

Orchard's C of E Academy

Weekly Parent Bulletin

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

Dates for the Diary

13th – 16th May Year 6 SATs Week

15th May Head Teacher Drop-in

17th May DEMAT Purple Day

20th May Year 1 Maths Café

22nd May Working Together Wednesday

23rd May Holly Class Assembly

24th May Last day before Half Term

3rd June Children back to school

5th, 12th, 19th, 26th June Working Together

Wednesday

5th June Vikings Invade Orchards for Year 4

5th June Head Teacher Drop-in

7th June Year 2 Maths Café

14th June Cherry Class Assembly

18th June Holly & Rowan Maths Cafe

26th June Reception / Year 1 Sports Day AM

27th June Years 2 and 3 Sports Day AM

28th June Years 4, 5 and 6 Sports Day AM

28th June Apple Class Assembly

3rd, 17th July Working Together Wednesday

3rd July Head Teacher Drop-in

12th July Hawthorn Class Assembly

16th July Year 6 Celebration Visit to Woburn

19th July Year 6 Camp Out

23rd July Church Services for Years 2-6

24th July Leavers' Assembly

24th July Last day of Summer Term

4th September First day of Autumn Term

Spelling Bee

I had the great pleasure of taking six pupils from Orchards to a school in Norfolk last week for the Grand Final of the Spelling Bee. They competed against two other DEMAT schools. Not only did the children behave exceptionally well, but they 'smashed it' in the competition. Orchards won three of the six year groups, and tied for the lead in another. A massive "Well Done" to our competitors – Flourish in Year 1, Viktor in Year 2, Jakob in Year 3, Gustas in Year 4, Alfie in Year 5 and Joshua in Year 6. I was very proud of them all.

DEMAT Purple Day

DEMAT Purple Day on Friday 17th May aims to recognise our development and progress in the raising of awareness of Mental Health, and promoting Wellbeing for children, staff and families across the Trust.

This year, the theme of the day will be 'body image', with the focus on how we see ourselves, and how we celebrate our individuality and uniqueness. It seeks to encourage the children to celebrate who they are and recognise their strengths, talents and abilities.

On Friday, we would like to encourage all children to wear something purple and bring a small donation to put towards the cause of mental health awareness. Many thanks in advance.

SATs Week

Next week is SATs Week for our Year 6 children. They have worked very hard this year, and the tests will show how much they have learned since they left Year 2. They are expected in to school at 8:00am and we will give them breakfast. It's an important week for them as their results will be passed on to their Secondary Schools, so we hope that they get lots of sleep, eat lots of nutritious food and stay well hydrated. We wish them luck!

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 – Richard in Apple; Katalia in Cherry.

Key Stage 1 – Flourish in Willow; Alanna in Walnut; Vinny in Beech; Erika in Hazel; Ruby in Maple.

Key Stage 2 – Jacob in Hawthorn; Angela in Laburnum; Jamie in Holly; Kaylin in Rowan; Pawel in Chestnut; Sam in Cypress; Domantas in Elm; Aironas in Cedar; Gustavs in Oak.

Attendance

Attendance across the school over the past week 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.

Whole School – 94.7%

Early Years – 91.3% in Apple; 92.9% in Cherry.

Key Stage 1 – 90.1% in Willow; 95.5% in Walnut; 97.6% in Beech; 93.5% in Hazel; 86.4% in Maple.

Key Stage 2 – 95% in Hawthorn; 98.2% in Laburnum; 96.8% in Holly; 94.6% in Rowan; 91.2% in Chestnut; 100% in Cypress; 95.1% in Elm; 100% in Cedar; 97% in Oak.

Congratulations to both Cypress and Cedar classes for having the best attendance in the school during this time.

Don't forget, the class with the best attendance over the course of a Half Term gets to spend an afternoon at the Spinney!

Head Teacher Drop-In Events

Next Wednesday, Mrs Claxton, Head Teacher, is available for anyone to drop in and see her between 3.30pm and 5:00pm should they wish to discuss an issue or suggest new ideas. To avoid the possibility of parents having to wait, please can you call the office and let them know the time you intend to come. The complete list of dates is as follows:

- Wednesday 15th May
- Wednesday 5th June
- Wednesday 3rd July

End of Year 6 Celebrations.

With SATs fast approaching and taking a large part of our focus, we have also begun to plan our celebration events for the end of the year. This year we aim to offer a range of activities and experiences for our leavers, which will include:

- An organised overnight camp-out at the school.
- A trip to Woburn Safari Park
- A leavers' assembly for parents.

We will provide more details as each event is confirmed, but if you have any questions about these events please do not hesitate to contact the Year 6 team.

Anti-Social Behaviour

It has been brought to our attention that there have been a number of incidents outside of school and around the estate over recent weeks, which have involved vandalism, intimidation and generally anti-social behaviour. I am sad to say, that a number of our pupils appear to have been involved in these incidents, both as victims and perpetrators.

Our advice is that, if you witness anything untoward happening – or are victims of this sort of behaviour – you should contact the Police.

And Finally...

As it is Assessment Week across the school, there is no Working Together Wednesday next week. Normal service will be resumed on Wednesday 22nd May.

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



**FREE
EVENT**
for Families, children and
young people

Play day



2019

THE SPINNEY

WISBECH ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

**Waterlees Road, Wisbech,
Cambridgeshire, PE13 3HB**

Wednesday 7th August
11am-3pm



Children under 6 years must
be accompanied by an adult



No smoking, No alcohol



No dogs except guide dogs



Please note: Photos will be taken for
publicity purposes



Car parking is available in the
overflow park by the Oasis Centre

**More details to
follow....!**

www.wisbechadventureplay.net

