

# Orchard's C of E Academy

## Weekly Parent Bulletin

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Our Christian Value for next Half Term is **Cooperation**

### Dates for the Diary

**27<sup>th</sup> March** Reception Mothering Sunday Tea  
**3<sup>rd</sup> April** Walnut Class Assembly  
**3<sup>rd</sup> April** Reception and Year 1 Easter Service  
**3<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> April** Working Together Wednesday  
**3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> April** Parent Consultation Evenings  
**4<sup>th</sup> April** Easter Church Services for Years 2-6  
**5<sup>th</sup> April** Shaking Up Shakespeare  
**5<sup>th</sup> April** Last day of Spring Term  
**23<sup>rd</sup> April** Children back to school

**6<sup>th</sup> May** Bank Holiday (May Day)  
**13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May** Year 6 SATs Week  
**17<sup>th</sup> May** DEMAT Purple Day  
**24<sup>th</sup> May** Last day before Half Term  
**3<sup>rd</sup> June** Children back to school  
**26<sup>th</sup> June** Reception / Year 1 Sports Day AM  
**27<sup>th</sup> June** Years 2 and 3 Sports Day AM  
**28<sup>th</sup> June** Years 4, 5 and 6 Sports Day AM  
**24<sup>th</sup> July** Last day of Summer Term

### Nursery Open Day

Parents will be welcomed into Nursery to discuss their child's progress and look through their Learning Journals on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Parents of morning children are invited to come in at 11:00am and afternoon children at 2:30pm. There may even be some cold drinks and hot cross buns on offer!

### Parent Consultation Evenings

Parent Consultation Evenings will be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April after school. You should receive a letter from your child's class teacher at the end of this week giving you more information about the evenings, as well as the opportunity to book a time slot.

You will receive a brief report on the evening about your child's progress, as well as the opportunity to discuss next steps with the class teacher. Translators will be available if needed.

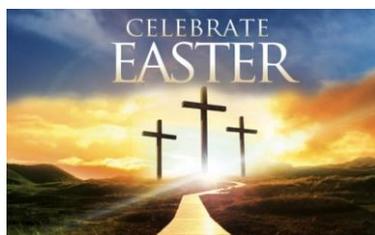
Remember, research shows that there is a clear connection between how much children progress in school, and a close working relationship between teacher and parent. It is so important that you attend these meetings if it is at all possible. We do understand that parents are not always available, so if you cannot attend for whatever reason, please feel free to speak to either your child's class teacher, or call the school office, to arrange a time that suits you.

Year 6 parents will be receiving some resources to support their children learning at home during the Easter holiday.

### Bicycles

We have had a couple of bikes go missing from the bike shed recently. Please can I remind you all that, if you are leaving bikes in the school grounds, they need to be securely locked with padlocks. Whilst we don't want to see children upset because their bikes have gone missing, it is a very difficult thing for us to police. In the meantime, if your child has brought home a black bike with the word zombies in orange writing on it by accident, please return it to school as soon as possible.

### Easter Church Services



Our Easter Church Services this year for Years 2- 6 will take place at our local church - St Augustine's - on April 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be two services: one at 9.30am for Years 2-3 and another at 10.30am for Years 4-6. It would be great if as many of you as possible are able to join us to support the children and celebrate one of the most important Christian Festivals on the Church calendar.

The Easter Service for Reception and Year 1 will take place in the Lime Hall at 2:00pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – almost directly after the Walnut class assembly.

## Red Nose Day

We are extremely grateful to those of you who sent tins or packets of food into school on Red Nose Day to support our local food bank. They were very thankful for your generosity and it will be a real support to those in need in the community.

## 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** – Augustas in Apple; Hollie-May in Cherry.

**Key Stage 1** – ... in Willow; ... in Walnut; Amber in Beech; Viktor in Hazel; Marta in Maple.

**Key Stage 2** – ... in Hawthorn; Sara in Laburnum; Lia in Holly; Darija in Rowan; Natalia in Chestnut; Aurelija in Cypress; ... in Elm; Julienne in Cedar; ... in Oak.

## Attendance

Attendance across the school since Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 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** – **95.2%**

**Early Years** – **96.7%** in Apple; **97.7%** in Cherry.

**Key Stage 1** – **87.6%** in Willow; **95.4%** in Walnut; **96.4%** in Beech; **96.7%** in Hazel; **88.5%** in Maple.

**Key Stage 2** – **93.6%** in Hawthorn; **93.6%** in Laburnum; **96.6%** in Holly; **97.7%** in Rowan; **98.4%** in Chestnut; **93.6%** in Cypress; **94.4%** in Elm; **99.3%** in Cedar; **94.5%** in Oak.

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

## Year 1 Visit to Church Farm



On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> of March Walnut class went to Church Farm. We saw many animals including sheep, pigs, guinea pigs, horses, donkeys and rabbits. We played on the climbing/trampoline playground and played football. At 11:00 we went on a tractor ride to see even more animals! After lunch we got to feed milk to the lambs. We had a brilliant day at the farm!



## Science Week

Science week raised £314.60 from the raffle and the gadget shop. It was a fantastic week children were really excited and engaged with their science lessons throughout the week. There was a great turn out parents of the Friday which was a lovely end to the week. I would like to thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm towards your children's education. Keep an eye out for the next science event coming soon.

Miss Smith, Science Lead.

**And Finally...**

Because next week is Assessment Week across the school, there will be no Working Together Wednesday. We'll look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Coffee Morning will be happening as usual in the CDT Room.

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



## Our Ethos

At the playground, activities are set up, Play is freely chosen, and we allow children to explore with their own ideas and in their own way. Staff are trained and skilled in this way of working and use a low intervention style.

Research shows that working like this is a very effective way for children to learn and develop their skills and understanding.

Playworkers and Family workers are at the stay and play session to support all children and their parents/ carers in the creation of a space in which they can play and have lots of fun.

What do family workers have to offer?

We can: Signpost families to other services such as speech and language. The health team, housing and benefits and Funded 2's. Staff can also offer advice on issues such as sleep routines, toileting, behaviour strategies, feeding/ weaning and breast feeding.

Children Centres offer a variety of groups, sessions, parenting courses special events and trips.

See our What's On Guide and search for us on facebook.

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## THE SPINNEY

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