



Orchard Academy Trust

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer break and that your children have settled back into the routines of school life – working hard, with a healthy balance of play along the way!

I would like to congratulate the staff and children at Allington Primary School for their hard work and commitment in the last twelve months. Their efforts have been rewarded with outstanding results in KS2 that have improved on last year and are significantly above national averages. We also celebrate the good results at KS1, Year 1 Phonics and EYFS, all of which are above national averages. I am immensely proud of all the staff and children for these achievements.

This year we will continue our focus on the skills based curriculum and outdoor learning; staff across the Trust spent their Inset day at the beginning of term, building dens at Wild Times Woodland Adventures, to develop their outdoor teaching and learning skills and are looking forward to sharing these with the children.

Mrs Howson has updated the Citizenship curriculum to embrace what life is like in modern Britain including: British Values; teaching the importance of resilience and self-motivation and the value of working supportively within a community.

As a Teaching School, Allington is proud to support a number of students and newly qualified teachers this year offering them the opportunity to learn from our outstanding teachers in an outstanding environment.

The Breakfast and After School Club are now established with ever increasing popularity; we have received lots of positive comments from parents and the children about the range of fun and exciting activities, as well as the tasty meals.

My thanks to the PTFA for a contribution of £2000.00 towards a new library which will be set up during the half term holiday in the entrance corridor. Thank you, for supporting PTFA events which raises the money enabling us to do the extras for your children.

I am very pleased to inform you that the school was successful in a Condition Improvement Fund bid for the replacement of the flat roof and hopefully work will commence during the half term holiday. We are looking forward to having a water tight building!

The Trust website was launched at the beginning of the week which you can access via the school website or by typing the following address: www.orchardacademytrust.co.uk . The website is a work in progress and there are a few additions to be made and links to activate; these will hopefully be achieved within the next week

I know there are lots of exciting lessons and events planned between now and Christmas and I look forward to reporting on further progress later in the year.

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs J Young

Executive Headteacher