

Orchard's C of E Academy

Weekly Parent Newsletter

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

19th March Comic Relief

25th March Last school day before Easter

26th March Teacher Training Day

12th April Children back to school

26th April Year 6 Careers event

3rd May Spring Bank Holiday

28th May Last school day before Half Term

7th June Children back to school

22nd July Last school day before Summer Holiday

Return to Full Opening of School

How lovely it has been to see all of the children back in school this week. Generally speaking, their behaviour has been exemplary and they have all been really keen to get on with their work. There has been a proper buzz around the building and lots of smiling faces (children and staff). I would really like to thank the parents for the support they gave the children during Lockdown and their continued understanding of some of the more annoying elements of reopening – especially the staggered starts. Rest assured, that will be one thing we stop as soon as we are able to.

Staff Training Day

Don't forget that we will still be having the Staff Training Day which has been on the Term Dates calendar now for over a year. This means that Thursday 25th March will be the last school day before Easter for the children.

What you can and cannot do during the national lockdown

You must stay at home. The single most important action we can all take is to stay at home to protect the NHS and save lives.

You should follow this guidance immediately. This is the law.

Leaving home

You must not leave, or be outside of your home except where necessary. You may leave the home to:

- shop for basic necessities, for you or a vulnerable person
- go to work, or provide voluntary or charitable services, if you cannot reasonably do so from home
- exercise with your household (or support bubble) or one other person, this should be limited to once per day, and you should not travel outside your local area.
- meet your support bubble or childcare bubble where necessary, but only if you are legally permitted to form one
- seek medical assistance or avoid injury, illness or risk of harm (including domestic abuse)
- attend education or childcare - for those eligible

If you do leave home for a permitted reason, you should always stay local - unless it is necessary to go further, for example to go to work. Stay local means stay in the village, town, or part of the city where you live.

If you are clinically extremely vulnerable you should only go out for medical appointments, exercise or if it is essential. You should not attend work

Meeting others

You cannot leave your home to meet socially with anyone you do not live with or are not in a support bubble with (if you are legally permitted to form one).

You may exercise on your own, with one other person, or with your household or support bubble. This should be limited to once per day, and you should not travel outside your local area.

You cannot meet other people you do not live with, or have not formed a support bubble with, unless for a permitted reason.

Stay 2 metres apart from anyone not in your household.

Symptoms of coronavirus

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), get a test as soon as possible. Stay at home until you get the result.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.

You and anyone you live with should stay at home and not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.

Anyone in your support bubble should also stay at home if you have been in close contact with them since your symptoms started or during the 48 hours before they started.

If you test positive, your self-isolation period includes the day your symptoms started (or the day you had the test, if you do not have symptoms) and the next 10 full days. If you get symptoms while you're self-isolating, the 10 days restarts from the day after your symptoms started.

You can stop self-isolating after the 10 days if either:

- you do not have any symptoms
- you just have a cough or changes to your sense of smell or taste – these can last for weeks after the infection has gone

Keep self-isolating if you have any of these symptoms after the 10 days:

- a high temperature or feeling hot and shivery
- a runny nose or sneezing
- feeling or being sick
- diarrhoea

Only stop self-isolating when these symptoms have gone.

If you have diarrhoea or you're being sick, stay at home until 48 hours after they've stopped.

If someone you live with tests positive, your self-isolation period includes the day their symptoms started (or the day they had the test, if they do not have symptoms) and the next 10 full days.

Self-isolate immediately if someone in your support bubble has tested positive and either:

- you've been in close contact with them since their symptoms started or during the 48 hours before their symptoms started
- you've been in close contact with them since they had the test or during the 48 hours before their test (if they have not had symptoms)

Your self-isolation period includes the day you were last in contact with the person and the next 10 full days.

Comic Relief

As the children missed out on dressing up on World Book Day this year, they can come to school dressed up in fancy dress (including something red if possible) on Red Nose Day on Friday 19th March. You will be able to make a contribution towards the charity via ParentPay. This would be our preferred method of donation because of COVID, though class teachers will collect cash donations if necessary.

Rock Star of the Week!

The Rock Star of the Week Award will be awarded to the child who ranks highest at our school based on the amount of time spent practicing their times tables.

So, don't delay! Sign in and get playing to be in with a chance of winning 10 dojo points each week!

This week, the award once again goes to Marta from Almond Class.

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 and achievement in class.

Early Years – Abbie in Acorn; Emma in Apple; Kajus in Cherry; Evelyn in Peach.

Key Stage 1 – ... in Pine; Taylor in Willow; Ignis in Hazel; ... in Maple; ... in Magnolia.

Key Stage 2 – ... in Almond; ... in Hawthorn; Achelle in Juniper; Viktor in Laburnum; Jay-J in Holly; Marek in Cypress; Jayden in Elm; ... in Ash; Jamie in Cedar; Mia in Oak; Liam in Yew.

Attendance

Below is the attendance for each class this week:

Early Years – Cherry – 98.3%; Apple – 97%; Peach – 93%.

Key Stage 1 – Pine – 100%; Willow – 97.6%; Hazel – 100%; Magnolia – 100%; Maple – 100%.

Key Stage 2 – Hawthorn – 95.5%; Holly – 95.2%; Juniper – 100%; Yew – 83.3%; Almond – 100%; Laburnum – 96.9%; Cypress – 94.4%; Elm – 97.4%; Ash – 96.3%; Cedar – 98.3%; Oak – 98.9%.

Whole school attendance was: 97.6%.

This is a really positive start. A big "Well Done" to you all, especially all of those classes above with 100% attendance.

Outdoor Learning

We have been able to start Forest School again this week! It was great to get outdoors even though it was rather cold and damp on Wednesday after school. The children got stuck into den building and we lit a fire which kept us warm as well as toasting our marshmallows.

We would also like to say a big thank you to Mrs. Graveling's neighbour who has knitted lots of warm gloves and hats for the children to wear when they are outside in the colder weather – we really appreciate them!

Contact Details

If you don't receive emails or text messages from the school (and therefore, I would assume are reading this on Facebook), please contact the office to make sure that we have your correct contact details on file.

Worship Focus of the Week

Our worship this week focused on what we might want to be when we grow older, and how all professions can bring happiness to both ourselves and others. The children listened to 'Lord of the Dance' a hymn synonymous with Easter.

And Finally...

Have a lovely weekend. Don't forget, other than the return to school, all other Lockdown rules are still in place, so stay safe.

A poster with a black background and a red and yellow color scheme. At the top left is the HM Government logo. At the top right is the NHS logo. The background features three people wearing full protective suits and face shields. The text is centered and reads: 'CORONAVIRUS' in yellow, 'STAY HOME TO HELP US SAVE LIVES' in large white letters, 'ACT LIKE YOU'VE GOT IT, ANYONE CAN SPREAD IT.' in white, and a yellow banner at the bottom with red and black diagonal stripes containing the text 'STAY HOME ▶ PROTECT THE NHS ▶ SAVE LIVES' in black.

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

