, (address, phone number, contact details etc.) please email:  
[parent@tops.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:parent@tops.hounslow.sch.uk)



The school uses SchoolPing to communicate information with parents and carers. Please download the app on your phone.

If you have a query on this or any school matter, please come to the school office. The school office is staffed 8.30am to 4.00pm.

School website: [www.orchardprimary.com](http://www.orchardprimary.com)



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