

Orchard

HALL ORCHARD



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CE Primary School

September 2021

Welcome back to the beginning of a new school year!

We extend a warm welcome to all new children both in the Foundation Stage class and to those children who have joined us from other schools. Everyone in school is looking forward to a busy and exciting Autumn Term.

Welcome to New Staff

At the start of the Autumn term we welcome a number of new staff to school.

Miss Patel joins us in Year 2



Miss Hart joins us in Year 1



Mr Cottam joins us in Year 5



Mrs Bullivant



Miss Dossett



Miss Heard



Miss Elphick



have joined us as Learning Support Assistants.

Lost Property

In an attempt to ensure that lost school uniform is returned to its rightful owner, please ensure that all items of clothing are labelled with your child's name. Please ensure any lunch boxes and water bottles are also named clearly.

Dinner Money

The cost of school dinners from the start of this term has increased to £2.45 per day, £12.25 per week.

May we remind all parents that dinner money must be paid for in advance via the Gateway system.

Swimming Success

Over the summer holidays one of our year 5 pupils Evie, took on the challenge of swimming the length of the English Channel to raise funds for The Derby Macmillan Unit.

Evie completed her challenge and swam a total of 1344 lengths and has raised just over £6,000, what a fabulous achievement.

**Queens Jubilee**

Schools are closing for the additional bank holiday to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The official day for Leicestershire maintained schools to use as an additional holiday in respect of the Platinum Jubilee has now been agreed. At Hall Orchard we will be taking Friday 8th July as our official holiday. Therefore, Thursday 7th July will be the last day of term this academic year.

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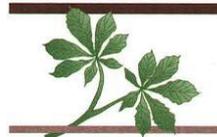
With an increasing number of Covid cases in the community can we please remind everyone of the following guidelines.

If someone in your household tests positive but your child is not showing symptoms it is recommended that they take a PCR test but they can come to school whilst waiting for the results.

If your child is showing symptoms they should take a PCR test and remain at home. If a negative result is received, they may return to school.

As a school we continue to follow the government guidance which is to maintain children's learning. We continue to have a range of measures in place to mitigate against COVID risks. We have had clear instruction not to inform parents of COVID cases. If this were to be necessary, this would be done by Track and Trace. Parents are not informed of a positive case as there is no need for children under 18 or those who have had a double dose of the vaccine to self isolate if they are a close contact of a COVID case.

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