



Orchard Manor School News

# The Apple Press Orchard Manor School Updates and Communications

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*Chocolate comes from cacao which is a tree.  
That makes it a plant. Chocolate, therefore is salad.* Unknown Author

Hello Everyone!

If you have been following us on social media you will have seen that we have had yet another very full half term - We came back to World Book Day, followed by a careers event, school photos, Red Nose Day, Pancake Day, sporting competitions and festivals, a photo competition, class visits and excursions and all sorts of other activities.

Some of you may have heard already: intensive recycling is coming to OMS. We, along with any other business of more than 10 employees, are now required by law to recycle everything we can, so we have already begun to use the new recycling bins which have been put in all staff rooms and classrooms. This will enable everyone to separate food waste, general waste and cardboard and metal which will then be collected and recycled by the council. Recycling even more and helping to save the planet is the name of the game, and the responsible thing to do. We are hoping that everyone will be able to reap the benefits of all of our efforts in the future.

Turning to PE now, this department has been very busy as usual - taking our youngsters out to lots of different sporting events which everyone has enjoyed. I am very proud to say our young Sports Leaders have been true ambassadors for the school and have been praised many times for their officiating - just yesterday Devon Disability Cricket said our young sports leaders did an amazing job throughout the day. Fantastic! In addition to cricket next term, we shall be concentrating on cycling too, with the arrival of a number of new small balance bikes, bikes with stabilizers and exciting sport trikes which we are going to be shown how to use by an expert! All of this equipment has come from funding from a national scheme and we are looking forward to using it!

We are putting on a fantastic show after Sports Week next term - Wind in the Willows The Musical - which promises to be the "pièce de résistance" in musical theatre. We hope you can all come and see it! More details will follow nearer the time of course, but everyone involved has been working really hard to make it a total success.

**OMS School Uniform**

- EYF and Key Stages 1 and 2 (Years 1-6)**
  - Plain black trousers, plain black leggings/shorts, knee length black skirt or plain black balleted shorts, black (infant) dress.
  - White short or long sleeved polo shirt or school shirt. Polo shirts with the school logo are available through the online website. Alternatively, pupils can wear plain white polo shirts.
  - Green and white checked summer dresses, available through most high street stores.
  - Charcoal grey, V or round-neck school sweaters, jumper or cardigan.
  - Black or grey woollen tights or plain black school socks, white socks for the girls in summer uniform.
  - Plain black shoes or plain black trainers.
- Key Stages 3 and 4 (Years 7-11)**
  - Plain black trousers, plain black leggings/shorts, knee length black skirt or plain black balleted shorts.
  - White short or long sleeved school shirt.
  - Green and white checked summer dresses, available through most high street stores.
  - Charcoal grey, V or round-neck school sweater/shirt, jumper or cardigan.
  - Black or grey woollen tights or plain black school socks, white socks for the girls in summer uniform.
  - Plain black shoes or plain black trainers.
  - Pupils may choose to wear a black school blazer.
  - Pupils may choose to wear a school tie.
- PE kit (Boys and Girls)**
  - Black shorts or leggings/shorts, OMS Sports T-shirt - various colours.
  - Sunscreen, track suit top or waterproof training top.
  - Clean and appropriate footwear.
  - Children will be advised on clothing needed for outdoor education and swimming each term.

**Our Uniform Ambassadors**

Prayer, Respect, Honesty, Politeness, Community, Happiness

"We live and learn together"

Summer Term Dates	
22 April	Back to school 9:10am
1 May	Coffee Morning with Paige 10—12pm
6 May	Exams Start
9 May	10Tors Weekend
5 June	Coffee Morning with Paige 10—12pm
16 June	Last GCSE Exam
16 June	Sports Week
1-3 July	OMS Wind in the Willows The Musical
11 July	Summer Fete
14 July	Transition Week
24 July	End of Term 1pm

Finally, just a little reminder for next term, we are expecting all students to attend in **full school uniform**. If you need any information as to what this is, please [click here to go to our uniform page on the website](#). If you have any questions, please contact the school.

As this Spring term draws to a close and we break up for the Easter holidays it is time to look forward to a little rest and recuperation. I know all of our children and staff have been working very hard so I hope you all enjoy the Easter celebrations, whatever your faith and beliefs.

Right, I think that's it! All that's left to say is have a super holiday and we will see you all back on Tuesday 22 April at 9:10am!  
*Nicola Jones, Headteacher*