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Welcome Back

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break. The start of the Summer term has been so much fun already. We have plenty planned to keep up the fun!!



Don't forget if you took trees to plant for the Queen's canopy to send us a picture of your children with their trees. We have planted some of the trees on the school grounds and at the school field too.

I'm sure you'll agree our school grounds are looking amazing. This has been down to lots of hard work over the holidays. Special thanks to Julian Thorpe for helping to co-ordinate the tarmacking contractors and also for the many jobs he is constantly doing around school to keep everything working and our building in good shape. Julian very quietly beavers away for us in the background. Also thank you to our school gardeners Owen and Steve who have done a wonderful job giving everywhere a spruce up over the holidays.

Thank you so much to everyone who has helped out in any way, your support is invaluable.

Stuart Reid—Author Visit

We had a fabulous day when Stuart visited us on Friday. Not only was he brilliantly entertaining, he was truly inspirational about story telling and writing.

Thank you so much to FOOS for funding Stuart's visit.

<https://www.ortoncofeprimary.co.uk/stream/news/full/1/-/>

School Swimming



Further details will follow soon but this year we are going to trial school swimming in the Summer term at Shap outdoor pool led by Woggle Goggle. We will take the children swimming every afternoon for two weeks—see diary dates. We are obviously planning for gloriously sunny weather for these two weeks!! But..... it is Shap! The children will be kept moving in the water but if your child is particularly susceptible to cold they might prefer to wear a wet suit. At this time of year wet suits are often cheaply available in supermarkets.

Stay and Play

Tomorrow sees the start of our weekly Stay and Play sessions for children aged 0-4 and their carers. These will be from 9.30am—11.30am. Everyone welcome, no booking required, refreshments will be provided. Please spread the word.

Stars

Our next Stars is today Friday 6th May at 9.15am. Visitors are welcome to join us in school for our Stars Celebration! We hope you can join us.

We have also set up a zoom for anyone who finds that more convenient.

<https://uso4web.zoom.us/j/78794469203?pwd=xcT7EKwarCOMmuwLjyNS-CMN07su4.1>

Class 3 Residential Assembly

It is tradition that after a residential we have a residential assembly where the children re-tell their favourite bits of residential. Class 3 would like to invite their parent and carers to their Residential Assembly this Thursday at 9.15am. If you can't make it in person we have also set up a zoom so hopefully you can join us. Feel free to share the zoom link with family members who live too far away to come into school too.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77204777969?pwd=y7dZOLiDk4UgzcDEJBHxYtJMk6mWB.1>



Christian Value

Our Christian Value this half term is
Thankfulness

History Project

This term we will be doing a history project based on our local area in the 1950's. This is to coincide with the Queen's Jubilee and also an opportunity to share an amazing recording we have uncovered of 'Orton School on the BBC' from 1954. We would love to find as many people who attended Orton school in the 1950's as possible so we can hear their memories and learn about what Orton school was like in the 1950's. If this is you or someone you know then please get in touch with the school office, we'd love to include you in some of our events and learning.

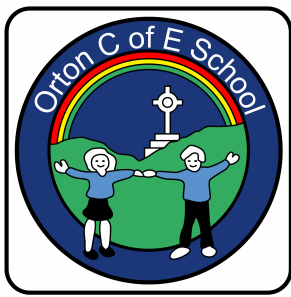


Diary Dates



All diary dates are subject to last minute change. More details will follow near the time.

26.4.22	9.30am-11.30am 1st Stay and Play Session
28.4.22	9.15am Class 3 Residential Assembly
6.5.22	9.15am Stars—All welcome
9.5.22	KS2 SATS week
W/c 16.5.22	Walk to School Week
W/c 16.5.22	School Swimming—Every afternoon Shap Pool
17.5.22	KS2 Brockholes Explore and Restore Day
23.5.22	Tempest School Photos
26.5.22	Young Voices
27.6.22	2.50pm Stars—All welcome
27.5.22	End of half term—break up
3-5.6.22	Platinum Jubilee Weekend
6.6.22	Queens Jubilee Extra holiday
7.6.22	9am Term Starts
8.6.22	Open Morning for Prospective Families
9.6.22	SCARF Workshops instead of Life Bus
11.6.22	Greenholme Show
17.6.22	Year 6 Leavers Service at Carlisle Cathedral
19.6.22	FOOS Big Breakfast
20.6.22—24.6.22	Class 4 Residential to IOM
W/c 27.6.22	School Swimming—Every afternoon Shap Pool
28.6.22	Class 4 Science visit to Ulswater CC
29.6.22	Yr4 & 5 Rugby Festival Settlebeck
1.7.22	9.15am Stars
5.7.22	Wheelchair Basketball
7.7.22	Moving Up Day
15.7.22	2.50pm Stars
20.7.22	9.30am End of Term Service
20.7.22	Break Up for Summer



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Children's Covid Vaccinations

From April, healthy 5-11 year olds will also be offered the COVID-19 vaccine.

Vaccinations will take place outside of schools in vaccination centres, pharmacies, GPs and walk-in centres. Parents of 5-11 year olds will receive a letter from the NHS with further information. [Online bookings](#) for 5-11 year olds are now open.



Help Needed ASAP—PLEASE!!!!

Now we have our new library, we really need our old library shelving removing ASAP and then we can decorate the new learning room. Are you able to help us by taking this out for us? You would be welcome to take the old shelving as firewood! Please let us know if you can help.

Pop Up Shop Background

I'm sure you have all seen that we have a pop-up shop hosted either in school or at one of our families homes but you might be wondering what it's all about.

Several times a week volunteers from our parents collect the produce that Marks and Spencer's (and sometimes Aldi) in Penrith can no longer sell. This is often due to the use by date approaching or produce not looking their best.

We then have an arrangement where this comes into school and we use what we can for Breakfast and After School Club, snacks for the children at playtimes and in the school kitchen. Anything left over we pop out in our pop-up shop in exchange for donations to school.

This is a brilliant win, win situation as M&S do not like to throw away produce that can still be used so they have a home for their waste and we raise money by putting it out for donations.

This money funds many little extras in school for example recently we used it to fund £1000 of new books for the school library.

Please support the Pop-Up shop when you can, it really does make a difference to our children.

If you are ever going to Penrith and could take some empty trays back that is another great way you can help. The empty trays are usually near the school front door. There are lots to go back at the moment so any help gratefully received.



Singing for the Big Picnic

The Platinum Jubilee is fast approaching and there are lots of celebrations planned in Orton over the weekend. On Saturday 4th June the school has been invited to sing as part of the entertainment for the Big Picnic from 1pm. We will be singing a range of songs including those from Young Voices and KS1's Big Sing. We would like as many children as possible, especially KS2 children, to take part in the singing and also families to take part in the Big Picnic but would like to know who can come so we can be organised. Please could you let us know on ParentPay by this Friday 29th April if your child is able to attend.

Playhouse

The playhouse on the playground has done us long service but is now surplus to our requirements.

Can you help us out by taking it away to the tip? Or can you make use of it? We would really appreciate some help with disposing of this.



Breakfast and After School Club Help

We are currently looking for some extra help with some Breakfast and After School Clubs. If you can help please get in touch for more details. There is an advert available on our school website too.

Music Lessons.

There are a small number of spaces available for instrument lessons for our Key Stage 2 children. Lessons are available in brass instruments, piano / keyboard or guitar. Lessons 20 minutes per week and cost £8 per lesson. If your child would like to take up or restart playing an instrument please get in touch with the office for further details. We may be able to help out with an instrument too.



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