

Orchard's C of E Academy

Weekly Parent Newsletter

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

Dates for the Diary

11th November Remembrance Day

11th December Christmas Jumper Day

18th December Last school day before Christmas

4th January INSET

5th January Children back to school

15th January Individual School Photos

COVID Symptoms

If your child develops any of the symptoms related to COVID 19 – that is, one or more of:

- a high temperature – this means your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back;
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means your child cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

you must keep them off school for **10 days** from the start of the symptoms. The rest of your household must isolate for **14 days** from the start of the symptoms.

If your child has any other symptoms making them feel unwell, treat these as you would have done normally – if you feel they are fit for school, and please send them in.

Coronavirus (COVID-19): Social Distancing

It is critical that everybody observes the following key behaviours:

- **HANDS** - Wash your hands regularly and for 20 seconds.
- **FACE** - Wear a face covering in indoor settings where social distancing may be difficult, and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet.
- **SPACE** - Stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place (such as wearing face coverings or increasing ventilation indoors).

Social distancing

- To reduce the risk of catching or spreading coronavirus, try to keep at least 2 metres away from people you do not live with. Social distancing is essential to stop the spread of the virus, as it is more likely to spread when people are close together. An infected person can pass on the virus even if they do not have any symptoms, through talking, breathing, coughing or sneezing.

When with people you do not live with, you should also avoid: physical contact; being close and face-to-face; and shouting or singing close to them. You should also avoid crowded areas with lots of people; and touching things that other people have touched.

Where you cannot stay 2 metres apart you should stay more than 1 metre apart, as well as taking extra steps to stay safe. For example:

- wear a face covering: on public transport and in many indoor spaces, you must wear a face covering by law, unless you are exempt;
- move outdoors, where it is safer and there is more space;
- if indoors, make sure rooms are well ventilated by keeping windows and doors open.

You do not need to socially distance from anyone in your household, meaning the people you live with. You also do not need to socially distance from anyone in your legally-permitted support bubble if you are in one,

or someone you're in an established relationship with. If in the early stages of a relationship, you should take particular care to follow the guidance on social distancing.

When providing care to a young child, or person with a disability or health condition who is not in your household or support bubble, it may not always be possible or practicable to maintain social distancing. You should still limit close contact as much as possible when providing these types of care, and take other precautions such as washing hands and opening windows for ventilation.

Parent Consultation Evenings

We were sorry to cancel the face to face parent consultations, but thought it for the best in view of national developments. We know how important it is for us to work closely alongside parents to get the best possible progress for the children, so we hope you have managed to organise an online or telephone appointment with your child's class teacher.

Please keep an eye out for a written report about how your child is getting on which will be sent home to you before the end of next week.

Premier Education Afterschool Clubs

Next week is the start of our next set of sports clubs with Premier Education. Again, these are completely free for your child to attend, however you need to sign up on the website below for the club your child would like to go to. (If you were booked on last time, you will still need to rebook your children again on the website to confirm their place on the register):

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/8579/?location=wisbech>

We are still following the same booking timetable as before because of staggered school days, meaning that your child has access to only 2 of the 4 clubs. Find your child's teachers name on the table attached to see which club your child can attend.

The clubs this term are:

- Monday- Football 3pm-4.20pm;
- Tuesday- Football 2.40pm-4pm;
- Thursday- Multi-sports 3pm-4.20pm;
- Friday- Multi-sports 2.40pm-4pm.

The class timetable that you **MUST** follow when booking:

Booking for the 2.40pm – 4pm sessions	Booking for the 3pm – 4.20pm sessions
Cstratton	Zlester
HFletcher	AWojcik
DRedmile	EBurrows
VVaitekunaite	TJacobs
ESmith	RRouse
SAckah	RHall
AHall	ERedmile
KEyres	MCarter

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 – Gabrielius in Acorns; Vladimir in KCrawley; Cody in LCodd; Gabrielius in Peach.

Key Stage 1 – Nedas in CStratton; Dziugas in HFletcher; Katalia in DRedmile; Zaine in AWojcik; Kamile in ZLester.

Key Stage 2 – Nikole in VVaitekunaite; Kevinas in RRouse; Kinga in EBurrows; Logan in RHall; Paulius in ESmith; Frank in MCarter; Kaylin in TJacobs; Declan in SAckah; Gabija in AHall; Nika in KEyers; Alekss in ERedmile.

Attendance

Below is the attendance for each class so far this Half Term:

Early Years – KCrawley – 100%; LCodd – 97%; Peach – 90.1%.

Key Stage 1 – CStratton – 90.9%; HFletcher – 94.6%; DRedmile – 97.9%; AWojcik – 96.5%; ZLester – 90.1%.

Key Stage 2 – VVaitekunaite – 93%; RRouse – 88.4%; EBurrows – 86.7%; RHall – 97.3%; ESmith – 93%; MCarter – 89.3%; TJacobs – 85.4%; SAckah – 98.1%; AHall – 95%; KEyers – 92.9%; ERedmile – 94.2%.

Whole school attendance this week is: 93.8%.

Whole school attendance since the beginning of term is 95.9%.

Outdoor Classroom Day

On Thursday this week, children from across the school have taken part in National Outdoor Classroom Day. They spent time outside and the activities ranged from: collecting natural materials to make numbers; making firework streamers; using spray bottles to create firework paintings with leaf imprints and creating leaf art; to orienteering using maps and letters. Look out next week for photographs of the children in action! By Mrs Evers

Lions Peace Poster Competition



At the end of last year, the Year 6 children took part in the Lions International Peace Poster Contest with the theme of Peace Through Service. Our Orchards' winner, Auguste, was presented with her prize virtually and her poster went on to the next round of the competition. This has now gone forward to the Lions District Governor for further judging. I am sure you will agree that she is a talented artist.

On Tuesday, Lion Alan Edmunds, who is President of Wisbech Lions this year and Lions Marilyn and Bill Batrick came into school to present us with the engraved Friendship Trophy for taking part in the competition. Above, is Mrs Evers receiving the trophy whilst, of course, observing social distancing.

Lining Up

Please can we remind you that, whilst lining up to collect children, you need to remain on the lines indicated. This does also include younger children who are with you at collection and drop off times. We know it isn't the most exciting activity lining up but it is incredibly important that younger children also do not approach the children lined up in their classes, other parents who are waiting or playing on the play equipment outside as we are unable to sanitise this.

Christmas Activities



Keep an eye on the Newsletter for Christmas dates and events. We hope that we will be able to mark this important time of the year, which is something the children look forward to so much, but we know that things aren't going to be the same as normal this year. There will be no nativity, no singing, no church service and no big gatherings, as those are just things which we are not permitted to do. We will be taking part in Christmas Jumper Day on 11th December to support Save the Children. There will be a Christmas Storytime Advent Calendar, and I have also been tasked –this was absolutely not my idea – of coming up with a joke a day throughout December. So look out for Mr Steeden's Christmas Crackers.

Worship Focus of the Week

This week, we introduced the new Christian Value of 'Trust'. We heard one of Aesop's Fables and compared it to one of Jesus's Parables – both of which explored the idea that true friends are people that we can always trust.

And Finally...

Have a safe and peaceful first weekend of Lockdown 2!

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

