



My Lord! Increase me in knowledge (20:114)

Key dates

Term Ends:

Wed. 21st December
(Early Closure)

School Holidays:

22nd Dec. 2016 to 3rd
Jan. 2017

Staff INSET Day:

Tues. 3rd Jan. 2017

School reopens for pupils on:

Wed. 4th January 2017

Parents will also be able to access our Full Term dates on the school website:

<http://orchardpri-mayschool.com/>



Cold Weather

When the forecast is for cold wintry weather, please ensure you do the following:

- Ensure that your child is dressed appropriately with a school jumper and jacket.
- gloves and warm hat if required.

Orchard Times

Headteacher: Mr H. Randeree

**Friday 2nd December 2016
2nd Rabiul-Awwal 1438**

Dear Parents and Carers,

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاه

Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatahu

I pray that all of you are in the best of imaan and health.

Alhamdulillah, we have had a good autumn term thus far, with most of our children, including new pupils, having settled into their routines at school. We are quickly approaching the December break with the last day of this term being on Wednesday, 21st December 2016.

A polite reminder to all parents to always book in any breaks during the school holidays. The school will not be authorising any requests for breaks during term time, unless there are really exceptional circumstances.

At Orchard we strive to set high aspirations for all our pupils. This is very much in keeping with the school's vision and aim, which is 'to build a firm foundation of Emaan (Faith) for the pleasure of Allah (Our Creator) and to promote lifelong learning'.

Our academic results have been mostly well above both local and national averages for the past two academic years and insha'Allah our aim is to maintain this trend.

Pupils also understand our school motto 'Rabbi zidni ilman – My Lord! Increase me in knowledge (20:114). They know that we are aiming to increase our knowledge on many fronts such as: the curriculum, our world and ourselves.

Working in partnership with our parents, we are confident that we can further drive the vision and aim of the school forward!

Please do remember us all in your duas..

Was-salaams,

Br Hoosen Randeree (Headteacher)

Some Important General Reminders Parking around school

There continues to be a deep concern about the inconsiderate nature of some of our parents parking. Repeatedly, we have had complaints from the residents of Cotherstone Mews, who find that parents are actually completely blocking the entrance to their driveway and leaving cars unattended.

I am sure that all parents are in agreement that this is unacceptable. It impacts upon the reputation of our school and community. These incidents will be reported to law enforcement officers and the school will be taking these cases very seriously.



Photograph taken by a local neighbour.

Chicken Pox

We have had a few cases of chicken pox, particularly in Key Stage 1 classes, this term. Parents are requested to take care remain vigilant. If your child has been affected, kindly inform the school office and also ensure that they are only returned to school **once fully recovered**. If pupils are brought into school whilst still infected, they could pass on the virus to others. Parents are also requested to not bring any other siblings who may have the virus, whilst they are coming in to pick up their other children after school. If a parent does not have any child care arrangements in place for the child who is unwell, kindly wait at the office after school and your other child will be sent to the office for you to pick up, insha'Allah.



Children engaged their in Reading Comprehension lessons



Year 6 Girls developing their skills at rock climbing, during their residential at Camp Frylands



The Orchard community coming together to celebrate International Day -2016!

Website—Calendar's

We have now been able to set up calendar's on our website to help keep parents informed of the latest events and holidays. To view this information please visit our School website homepage at www.orchardprimaryschool.com.

We have also set up a clubs calendar to help parents stay up to date on the clubs that maybe running on particular days. Details of each club are available on the clubs link below the school calendar on the main homepage.

You can also subscribe to these calendars if you use Gmail on your phone or tablet at home making it easier to keep up to date with any club cancellations or changes.

To subscribe you will need to enter the following ID numbers in Google calendars:

Parent: orchardprimaryschool.com_519bmin8i859e4ia6620jlk5p0@group.calendar.google.com

Clubs: orchardprimaryschool.com_lev5vbld1vgkajn93fvueoupko@group.calendar.google.com

If you need any help with this please contact Br Jamshed in the school office.