

# Orchard's C of E Academy

## Weekly Parent Bulletin

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Our Christian Value for this Half Term is **Understanding**

### Dates for the Diary

**13<sup>th</sup> February** Laburnum Class Reading Café  
**13<sup>th</sup> February** PTA meeting  
**14<sup>th</sup> February** Spelling Bee – Round 2  
**14<sup>th</sup> February** Hawthorn Class Reading Café  
**14<sup>th</sup> February** Willow Class Assembly  
**15<sup>th</sup> February** Last school day before Half Term  
**25<sup>th</sup> February** Children back to school  
**26<sup>th</sup> February** Chestnut, Elm and Cypress Reading Cafes  
**1<sup>st</sup> March** Year 6 Assembly  
**6<sup>th</sup> March** Rowan Class Reading Café  
**7<sup>th</sup> March** World Book Day  
**8<sup>th</sup> March** Holly Reading Café  
**11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> March** Science Week  
**12<sup>th</sup> March** Cedar and Oak Class Reading Cafes  
**3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> April** Parent Consultation Evenings  
**5<sup>th</sup> April** Last day of Spring Term

### PTA Meeting

The next meeting of the PTA will take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 3:30pm in the CDT Room. If you wish to become a member of the PTA, please feel free to attend.

### Year 5 and 6 Bikeability

Consent forms have been sent home this week about Bikeability, which will take part during the week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> July. To participate you must own a bike and a helmet and be able to ride. Non riders will not be able to participate. If you would like to take part please return the signed consent slip by 15<sup>th</sup> February to the office. Please go to <https://bikeability.org.uk/> for more information.

### Class Assemblies

The children of Willow class look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at their Class Assembly next Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:10pm. The children in Year 6 (both classes) will be putting on an Assembly for their parents on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March – also at 1:10pm.

### World Book Day

World Book Day will be with us on Thursday March 7<sup>th</sup> – for more information see <https://www.worldbookday.com/>

Just to give you plenty of time to get organised (there's nothing worse than your child telling you the night before that they need fancy dress the next morning) the children will be allowed to come into school on World Book Day dressed as a character from their favourite book.

In addition, please find below details of the Thomas Clarkson Academy World Book Day Competition. They are opening this to Primary schools and will select a Year 5 and Year 6 winner as well as the winners from TCA.

# THOMAS CLARKSON ACADEMY WORLD BOOK DAY COMPETITION

For World Book Day we are inviting KS3 students to complete a book review on a current book that they are reading or a book that they have read before. Judges will choose a winner from Year 7, 8 and 9. The closing date for the competition is Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Winners will be selected the following week. You can hand in completed book reviews to Mr. Kyasiima or Mr. Bronizewski. Share the enjoyment of reading by completing the competition and having a chance to win a great prize!



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## Height and Weight Checks

Each year in England, school children in Reception and Year 6 have their height and weight checked at school as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February the team from Everyone Health will be visiting Orchards and parents from those year groups will have received a letter with more details about this.

If you have a child in one of these years, and don't think you have received a letter, or need more information about this please come to the school office.

## Stars of the Week

Well done to all the children for their hard work this week. The following children were particularly celebrated for their effort, behaviour and achievement in class.

**Early Years** – Zaine in Apple; Arturs in Cherry.

**Key Stage 1** – Andreja in Willow; Eleonora in Walnut; Natalia in Beech; Leon in Hazel; Layla in Maple.

**Key Stage 2** – Jessica in Hawthorn; Harleigh in Laburnum; Toni in Holly; Taylor in Rowan; ... in Cedar; Jess and Armante in Chestnut; ... in Elm; Khalad in Oak.

## Attendance

Attendance across the school since Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January was as follows. We understand that children are occasionally ill and sometimes it is inappropriate for them to be in school, but we are working towards the Government target of 96% attendance over the course of the year. As you can see, we are well below that at that figure during this time.

**Whole School – 91.4%**

**Early Years** – 87.7% in Apple; 92.7% in Cherry.

**Key Stage 1** – 93.1% in Willow; 84.1% in Walnut; 93.9% in Beech; 95.7% in Hazel; 86% in Maple.

**Key Stage 2** – 93.8% in Hawthorn; 92.9% in Laburnum; 89.1% in Holly; 93.2% in Rowan; 89.7% in Cedar; 94.6% in Chestnut; 93% in Elm; 92.4% in Oak.

Congratulations to Hazel class for having the best attendance in the school during this time.

## Design and Technology Display

During the course of the half term, children have been busily designing and creating in class and at home in lessons across the Curriculum. We will be displaying some of their work in the Lime Hall on Thursday and

Friday next week. If you would like to see what the children have been up to, please feel free to come and have a look round either straight after school on Thursday and Friday or before school on Friday. We know that these times are not always convenient for you all, so will endeavour to get some photographs of children's work on the year group pages of the school website.

**And Finally...**

There was some fantastic work from three of our Year 2 pupils this week, as they created Arctic and ocean habitats for one of their homework tasks. They were able to explain what animals live in that habitat and why they are suited for that habitat. They received a sticker from Mrs Claxton for their efforts.



Thank you for all the support you provide for the children and our academy!

