

# Orley Farm School



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## A Letter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

This morning at 4am, I thought about how to start the bulletin as we waved goodbye to a double decker packed with very excited Year 6 children. Well, the good news is that Mr Ravasse phoned earlier to say that everyone arrived safely and that the cultural extravaganza has a great start is the right way to begin the term! I do hope that everyone enjoyed the break and recharged batteries.

I believe passionately in our mantra,

However, you will have received a letter from Mrs Mitchell inviting Orley Farm parents to our Open Day, on Thursday 1st May that I would urge you to take up, as it is entirely about destinations!

Some of you may have very set views and are a long way into the process of selecting your first choice senior school, whilst others of you might be at the very start of this process. Regardless of where you are, I would encourage you to make the most of this opportunity as we only run this event every two years and the choice of schools often changes from year to year. Thirty of Britain's most prestigious schools are attending and this offers you a very rare opportunity to visit all these schools, all under one roof. Very few Prep schools could attract such a list and this is testament that Orley children are in demand!

The following schools have accepted our invitations to date:

*Aldenham, Berkhamsted, Bradfield College, Christ's Hospital, City of London (Boys), Eton, Frances Holland, Godolphin & Latymer, Habs (Boys), Habs (Girls), Halleybury, Hampton, Harrow, John Lyon, Lady Eleanor Holles, Marlborough, MTs, Mill Hill, NLCS, Northbridge, Northwood College, Notting Hill & Ealing, Pangbourne, Queen Anne's School, Queenswood, RMS, Shiplake, St. Helen's, St. Margaret's, St. Paul's (Boys), UCS, Uppingham, Wellington College, Whitgift and Wycombe Abbey.*

I do hope to see you all at some stage on Thursday, even if it is a flying visit. Do feel free to bring your children as they ought to be reading from the menu! Otherwise, I wish everyone a very productive and industrious summer term!

*Tim Galwey.*

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## KEY DATES

Thursday 1st May 2014

19:00-21:00

Future School

Saturday 10th May, 2014

10:00-12:00

Orley Farm School

OPEN MORNING

# Across the School

## PrePrep News

Welcome back! I do hope you all had a lovely Easter break. The children have come back so excited, eager to learn and to tell me about their fun holidays. The huge smiles on the children's brightened my week.

All of the children have settled well and hit the ground running doing some fantastic work in the last three days.

Reception have started their topic on mini beasts and have written lists of all the mini beasts they know of at this stage and some have been creative with colouring.



Year One have enjoyed learning about George and the Dragon. You can see the enactment of the story below.



Year Two have enjoyed a lot of outdoor learning this week, making the most of our beautiful grounds and the stunning weather; sketching objects in the environment with Mrs Gati.



### Hobbies

All Year 2 hobbies and ballet begin next week.

### Walk once a week

Now that the days are longer and hopefully remain warmer, we will be encouraging more and more children to walk to school at least once a week. Even if you walk from the top of the hill or the other side of the white gate, your child can tick their walk once a week chart. It is a lovely time for you to chat and possibly meet with friends on the way.

### Uniform

Summer uniform officially starts on Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> May. I would like to remind all parents that if your child has already started wearing the summer uniform they need to be in the full summer uniform not a mix of winter and summer. Many children have left their hats at home as well. They are part of the summer uniform and must be kept at school. Thank you.

### Swimming

Swimming lessons start next week. Please ensure all swimming kits are sent in on Monday. A separate letter with timetables and information has been emailed to all parents.

### Lost watch

A member of the PrePrep staff lost their Storm watch before the Easter break. Please return to the office of PrePrep if it is found as it has a lot of sentimental value.

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PrePrep Newsont...

I would like to wish you all a fantastic term and a lovely weekend.

Miss Samantha Mowle  
Head of PrePrep



## Middle School News

Welcome back to Orley after the Easter holidays. I hope that you enjoyed time together with friends and family and savoured some sun too. It does seem like a long time that I found myself in another hemisphere feeding the locals!



We are looking forward to another action packed term with many exciting activities, challenges and opportunities to cooperate and work together. One of the many highlights will be that our Year 4 pupils will perform during informal concerts this term.

Yesterday it was fantastic to be a part of the Colts A cricket session. It was encouraging to witness the high level of enthusiasm coupled with an appropriate amount of skill too. I trust that this season will be a positive and successful one for all pupils involved in sport.

At the end of the Spring Term we had Maths Easter Egg hunt. A variety of clues were placed around the school and Year 3 and 4 pupils found them and then tackled the many Mathematical challenges. This was a fun way to end off the term.



Our Year 5 pupils have been hard at work designing and creating a pillow cover and I enjoyed watching them in the throes of gluing, sketching and cutting.

This term we have not taken long to get focused on the important task of learning and I caught some of our Year 4 pupils constructing angles with protractors, rulers and a large portion of super understanding. As Year 5 draws ever closer another focus this term is to continue to become more independent learners.

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## Middle School News



Keep dry, keep smiling and enjoy the week-end!

Gavin Ryan

Head of Middle School

## Revision Information

Revision notes and guidelines are available on the website for the relevant exams for Years 8-11  
How to Learn / Pupil Information / Revision Notes

## Summer Uniform

At present pupils may wear either their winter or summer uniform. Please note a combination of the two is not acceptable. Summer uniform officially starts on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

Nicola Mitchell

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Shaan Ali Remani

For an exceptional result in his French Test (awarded last term).

## Upper School News

The Year 8 Narrative Poetry Competition which was due to take place on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March, will now take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

## General News

From the Bursar

Theft from Cars.

I regret to say that yet another car was broken into this week that was parked on South Hill Avenue. The theft took place in broad daylight and was not seen by anyone. Please note the following:

- South Hill Avenue is quite clearly targeted by opportunist thieves who will take any opportunity to break into cars and steal anything to hand.
- Please lock your cars and do not leave anything of value in sight at all.
- Report any one acting suspiciously on the estate to the Police in the first instance and then to the School.

## Pupils in Years 6, 7 & 8

Saturday Open Morning 10<sup>th</sup> May 2014

Thank you to all the pupils who have already very kindly offered to be our tour guides for our Open Morning on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May. If you have not yet replied, please can you return your tear off slip from your letter and return it to Mrs Mitchell, or reply by email by Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April to me at [registrar@orleyfarm.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:registrar@orleyfarm.harrow.sch.uk) indicating your child's availability.

Julie Jago

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General News cont...

Notes from the Library:

Thank you to all my working lunchtime monitors last term the team are pictured below, without Omar Majumdar and Camee Gough, who were otherwise engaged.



Well done to all pupils and parents for a good return of books - today - I had a record low of 28 outstanding books.

Your PA

Thank you also to everyone who contributed to our wonderful Reading Resolution tree (below).



And remember to keep on reading!

## PA News

A Big Welcome Back to the busiest, and best, term of the year for everyone!

The PA is holding its termly

PA COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY 29TH APRIL AT 7PM

In the DINING HALL

Everyone is Welcome refreshments will be provided.

Stalls are also available for our

SUMMER FAIR

on

SATURDAY 21ST JUNE (11:00-5:00)

Please contact the PA via our email at [ofspaemail@gmail.com](mailto:ofspaemail@gmail.com)

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# Looking Ahead...

Monday 28th April

All Hobbies (including Ballet and Prep Class Swimming)  
Begin

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Tuesday 29th April

07:45 (depart) Year 7 Visit to The National Space Centre, Leicester (All Day)

10:30 V h # U

16:30 17:30 Health & Safety Committee Meeting (DR)

19:00 20:30 PA Committee Meeting (DH)

Wednesday 30th April

09:00 15:00 Prep Theatre Group (SGH)

13:15 (depart) Cricket Colts A and Colts B v Lochinver House (a)

14:30 Cricket 1st XI and 2nd XI v Aldenham (h)

Thursday 1st May

Junior Maths Challenge

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Friday 2nd May

The School Photography Company will be in school DAY  
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15:15 Cricket 1st XI and 2nd XI v John Lyon (h)

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