

Orchard's C of E Academy

Weekly Parent Bulletin

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

Dates for the Diary

14th June Get Active Festival	3rd July Head Teacher Drop-in
14th June Cherry Class Assembly	9th July KS1 Sports Stacking Event
18th June Holly & Rowan Maths Café	12th July Hawthorn Class Assembly
20th June Y6 Girls at 'Women in Engineering'	16th July Year 6 Celebration Visit to Woburn
25th June Cedar & Oak Maths Café	19th July Year 6 Camp Out
26th June Reception / Year 1 Sports Day AM	23rd July Church Services for Years 2-6
27th June Years 2 and 3 Sports Day AM	23rd July KS2 Sports Stacking Event
27th June Apple Class Assembly	24th July Leavers' Assembly
28th June Years 4, 5 and 6 Sports Day AM	24th July Last day of Summer Term
3rd, 17th July Working Together Wednesday	4th September First day of Autumn Term

Staffing Update

This week if you have been in to the office you may have noticed a new happy face. Rebecca Upton has joined our office team as a Receptionist and we are very happy to have her with us. Rebecca started on Monday and is already fitting in extremely well, having learned so much already. We hope you will join us in wishing her all the best as part of our team here at Orchards.

School Uniform

Studies show that a school uniform promotes commonality among pupils, improves concentration and fosters a sense of pride, especially when children wear it in public. Therefore, from September, Orchards will have a new School Uniform Policy. Though the uniform will not be changing dramatically, we will be much more consistent about what is and what is not acceptable to wear to school (particularly around footwear). We would hope that second hand uniform will be on sale to parents, and there will be nothing in the Policy which isn't commonly available in most big supermarkets.

We will publish the policy as soon as it is ready, but – as a heads up - if you need to buy new uniform before publication, don't go buying yellow or red polo shirts, as they will not be part of the new Policy!

We will have spare uniform to give to children who come into school inappropriately dressed.

In the meantime, a staff dress code has been introduced this Half Term, as we believe that we should be setting a professional example to the children.

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 – Lola in Apple; Logan in Cherry.

Key Stage 1 – Dilanas in Willow; Isabelle in Walnut; Zyllyn in Beech; Austeja in Hazel; Erikas in Maple.

Key Stage 2 – Declan in Hawthorn; Sara in Laburnum; Tyler in Holly; ... in Rowan; Chloe in Chestnut; Valdone in Cypress; Dominykas in Elm; Rebeka in Cedar; Tommy 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 – 95.3%

Early Years – 92.9% in Apple; 98.3% in Cherry.

Key Stage 1 – 94.4% in Willow; 97% in Walnut; 91.7% in Beech; 95.7% in Hazel; 89.5% in Maple.

Key Stage 2 – 96.5% in Hawthorn; 100% in Laburnum; 97.3% in Holly; 96.9% in Rowan; 95.3% in Chestnut; 89.1% in Cypress; 92.1% in Elm; 97.8% in Cedar; 96.6% in Oak.

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

Don't forget, the class with the best attendance for the Half Term will be enjoying an afternoon at the Spinney as their reward!

Clean Hands

It didn't quite happen over Half Term but this weekend, work will be done in school to install hand sanitisers in the toilets, all of the classrooms and the lunch halls. This will ensure a high level of hygiene around the building, and make sure that the children have clean hands when eating their lunch.

Year 4 Viking Invasion

On Wednesday, Y4 had three visitors from the Viking era. They were Lord Orm Wulfhar, his wife Hawke and Wynne, his housekeeper. They showed us lots of artefacts from Viking times and we learned so much.

Did you know when Vikings had a sore throat they would put a frog on the back of their tongue and rub it on the sore area? That's where we get the saying 'frog in your throat'! Did you know Vikings settled in America and Russia? That they had curved swords from their time working for countries in the Middle East? We learned so much!

We also had a feast and watched a sword fight - it was loud and very scary! It was A.M.A.Z.I.N.G!
Holly Class and Mrs Wells

Cherry Class Assembly

Parents of children in Cherry Class are invited to watch their class assembly in the Lime Hall and 1:10pm on Friday 14th June. We look forward to seeing you there.

And Finally...

This is a very long Half Term, with lots to pack in. Please keep an eye on the date section of the newsletter to make sure you haven't missed any important dates.

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

