

Orchard's C of E Academy

Weekly Parent Bulletin

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

Dates for the Diary

- 5th December** Indoor Planetarium in for Years 5 and 6
- 6th December** Power Maths morning – 9:00am
- 7th December** Year 4 educational visit to the Imperial War Museum in Duxford
- 10th December** Tea with Father Christmas – 4:00-5:00pm and 5:30-6:30pm
- 13th December** Church Service for Years 2 and 3 – 9:00am
- 13th December** Church Service for Years 4, 5 and 6 – 10:30am
- 13th December** Reception Nativity performance – 2:00pm
- 14th December** Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children
- 18th December** Reception Christmas Story Café – 1:00pm
- 18th December** Reception and Year 1 Christingle – 1:45pm
- 19th December** End of Term

Christmas Dates and Times

As you can see from the list above, we have a very busy and exciting schedule of events at school in the lead up to Christmas.

On Thursday 13th December, Years 2-6 will be walking to St Augustine's Church for a Christmas service. The Year 2 and 3 service will take place at 9:00am and the Year 4, 5 and 6 service will be at 10:30am. All classes are learning a carol to sing.

On the afternoon of the 13th, the Reception Nativity will take place for parents. They are already well into their rehearsals!

Then, on Tuesday 18th December, Year 1 and Reception will be having a Christingle service in school at 1:45pm.

You are more than welcome to come along to any of the events of course.



Tea with Father Christmas

Orchards Academy PTA proudly presents 'Tea with Father Christmas' on Monday 10th December. Two sessions will be held between 4:00 and 5:00pm and between 5:30 and 6:30pm.

Come and enjoy a buffet tea with Father Christmas and receive a gift too. Spaces are limited to first come first served, so be quick! Tickets available from the PTA at a cost of £3 per child.

Reception Christmas Story Café

All parents are invited to join us for a Christmas story café in Apple and Cherry classes at 1.00pm on Tuesday 18th December. We will be getting in the Christmas spirit with a story before making Christingles with the children to take along to our service at 1.45pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

Rowan Class Assembly

Rowan Class will be performing their assembly at 1:10pm on the afternoon of Friday 30th November. We would be delighted to welcome parents of children in Beech class to come along and support them.

Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children



On Friday 14th December, we will be taking part in Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children. For a contribution towards this very worthy cause, the children will be permitted to come to school wearing something festive!

For more information about Christmas Jumper Day, please visit <https://christmasjumperday.org/>

Power Maths Morning (with Mince Pies)

We have recently introduced a new way of teaching maths across the school, based on the mastery approach to teaching mathematics – it is called Power Maths, and is being used daily in classes from Year 1 to Year 6.

On Thursday 6th December, we would like to invite you into school to see Power Maths in action.

Mrs Claxton and Mr Steeden will give a short presentation at 9:00am in the CDT room, and you will then be free to look in classes throughout the school to see the impact it is having on our children.

Although Power Maths is not being used in Reception, those parents are more than welcome to come into school as well.

As we will be well into December by then, please join us for a mince pie afterwards.

Reading Buddies

As a part of our Children in Need celebrations this year – and in an effort to encourage a love of reading, the whole school spent some time on Friday afternoon taking part in Reading Buddies. Children from the older classes spent some time sharing a book with some of the younger children in school.

We have received really positive feedback from teachers and children, and from the beginning of the Spring Term we will be making it a monthly event across school.



Stars of the Week

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

Early Years – Darcie in Apple; Marley in Cherry.

Key Stage 1 – Julia in Willow; Amelia in Walnut; Denise in Beech; Cory C in Hazel; Amelia in Maple.

Key Stage 2 – Jack in Hawthorn; Idriss in Laburnum; Jaiden in Holly; Dominika in Rowan; Evita in Cedar; ... in Chestnut; Liveta in Elm; Pijus in Oak.

And Finally...

The children from our Fun and Faith group will be doing something extremely exciting and special next week – watch this space to find out what it was!

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

