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Oxford Road Community School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

The summer term is well underway. We are hoping that the weather will be kind to us next week and allow our cancelled Sports Day to take place on the Monday so that we can enjoy the fun and competition that brings. Don't forget our Summer Fete on Saturday 25th June. It will be another great family event.

Claire Hurst

ORCS Needs You!



There has never been a more exciting time to become a school governor at ORCS!

There are big changes happening within Education nationally at the moment and it is really important that the ORCS community and the wider local community has a voice.

What do governors do?

Make a valuable positive contribution to the education of our children

Set the strategic direction of the school

Strengthen links between the school and community

Support the Head Teacher and staff

Bring their experience from the wider world

What experience is necessary?

None!

Who are we looking for?

If you value the education of our children, if you have good listening and decision making skills, and if you can spare around 3-6 hours per month, then it's YOU. Yes you already have loads of valuable skills and experience. And what's more, being a governor will be great experience and provide you with many transferable skills.

What next?

To find out a bit more about the role contact our Chair of Governors Dani Hall

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Parent Governors and Community Governors

As well as Parent Governors, we are looking for representatives from the local community to be a part of our Governing Body.

Community governors could come from local businesses, places of worship, or local organisations. If you know someone suitable then please do let them know.

ORCS needs and values your support and voice! Help us!
Dani Hall

The 'Fiver' Challenge



Year 6 are currently involved in 'The Fiver Challenge'.

The Fiver Challenge, supported by Virgin Money, provides a fun way, for young people aged 5 - 11, of introducing financial literacy, resilience and teamwork in learning. Pupils have one month to set up a mini business and create a product or service they can then sell or deliver at a profit and engage with their local community.

Our Year 6 children will be using their entrepreneurial skills over the next few weeks, after school, by selling a variety of goods or games to gain profit.

Year 6 would really appreciate your support with this initiative and would like to kindly ask that you are willing to support them financially to allow their companies to be successful.

Keep your eyes open for their posters and when and what they will be selling.

We are hoping this experience will encourage the next Richard Branson or J.K.Rowling.



Dates For Your Diary

JUNE 2016

Wednesday 22 nd	Year 6 Theatre Trip
Thursday 23 rd	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR REFERENDUM
Saturday 25 th	PET Summer Fete
Tuesday 28 TH	Year 5 & 6 Sport event (tbc) Camp meeting - Year 5 & 6 parents
Wednesday 29 th	University of Reading Art and Computing Workshops Year 6
Thursday 30 th	Kath Hutchings Artist Workshops Year 4 & 5

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Tuesday 5 th	Year 5 & 6 Rushall Farm camp
Thursday 7 th	Beech 1 to the Apple Store Chartwells Picnic Day
Friday 8 th	Year 5 & 6 back from Rushall Farm camp. Reception Class assembly 2.30pm Parents welcome
Tuesday 12 th	University of Monsters Graduation 4.30pm - 5.30pm Fish and Chip night 5-6pm (Tickets available from office - first come, first served)
Wednesday 13 th	Key Stage 2 to Salvation Army
Thursday 14 th	Class Handover Afternoon
Friday 15 th	Camp Assembly Year 5 & 6 2.30pm Parents Welcome
Wednesday 20 th	Year 5 & 6 Production 5pm
Thursday 21 st	Golden Golds Behaviour Assembly 2.15pm Parent Invited
Monday 25 th July	Nursery Closed Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Tuesday 26 th	Nursery Closed School Closes at 1.30pm Last Day of Term

Wednesday 27th July - Monday 5th September School Closed

Tuesday 6th September- Staff Inset Day

New Term Starts Wednesday 7th September - children back to school

ABC to Read

ABC to read is a local charity that works with schools with the aim to help raise literacy standards. We have two volunteers who currently support in school and the sessions they have carried out have had a very positive impact on these children. They listen to the children read, play games and activities and develop each child's self esteem and confidence towards reading. It is a very rewarding role. ABC to Read are always looking for more volunteers to support in schools and are able to train and offer support in developing the role. If you feel you would be interested in this kind of role have a look at their website for more information.

<http://www.abctoread.org.uk>



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