

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

8th November New Feedback and Marking Policy meeting – 8:45am

8th November Individual School Photos - 8.00am

9th November Oak Class Remembrance Assembly

13th November Child Flu Immunisations Yr – Y5

15th November Reception Maths Café for Parents – 2:30pm

13th December Church Services for Years 2-6

13th December Reception Nativity performance – 2:00pm

14th December Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children

19th December End of Term

New Feedback Policy

Mr Steeden has been rewriting our Feedback Policy in order to make sure that it has the maximum impact on children's learning. The new Policy will be implemented with staff in the first week back after half term. If you would like to know more about it, there will be an information session at 8:45am on Thursday 8th November in the CDT Room.

Year 6 Booster Classes

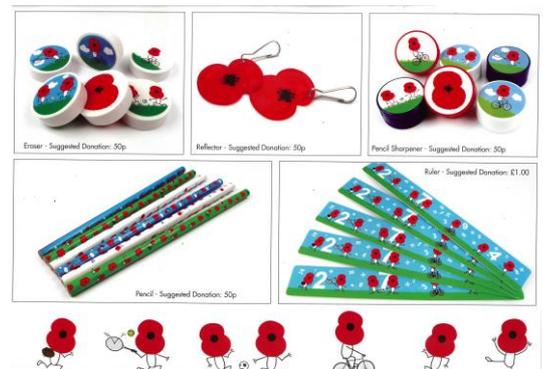
All of our Year 6 children will be sitting their SATs tests next May. In order to prepare them as best we can, certain children – identified by their class teachers – will be invited to an after school booster club. This will be for half an hour, straight after school and taught by either Mrs Claxton, Mr Davis or Mr Steeden. The first booster classes will be for maths, but reading and writing boosters will follow. Expect invitations to these clubs to start going out next week.

Remembrance Assembly

Sunday 11th November marks exactly 100 years since the end of the First World War. As we know, Armistice Day is commemorated every year on 11th November to mark the armistice signed between the Allies of World War I and Germany at Compiègne, France, for the cessation of hostilities on the Western Front. It took effect at eleven o'clock in the morning—the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918. The armistice initially expired after a period of 36 days.

To mark this very special anniversary, the Oak Class assembly will take place at 1:10pm. You are all welcome to join us.

In addition, poppies and poppy related items will be for sale in the office. Children will be allowed to buy poppies during morning break, and after school.



Stars of the Week

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

Early Years – Lily-Rose in Apple; Harley in Cherry.

Key Stage 1 – Tommy in Willow; Matas in Walnut; Vinny in Beech; Rebecca in Hazel; Gabriele in Maple.

Key Stage 2 – Gabija in Hawthorn; Angela in Laburnum; Ella Louise in Holly; Cody in Rowan; Kristina in Cedar; Denisas in Chestnut; Chloe in Elm; Arturs in Oak.

Learning Sparkles in Reception



The Reception classes had fun learning how to stay safe around fireworks this week. Some comments from our young learners to help you stay safe this weekend...

Mummy or daddy have to light the fireworks - Rose

You have to have a bucket of water in case the fireworks don't go out... Hollie-May

Put the sparkler in the water when it goes out to cool it down - Maddie

Put your coat and gloves on when you hold the sparkler so you don't get burnt - Harley

Individual Photographs

Wednesday is photo day for individual. Siblings that are in school will automatically have their pictures taken together, siblings outside of school need to come in at 8.00am to have theirs done.

Reception Maths Café

The Maths Cafe (15th November, 2:30pm) is a session aimed at parents and carers of children in the Reception classes. This informal sessions will provide an opportunity for parents and carers to get together over a cuppa and a cake, exploring ways of supporting their child with maths in the home. Miss Harrison and Mrs Stratton are passionate about maths in the Early Years Foundation Stage and will be on hand to answer any questions or concerns that parents and carers may have as well as providing handy tips and strategies about ways to support with maths in the home learning environment.

School Website

If you go to the school website - <http://www.orchards.cambs.sch.uk/website/home/289558> - you might notice that it is looking a bit different. We hope that it is more user friendly, and it should work well on your mobile devices. We have started the process of updating the site – the staff list should be up to date now, for example. This will be an ongoing process, so we thank you for your patience.

Book Fair

The Book Fair will be in school until Wednesday 7th. There will be over 150 books to choose from at very discounted prices. And every book sold helps us to fill our classrooms and library with free books to help to support the children's learning.

Need help finding books and information for homework?

Cambridgeshire Libraries are now offering term time after school Homework Clubs in our larger libraries – Central Library Cambridge, Huntingdon, St Neots, St Ives, Ely, March and Wisbech. These clubs are open to all children, but are specifically aimed at primary school children

These clubs offer:



- access to books on hundreds of different topics
- free use of the computers and our online encyclopaedias
- a Homework Helper to help you to find the information you need
- free photocopies/print-outs
- space to do your homework
- sessions that are free and no need to book. Stay as long as you like (whilst the library is open!)
- Parents and carers, please stay with children under 11

Please ask in the library when their club is held. Of course, our resources are available any time we are open, but attending the club means that someone will definitely be on hand to help with a homework enquiry.

And Finally...

We hope that you all had a relaxing Half Term. With Guy Fawkes night approaching, please have fun if you are going to a firework display, but make sure you all stay safe and follow the firework code.

The Firework Code

- **Keep fireworks in a closed box**
- **Follow the instructions for lighting them very carefully**
- **Light them at arm's length**
- **Stand well back**
- **Never go back to a lit firework**
- **Never put fireworks in your pocket**
- **Never throw fireworks**

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

