

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

19th March Year 1 visit to Church Farm

20th March Working Together Wednesday

22nd March Chestnut Class Assembly

27th March Reception Mothering Sunday Tea

29th March Holly and Rowan's African Drama

3rd April Walnut Class Assembly

3rd, 24th April Working Together Wednesday

3rd and 4th April Parent Consultation Evenings

4th April Easter Church Services for Years 2-6

5th April Shaking Up Shakespeare

5th April Last day of Spring Term

23rd April Children back to school

6th May Bank Holiday (May Day)

13th – 16th May Year 6 SATs Week

17th May DEMAT Purple Day

24th May Last day before Half Term

3rd June Children back to school

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

24th July Last day of Summer Term

Class Assemblies

We have two class assemblies coming up before the end of term. Chestnut's assembly will be at 1:10pm on Friday 22nd March, and Walnut will be at the same time, but on Wednesday 3rd April. Please come along to support your children if you are able to.

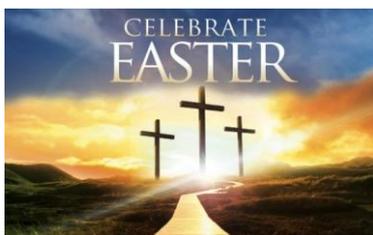
Parent Consultation Evenings

Parent Consultation Evenings will be held on Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th 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 evenings 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.

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 4th. 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. Details about Easter plans for Reception and Year 1 will appear on this bulletin at a later date.

Reading Cafes

May thanks to all those of you who were able to attend their classes Reading Café over the past few weeks. The children have really enjoyed them, and we hope that you did too! I feel that the longer the year has gone on, the more and more we are working in partnership with you all.

The final Reading Cafes were in Year 6, who read an information text about plastic in the ocean answered questions then made fish or ocean scenes from recycled materials.

Next term, look out for invitations to Maths Cafes, which will be happening across school.

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 – Zaine in Apple; Katalia in Cherry.

Key Stage 1 – Maciej in Willow; Tija in Walnut; Vinny in Beech; Leon in Hazel; Diemante in Maple.

Key Stage 2 – Anya in Hawthorn; Austeja in Laburnum; Sonny in Holly; Eimante in Rowan; Kaci-Mai in Chestnut; Abbie-May in Cypress; Bryanna in Elm; Ethan in Cedar; Joe in Oak.

Attendance

Attendance across the school since Friday 8th 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 – 96%

Early Years – 96% in Apple; 93.7% in Cherry.

Key Stage 1 – 95.2% in Willow; 93.6% in Walnut; 95% in Beech; 99.1% in Hazel; 93.8% in Maple.

Key Stage 2 – 96.5% in Hawthorn; 94.6% in Laburnum; 97% in Holly; 97.1% in Rowan; 96.8% in Chestnut; 94.6% in Cypress; 95.7% in Elm; 97.9% in Cedar; 99% in Oak.

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

Year 6 Careers Day

On Monday 11th March, our Year 6 children attended a Careers Event at Thomas Clarkson Academy. They saw a variety of exhibitions: the fire service; Nat West Bank; Peterborough United Football Club; Fens Falconry; a funeral director; solicitors; the National Dogs Trust; Kings Lynn College and the Royal Navy.

All of our children behaved fantastically, visited the various stations and asked relevant questions. We hope that it really made them think about their future and what careers might potentially be out there for them. We also hope that it reaffirmed to them the importance of a good education, and what doors that may open for them.

Cross Country Event

We sent a small team of pupils to an inter school cross country event on Friday 8th March. The children all gave it their very best, with the Year 3 and 4 pupils completing one lap, whilst the Year 5 and 6 pupils completed two laps.

I'm delighted to say that Orchards finished 3rd overall across the whole event, and even more happy to say that Deimante from Year 5 placed 2nd overall amongst 70 girls. We are extremely proud of them all.

And Finally...

We are constantly adding dates of upcoming events to the bulletin – please make sure that you check the section at the top to make sure you don't miss anything. The list is getting to be quite a long one now!

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





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Get cracking and enter the

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Easter Competitions

Easter Bonnet for Nursery to Year 2 children

&

Easter Garden for Year 3-6 children

Closing Date Friday 29th March

1 winner will be picked from each year group.



Governors judging the competition on Monday 1st April will be looking for Child lead entries.

Prizes will be awarded Wednesday 3rd April during assembly.