

# 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

**6<sup>th</sup> May** Bank Holiday (May Day)

**8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> May** Working Together Wednesday

**10<sup>th</sup> May** Laburnum Class Assembly

**13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May** Year 6 SATs Week

**15<sup>th</sup> May** Head Teacher Drop-in

**17<sup>th</sup> May** DEMAT Purple Day

**23<sup>rd</sup> May** Holly Class Assembly

**24<sup>th</sup> May** Last day before Half Term

**3<sup>rd</sup> June** Children back to school

**5<sup>th</sup> June** Vikings Invade Orchards for Year 4

**5<sup>th</sup> June** Head Teacher Drop-in

**14<sup>th</sup> June** Cherry Class Assembly

**18<sup>th</sup> June** Holly & Rowan Maths Cafe

**26<sup>th</sup> June** Reception / Year 1 Sports Day AM

**27<sup>th</sup> June** Years 2 and 3 Sports Day AM

**28<sup>th</sup> June** Years 4, 5 and 6 Sports Day AM

**28<sup>th</sup> June** Apple Class Assembly

**3<sup>rd</sup> July** Head Teacher Drop-in

**12<sup>th</sup> July** Hawthorn Class Assembly

**16<sup>th</sup> July** Year 6 Educational Visit to Woburn

**19<sup>th</sup> July** Year 6 Camp Out

**24<sup>th</sup> July** Leavers' Assembly

**24<sup>th</sup> July** Last day of Summer Term

**4<sup>th</sup> September** First day of Autumn Term

### Thomas Clarkson Transition

Thomas Clarkson have updated their website transition page which lists all of the important dates and information for new students and their parents. Also any correspondence that goes out to parents will also be available from this page. This is also translatable so I would encourage any EAL parents of children transitioning to Thomas Clarkson in the summer to log on to the website so they can translate any correspondence into a language that might apply.

The link to the website is below

<https://www.thomasclarksonacademy.org/page/?title=Transition+into+Year+7&pid=215>

### Staffing Update

Year 6 parents might have noticed that Mr Davis was not in school on Monday and Tuesday this week. This is because he has been asked to support at another DEMAT school for two days a week between now and the end of Term. He will, of course, be here for all of SATs week, as well as being fully involved with the planning and delivery of all of the Year 6 events at the end of July.

### 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** – ... in Apple; Sara in Cherry.

**Key Stage 1** – Lena in Willow; Tilly in Walnut; Amber in Beech; Natalia in Hazel; George in Maple.

**Key Stage 2** – Daniele in Hawthorn; ... in Laburnum; Jaiden in Holly; ... in Rowan; Pawel in Chestnut; Ksenija in Cypress; Maris in Elm; Olivia in Cedar; ... 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 – 96.4%**

**Early Years** – 95.3% in Apple; 98.7% in Cherry.

**Key Stage 1** – 94.1% in Willow; 97.9% in Walnut; 96.2% in Beech; 97.8% in Hazel; 86.7% in Maple.

**Key Stage 2** – 96.8% in Hawthorn; 99.3% in Laburnum; 95.6% in Holly; 97.9% in Rowan; 98.8% in Chestnut; 97.3% in Cypress; 95.2% in Elm; 97.1% in Cedar; 96.9% 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 over the course of a Half Term gets to spend an afternoon at the Spinney!

## **Christian Value**

During assembly last week, the children created a poem, based on our Christian Value of 'Unity', which we thought would be nice to share with you.

### Unity

United in our hearts  
Never be alone  
In it together  
Together we are the best  
You can achieve anything you set your mind to!

## **Emergency Inhalers**

There are now four emergency inhaler packs spread around the school. The emergency inhalers do not replace the child's own inhaler and spacer. Your child still needs to have their inhaler in school. The emergency reliever would be used if your child's medication was out of date, ran out during an attack, or not available. If your child has asthma and you have not received a letter asking for your permission to administer the emergency inhalers then please collect one from the school office or Mrs Ketley in Beech Class. If you would like to look at one of the boxes and its contents, or have any questions, please see Mrs Ketley.

## **Year 2 Visit to Hunstanton**

Year 2 had a great day at Hunstanton last Tuesday. They had an enjoyable time exploring the Sea Life Centre and learning all about animals that live in watery habitats. We also had the opportunity to feel starfish and crabs. They then viewed all the features of the seaside first hand. We even had time for an ice lolly and sandcastle building on the beach. The weather was great. Everyone had a lovely day.

## **Volmary Nursery**

We have been very fortunate to receive a donation of lots of lovely plants from Volmary in Wisbech St Mary. Some of the plants will go to Year 1 and the rest will be planted around our school. The children will write a thank you letter.

## **And Finally...**

Enjoy the long weekend. Don't forget, Saturday is Star Wars Day, so May the Fourth be with you all.

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

