



General Information for Parents

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The School Day

School Day Length

The school times are as follows:

08:45	School opens for registration and Early Work
09:00	Register closes, Assembly
09:20	<i>Lessons</i>
10:30	Break
10:45	<i>Lessons</i>
12:15	Lunch
13:15	<i>Lessons</i>
14:15	Break (Reception & Key Stage 1)
15:15	End of school KS1

Arrival at School

Arriving at school on time for the start of the day is vital for our children as otherwise they often feel that they have missed out on important information for the day. It also ensures that the children begin to learn a good 'work ethic' which will support them later in their life.

Pupils are welcome to arrive at school from 8:30 am. On arrival at school parents and children are asked to wait in on the main playground until 8:45 am when the member of staff on duty will ring a bell. When this bell rings the children will line up in their designated class lines which are currently as follows:

Reception Class	<i>At the right hand end of the school as you look at it</i>
Year 1	<i>At the right hand end of the school as you look at it</i>
Year 2	<i>At the right hand end of the school as you look at it</i>
Year 3	<i>By the main entrance to the school</i>
Year 4	<i>By the main entrance to the school</i>
Year 5	<i>By the entrance at the middle of the school</i>
Year 6	<i>By the entrance at the middle of the school</i>

Once the children are all in line their Class Teacher and/or Teaching Assistant will lead the children to their classrooms.

In the morning the class teacher will be available, while collecting their classes, to have a brief chat with parents, if necessary, about collections arrangements or school matters. If, however, you need to have a longer chat please either speak to the class teacher or the School Office to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet.

Any children arriving after the classes have gone in and **before 9:00 a.m.** must enter the school via the Main Entrance and go directly to their classroom.

Children who arrive after **9:00 a.m.** must report to the Main Office where the reasons for the lateness will be recorded in the Late Book for attendance purposes.

If you are aware that you are going to be late we would be grateful if you could contact the School Office on 01375 891383 so that we can let the class teacher know. If you are likely to be late and wish your child to have a school dinner please be sure to mention this when you phone the School Office so that it can be ordered.

Leaving School

During the School Day

If a child has to leave school during the day it is vital that the School Office is informed at the time so that we are aware of where all our children are in case of an emergency. Any child who leaves school during the day must be signed out at the School Office so that we have a record of who has left the premises in case of emergency.

Our school meals are run by Thurrock Catering and they have stated that if a child had booked a lunch and then leaves the school after **10.30 a.m.** the parents will still be required to pay for that lunch, even though it has not been taken. If your child is going to arrive after 10.30, due to an appointment, and you wish them to have a school lunch, then please make sure that you have informed the School Office by 9.00 a.m. on that day.

At the End of the School Day

At the end of the day parents of children in the **Reception Class** are requested to come round to the Rear Playground where they will collect their children.

Parents of **all other** classes are asked to wait on the Main Playground at the front of the school. As classes leave they will be brought to the playground for collection. A member of staff will be on duty at the front of the school until 3:30 p.m. to ensure that the children are collected safely.

After this time any children who are remaining on the premises will be taken into the After School club, where you will then be charged for a part session, depending on pick up time.

It is vital that children are collected on time as the School Office officially closes at 3.30 pm which means that it is difficult for us to 'mind' children who have not been collected. Not only that if you are late it really does cause anxiety for your child as they tend to worry about where you might be. Therefore, if any parent knows that they will be late collecting their child we would be grateful if you could inform the School Office as early as possible so as to avoid any unnecessary concern for your child.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Every term there is a wide variety of extra-curricular clubs available for our children. Clubs that take place after school run from 3:30 p.m. until 4:15 p.m. unless otherwise stated. Different clubs will be available throughout the year and will often be for specific year groups. Any child who is not attending a club must either be collected at 3:15 p.m. or be supervised by a parent/carer as staff that are not running the club often have other meetings or commitments and cannot therefore supervise the children.

In some cases outside organisations e.g. gymnastics, PASS Football, provide an activity. In these cases the organisation will make a charge to parents for their child to attend that activity and it will be a private arrangement between the organisation and the parents.

Once again we would be grateful if all children could be collected promptly at the end of the club and if unforeseen circumstances mean that a child would not be collected on time we would be grateful if the School Office could be informed as early as possible.

If a club has to be cancelled for any reason we will endeavour to inform you at the earliest opportunity so as to avoid any inconvenience. However, generally any outdoor club will be cancelled if it is raining.

If any parents wish to help with or are interested in running an extra-curricular activity we would be delighted to accept their offer. Please see the School Office if you feel able to offer any support in this area.

Parking

Parking is always an issue for every school and given that we have Orsett Hospital directly opposite us this does make it harder for parents to park easily. Please be aware that there are double yellow lines directly outside the school which are monitored by traffic wardens etc. and we politely request that all our parent's park responsibly to ensure the safety of our children.

There is also the Church Car Park opposite St Giles' Church, which is a safe place to park and only five minutes walk away, which not only saves time hunting for a space but also gives the children a much needed blast of fresh air too.

Absence and Lateness

Absence from School

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness or other circumstances we would be grateful if you could contact the School Office on **01375 891383** before **9:00 a.m.** on the first day of the absence. If we have not heard from you by this time a member of staff will endeavour to contact you during the first day of absence to find out the reason for the absence. Government legislation states that only the school has the authority to authorise absences and as such must report any unauthorised or continued absences to the Educational Welfare Officer who will then contact the family to discuss the reasons for the absences.

If your child is likely to be absent from school for a long period of time please contact us and we will offer any support needed to ensure that your child is able to keep abreast of what is taking place in school.

On your child's return to school following an absence we will require a short note outlining the reason for the absence for our records.

Lateness

If your child is likely to be late to school we would be grateful if you could telephone the School Office to let us know before **9:00 a.m.** Once your child arrives at school please go directly to the School Office so that we can mark your child as present immediately. Any child arriving after 9.00 a.m. will be marked as officially late in accordance with the DfE legislation.

Holidays

School runs for approximately 39 weeks per year leaving nearly three months of every year in which to book a family holiday. Taking holidays during term time really does affect your child's education as they often miss vital elements of learning, making it very difficult for them to catch up. The North East Cluster of schools in Thurrock has agreed a policy of **not** authorising holidays during term time other than in **very exceptional** circumstances and our school has agreed to adhere to this policy.

In these exceptional circumstances parents may request a maximum of five days of annual holiday time during any one school year for their children, but authorisation for this is at the discretion of the Headteacher and you will be expected write to the Headteacher to provide reasons for needing to take a holiday during term time. No holidays will be authorised if your child's attendance falls below 90%. Holiday Request Forms are available from the School Office.

Please note that any unauthorised holiday absence now carries a penalty fine by direction of the DfE.

Parental Holidays

At times some parents go on holiday during term time **without** their children. If at any time you are intending to do so please could you ensure that the school is made aware of this, giving your holiday dates in to the School Office together with an emergency contact number of someone who would be able to collect your child if there was an accident or if your child were to be ill. In this way we can ensure that your child is safe at all times.

Holiday Dates 2016/2017

In order to help you plan your holidays the dates for this academic year are set out below:

Term	Autumn 2016	Spring 2017	Summer 2017
INSET Days (staff only)	01.09.15 02.09.15	31.03.17	05.06.17 21.07.17
Term dates	05.09.16 to 21.12.16	05.01.17 to 30.03.17	18.04.17 to 20.07.17
Half term dates	24.10.16 to 28.10.16	13.02.17 to 17.02.17	29.05.17 to 02.06.17

NB All dates are inclusive

Staffing for 2016/2017

Below are details of the current staffing for the academic year.

Miss S. Jones	Headteacher	<i>Whole school leadership and management</i>
Mr J. Dickson	Deputy Head	<i>Key Stage 1 /EYFS leadership and management</i>
Miss R. Spink	Class Teacher/SLT	<i>English/Science Lead</i>
Mr R. Meleady	Class Teacher/SLT	<i>Computing/PE lead</i>
Mrs L. Olajide	Class Teacher	
Miss S Dow	Class Teacher	
Miss A. Newton	Class Teacher	
Mr K. Foster	Class Teacher	
Miss N. Linale	PPA cover	
Mrs R. Manley	SENCO	<i>Special Educational Needs and Inclusion</i>
Mrs S. Young	High Level Teaching Assistant	<i>PPA cover/absence, interventions and support</i>
Mrs W. Smith	Teaching Assistant	
Mrs R. Martin	Teaching Assistant	
Miss K. Wignall	Teaching Assistant	<i>Reading Manager</i>
Mrs J. Lewington	Teaching Assistant	
Mrs H Lloyd	Teaching Assistant	<i>Absence cover</i>
Mrs B. Reynolds	Teaching Assistant	
Mrs K. Kent	Teaching Assistant	
Mrs M. Rayner	Teaching Assistant	
Mrs L. McCandless	Teaching Assistant	
Mrs W. Willett	Teaching Assistant	<i>Interventions and challenge support</i>
Mrs J. Pritchard	Bursar	
Mrs L. Fox	Administrative Assistant	
Mr K. Jones	Caretaker	
Mrs A. Bartolozzi	Cleaner	
Mrs S. Westfall	Cleaner	
Mrs J. Lovegrove	Cleaner	
Mrs M. Pearson	Cleaner	
Mrs K. Beatens	Senior Midday Assistant	
Mrs M. Pearson	Midday Assistant	
Mrs R. Machar	Midday Assistant	
Mrs R. Barton	Midday Assistant	
Mrs P. Sinclair	Midday Assistant	
Mrs E. Wood	Midday Assistant	
Mrs A. Lyons	Midday Assistant	
Mrs T. Bowyer	Midday Assistant	
Mrs J. Burdett	School Cook	
Mrs T. O'Neil	Kitchen Assistant	
Mrs M Pearson	LARKS/OWLS Club Supervisor	
Mrs J Harrington	LARKS/OWLS Club Supervisor	

School Uniform

Uniform

At Orsett CE Primary School we have adopted a school uniform, as we firmly believe that it fosters a feeling of belonging and encourages children to take a pride in their school (it also helps eliminate designer clothes competitiveness or telling parents that 'everyone else is wearing it'!) and we are very grateful to parents for supporting the wearing of uniform. The uniform is as follows:

Boys	Girls	P.E.
Blue jumper (with school logo) White shirt with school tie Grey trousers Black or grey socks Black shoes	Blue jumper or cardigan (with school logo) White shirt with school tie Grey skirt, pinafore or trousers White socks or grey or black tights Black shoes Blue and white checked dress <i>(summer)</i> Blue or black hair accessories	White short-sleeved T-shirt (with school logo) Blue shorts or skirt Blue tracksuit bottoms for winter <i>(optional) *</i> Plimsolls PE Bag *

For reasons of Health and Safety we recommend that all shoes should be sensible and that the only jewellery worn is as follows:

- One wristwatch*
- One pair of stud earrings*

If a child is wearing more jewellery than this they will be asked to remove it and it will be returned at the end of the school day as we wish to avoid any unnecessary accidents. The school cannot accept liability for the loss of expensive jewellery.

We also ask that all children have a School Book Bag (available from the uniform shop) at Key Stage 1 and a School Backpack at Key Stage 2.

All items of school uniform that are likely to be taken off **must be clearly marked** with the child's name using either name tags or an indelible pen so that it doesn't wash off.

Items that are named are returned to the child if found and a Lost Property Box is kept by the Main Entrance and lost property is put out on the playground on Fridays at the end of school. Any unclaimed lost property is sent to a clothing bank on a regular basis.

School Meals

School Meals

Our school meals are cooked on the premises by Thurrock Catering and conform to the Government's Nutritional Guidelines. The current menu can be found in the school's Entrance Foyer so please do take a copy if you wish.

EYFS and Key Stage 1

As you are aware children who are in the infant part of the school i.e. EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 now have a **free** school dinner each day and these are highly nutritional and popular with the large majority of our children. Menus are on a three-weekly cycle and change twice yearly. Children are able to choose their main course every morning so that we can ensure they have something that they will enjoy.

It is noticeable that the children who have a school dinner tend to learn better (and have more energy) in the afternoon than those children who have packed lunches so I would urge you all to take up the offer of Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM).

Key Stage 2

A school meal currently costs £2.05 per day (£10.25 per week) and we would ask parents to pay in advance on a Monday morning, or on the day for any meals that they intend their child to take that week. Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide a meal if payment has not been made. For those who think that they might qualify for free school meals, details are available in the School Office and again we would assure you that all information given to us would be passed on only on a 'need to know' basis.

There is, of course, also the option for children to bring their own packed lunch to school if this is what is preferred although the majority of our children do now have school meals as we operate a 'Band System' which enables children to choose their preferred main course.

If your child is absent and you have pre-paid for meals these will be carried over for you. However, if you have ordered a meal and then your child goes home after **10.30 a.m.** unfortunately Thurrock Catering will still charge for this meal as it will have begun to be prepared already.

Pupil Premium and Free School Meal Entitlement

Previously, families who were in financial hardship had to apply for a free school meal, this not only ensured that the child had a good midday meal but it also meant that the school received additional funds through Pupil Premium to support the child while at school e.g. half price trips, additional support etc.

This funding remains but will only be given if the parent has applied for Free School Meal Entitlement and it is **vital** that families who are eligible continue to do this so that we receive the funding for the child. For those who think that they might qualify for free school meals, details are available in the School Office and again we would assure you that all information given to us would be passed on only on a 'need to know' basis.

If your child is absent and you have pre-paid for meals these will be carried over for you. However, if you have ordered a meal and then your child goes home after **10.30 a.m.** unfortunately Thurrock Catering will still charge for this meal as it will have begun to be prepared already.

Snacks at break-time

We believe in encouraging our children to be aware of eating healthily. There is a school Tuck Shop available at break time, which is run by our School Council which provides a healthy snack and drink. The **maximum** amount that your child would need to purchase both a snack and a drink from the Tuck Shop is £1.00.

Any snacks brought in from home must also be healthy i.e. no crisps, chocolate etc. and we would also ask that the only drink brought into school is water. Children in Key Stage 1 also have a piece of fruit in the afternoon as a part of the Government's healthy eating policy which is currently free of charge.

The Curriculum

The School Curriculum

At Orsett CE Primary School we aim to provide a broad and balanced curriculum, which develops the ability of the individual child according to their age and ability. The school has implemented the National Curriculum and has a Curriculum Map to ensure that all children cover the requirements during their time with us.

Teachers use a wide variety of teaching methods and adapt their teaching methods according to the subject, age and ability of the children. At Orsett we place great emphasis on giving children hands-on experiences in learning, as we believe that it is only by actually doing something that true understanding of a specific area and its relevance to real-life can be gained. Therefore, the foundation subjects such as history, geography, art, music etc form a part of our skill-led curriculum where we focus on teaching our children the key skills that they need so that they can use this in many areas of their life. We call this '*Learning at Orsett Through Skills*' (LOTS) and we believe that by teaching these subjects through themes that are relevant and interesting to our children we will inspire in them a life-long love of learning.

At the beginning of each half term you will receive a letter from your child's class teacher outlining what will be taught during that half term, which we hope will enable you to support your child's learning at home.

School Trips

We believe that our children will benefit from visiting places of interest or having visiting companies come to the school that link with the subjects that they are currently learning about. Therefore, where possible, we will arrange trips or events for the children to take part in. In the majority of cases we will request a voluntary contribution towards the cost of the event or trip; however, no child will be precluded from these if unable to contribute if it is directly linked to their learning.

Trips will be charged according to transport costs and entry fees. This money will need to be handed in before the event. If you have any difficulties with payments please speak to the Headteacher, so that necessary arrangements can be made.

Thinking Skills

From 8:45 a.m. each morning our children undertake activities which will stimulate their thinking skills. These activities may involve problem solving, verbal reasoning or literacy skills and will vary according to the age of the child. The children will be expected to work independently on the activity and this work will be monitored by the class teacher after registration. For children in the Reception Class we appreciate that it is unlikely that they will be able to work independently therefore their day starts at 8.45 a.m. with the planned activities for the day.

Homework

Here at Orsett, we are always looking at ways to ensure that our children learn in ways that are meaningful to them and aim to instil in each and every child a joy for learning. One area of our children's learning that often causes them to be less than enthusiastic is homework and we are also aware that at times parents find either difficult to fit in or to 'persuade' their child to complete it.

There are **two** elements to the homework:

- 1 **Daily/weekly homework** where children will be expected to undertake the following:
 - a. 15 minutes daily reading either to an adult or (as they become more fluent) to themselves
 - b. Spellings practice to take place regularly over a week
 - c. Regular practice of the Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFS) for maths which are appropriate to the child's ability and will be given by the teacher
- 2 **Extended Homework** which will be set for a specific period of time with a deadline but can be undertaken at home at times that are convenient for both the child and your family.

EXTENDED HOMEWORK

Below is an explanation of **Extended Homework** for your information so that you, as parents are clear as to the tasks/challenges that your child will be working towards and how to support them with this.

- ✓ Extended Homework is important as it will encourage your child to become increasingly independent and produce self-derived work that in turn will improve and build on both your child's areas of strength and areas for development.
- ✓ The aim is for children to enhance their learning through self-motivation rather than just completing a sheet 'because they have to.'
- ✓ Children will be given a theme or a subject that either is meaningful to them at a specific point in time or links to the theme that they are learning about in school.
- ✓ The children will agree a timeframe for completion with the teacher, based on what they are going to produce,
- ✓ They will also state the criteria against which it will be marked.
- ✓ When they are given the challenges/task there will also be a section reminding you of the Daily Homework
- ✓ You will receive a text message from us so that you know that a sheet outlining the Extended Homework has been given to your child, so that you can ask them about it.
- ✓ The children will be encouraged to consider how they, personally, can complete the task to the best of their ability, therefore, each child might choose to tackle the task in a different way e.g. one might chose to do a presentation, another might build a model etc.
- ✓ The key to the success is that the children will be encouraged to actively come up with their way of achieving the challenge set within a specific time frame.
- ✓ This of course encourages them to be creative in their approach and to utilise their own personal interests to complete the challenge.
- ✓ There are likely to be set times where the children (according to their age) will be asked to bring in the work that they have done so far and work with a partner to consider what else they can do to improve it further.
- ✓ This in turn gives the children the chance to 'magpie' ideas from each other and learn still more.
- ✓ In some cases the Extended Homework will be a series of specific challenges of differing levels of complexity.
- ✓ These challenges will be worth different amounts of points and the children will be set a target of a certain number of points to achieve by the specific deadline.
- ✓ This will mean that a child can either do several less complex tasks to achieve the points or one or two more challenging ones thus allowing children to achieve similar results but maintaining an enjoyment of their learning.

- ✓ Pieces of Extended Homework will also be celebrated and put on display on our half-termly Theme Open Days where the children will then talk to you all about what they have been both learning and achieving.

Below is a short list of how, as parents, you can successfully support your child's learning:

DO	DON'T
Know what they are learning about	Talk about how 'homework was different in your day'
Listen to them read every day	Multitask as you listen
Ask them questions so that they expand their thinking about the challenge e.g. What...? When...? Where...? Why...? Who...? How...?	Show off your knowledge about the subject matter
Give them varied experiences so that they can choose different ways of achieving the task	Make it all about expense (sometimes the cheapest ideas are the best 😊)
Be willing to support their activity by listening to their ideas and suggesting ways forward	Complete it for them
Show them they can achieve	Ignore the things they can't do – instead help them to find a way of overcoming the obstacle for themselves

If any parent has any queries about the homework set please contact the class teacher who will endeavour to explain the requirements.

Pupil Information

Pupil Details

Before starting Orsett CE Primary School you will be given a Pupil Information Sheet to complete that will give us contact details and other necessary information to ensure that your child settles in to our school swiftly. This information is only shared with other agencies who have the authorisation for it. If any parent needs to contact another parent we will not supply these details without the express permission of the parent concerned.

We would be very grateful if you could ensure that all the details are kept up to date – particularly emergency contact numbers – as otherwise we would be unable to reach you should an emergency arise.

Allergies and Medicines

It is very important indeed that we are kept informed of any allergies that your child might have however slight e.g. plasters, nut allergies, wasp stings, asthma etc. so that we can ensure that your child received the appropriate treatment immediately.

If a child regularly has to take medicine in school for a specific reason we are able to administer this but, before we can do so, a form authorising this must be completed by yourself. We are, however, unable to administer medicines on an ad hoc basis e.g. Calpol. If your child does need this type of medicine then we ask that a family member comes to school to do this.

Accidents, Injuries and/or Sickness

The health, safety and welfare of all our children is paramount to us at Orsett and at all times we will treat the children who have any problem as if they were our own children.

It is not uncommon for a young child to not reach a toilet in time and we will keep spare clothing for such an eventuality. These incidents will be dealt with as soon as we are made aware of them and will be dealt with both swiftly and discreetly so as to avoid any embarrassment for your child.

If your child is injured at school we will, where possible, treat the injury and give your child an Accident Form to give to you at the end of the day so that you are aware that they have had an accident. All accidents in school are entered in an Accident Book (assuming that the child tells us of it!). There may be times where we need to contact you either for permission to treat your child or because we feel that you need to check them for yourself e.g. if they have bumped their head.

In these cases we will make every effort to contact you as quickly as possible so that we can continue treating your child.

If your child feels unwell during school time we will again contact you so that you can make any necessary arrangements to collect your child and whilst you do so we will ensure that your child is kept as comfortable as possible.

Photographs

There are often occasions during the school year where photographs and/or video recordings of the children are made by staff, other parents or the press and these may be published either within the school or in a local newspaper. If you **do not** wish your child to be photographed and/or videoed please will you inform the School Office in writing within **one week** of starting at the school so that we can ensure that your wishes are adhered to.

Parents in the School

Open Door Policy

We believe that the links between home and school are vital as if we work together our children's education will inevitably be more successful. Therefore, we will operate an 'Open Door' policy for all parents who will be welcome to come in and help within the school or to discuss any issues that they have either with a member of staff or myself.

Concerns

If at any time you have a concern about your child we would encourage you to come into school as soon as possible so that we can discuss it, as, the quicker that concerns are dealt with then the quicker your child will continue to progress at school. In the first instant we would suggest that you talk to your child's class teacher. We would suggest that 8.45 in the morning may not be the best time to discuss any concerns as they will be welcoming the children at the start of the day but we would encourage you to set a mutually convenient time as soon as possible so that your concerns can be discussed properly. If, however, you feel that the situation is urgent I would encourage you to see either myself or a member of my Senior Leadership Team as soon as possible.

If we have any concerns about your child we will contact you at the earliest opportunity to arrange a mutually convenient time to discuss the situation with you. We would also be very grateful if you could keep us informed of any changes in circumstance or worries that your child might have at home e.g. an ill grandparent, death of a pet etc. as then we will be able to support them whilst they are at school. Any information that is giving to us will be used on a strict 'need to know' basis.

OPT-IN (Orsett Parent Teacher - Included)

As you know all schools are always looking for ways to raise funds so as to provide the best possible resources for our children. Quite often the delegated budget is taken up with staff salaries, bills and basic resource requirements and so in order to provide the extras that can enrich our children's education we need to raise funds. Therefore, OPT –IN, which consists of parents and staff (everyone is automatically a part of OPT-IN on joining the school) regularly organise events during the year which are very enjoyable and raise funds for the 'extras'. Not only does it benefit our children but it is also an excellent way for parents to meet with each other and have some fun too.

OPT-IN meets at our school on the second **Monday** of every month at **2.00 pm** in school. Everyone is *very* welcome indeed and indeed encouraged to do so as not only is it a way of raising funds for our children but it also is a great way to meet other parents and get to know each other.

Workshops for Parents

There will be opportunities during the year for parents to come 'back to school' and experience the learning that your child is undergoing. These are not only informative evenings but also great fun as well as being a way to ensure that both home and school are using the same approaches when helping our children.

PACT sessions

We also try to offer PACT (Parents and Children Together) sessions. This is where you are invited into school to see how your child is taught and how s/he learns.

Parent Consultations

During the year there will be opportunities to come into the school on a more formal basis to discuss your child's progress and to consider how we can all support their continued learning.

However, parents are always welcome to have a brief informal chat with your child's teacher at a mutually convenient time or to arrange a more formal meeting if you so wish.

Annual Reports

Annual reports on individual children will be sent out towards the end of each academic year and will outline the progress that your child has made together with individual targets for further improvement. There will be an opportunity for all parents to comment on the report via a return slip and also a Consultation time for parents should they wish to discuss the Annual Report in more detail with the class teacher.

Orsett CE Primary School Website

Our website can be found at www.orsettprimary.co.uk and contains information about your child's areas of learning, dates, newsletters, photographs, events and much more. We update it very regularly so it is worth keeping a check on the site for any changes in information and it is particularly useful when emergencies happen that mean the school has to close (e.g. snow) as we will give you ongoing information as to the current situation.

Parents Text Messaging Service

We also use a text messaging service to alert you of changes to clubs, deadlines for returning forms (if appropriate), school closures and other important information so do please ensure that we always have your most up to date mobile number so that you do not miss out on any information.

And Finally...

Our aim at Orsett is to provide the very best education possible for each and every child. All that we do will be for the children in our care as we know that it is vital that we equip every child with the skills, values and enthusiasm towards learning that will set them up for the rest of their life. We firmly believe that if everyone; staff, parents and governors work together then we will achieve this aim. It is our hope that we will have a long, productive, happy and successful relationship with you and your child.

And so, therefore, all that remains for me to say is...

'Welcome to Orsett CE Primary School.'

