

# Orchard's C of E Academy

## Weekly Parent Bulletin

5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

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Our Christian Value for next Half Term is **Unity**

### Dates for the Diary

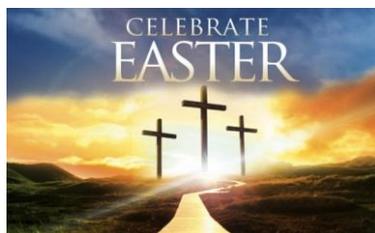
**23<sup>rd</sup> April** Children back to school  
**24<sup>th</sup> April** Working Together Wednesday  
**24<sup>th</sup> April** Young Interpreters' Assembly  
**24<sup>th</sup> April** Head Teacher Drop-in  
**1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> May** Working Together Wednesday  
**6<sup>th</sup> May** Bank Holiday (May Day)  
**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

**24<sup>th</sup> May** Last day before Half Term  
**3<sup>rd</sup> June** Children back to school  
**5<sup>th</sup> June** Head Teacher Drop-in  
**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  
**3<sup>rd</sup> July** Head Teacher Drop-in  
**24<sup>th</sup> July** Last day of Summer Term  
**4<sup>th</sup> September** First day of Autumn Term

### Parent Consultation Evenings

Thank you to all those who were able to attend the parent consultation evenings this week. For those of you that were unable to attend for whatever reason, your child should be bringing a copy of their report home with them.

### Easter Church Services



Thank you also to all those of you who were able to join one of our Easter Church services during the week. We know that with all the chocolate and bunnies around, the true meaning of Easter can sometimes become blurred, so it is good to take the time to reflect on the events of Holy Week and the story behind what is the most important Christian Festival of the year.

### School Lunches

Just a reminder that school lunch has to be paid before 9:00am on the day that your child is having lunch. If payment is not received on time you will receive a text message informing you to bring a packed lunch into school.

### School Choir

There hasn't exactly been a flood of children coming to see Mr Steeden this week, so could you please remind them that, if they are in Years 3 to 6 would like to join the school choir, they should please speak to their class teacher. Choir practice will be held once a week during lunch time. You wouldn't want him to have to sing solo now, would you?

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

**Key Stage 1** – Ellie in Willow; Nojus in Walnut; Amber in Beech; Konnor in Hazel; Maisie in Maple.

**Key Stage 2** – Austeja in Hawthorn; Ugne in Laburnum; Liam in Holly; Deimantas in Rowan; Julia in Chestnut; Mya in Cypress; Konstantins in Elm; Julienne in Cedar; Aiden in Oak.

## Attendance

Attendance across the school since Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 – 94.1%**

**Early Years – 94.3%** in Apple; **94%** in Cherry.

**Key Stage 1 – 90.7%** in Willow; **96.4%** in Walnut; **98.6%** in Beech; **94.4%** in Hazel; **90.7%** in Maple.

**Key Stage 2 – 92.7%** in Hawthorn; **98.6%** in Laburnum; **95.5%** in Holly; **94.6%** in Rowan; **86.7%** in Chestnut; **95.9%** in Cypress; **96.1%** in Elm; **93.6%** in Cedar; **92.8%** in Oak.

Congratulations to both Beech and Laburnum classes for having the best attendance in the school during this time. And a big well done to Hazel class for having the best attendance this Half Term – we hope you enjoyed your trip to the Spinney.

## Head Teacher Drop-In Events

On the following Wednesdays, Mrs Claxton, Head Teacher, is available for anyone to drop in and see her between 3.30pm and 5:00pm should they wish to discuss an issue or suggest new ideas. To avoid the possibility of parents having to wait, please can you call the office and let them know the time you intend to come. The dates are as follows:

- Wednesday 24th April
- Wednesday 15th May
- Wednesday 5th June
- Wednesday 3rd July

## Easter message from Mrs Claxton

Can I take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Easter. Aside from the delightful trappings of happy chickens and chocolate aplenty, please can I wish the believers in our community the joy and peace of Christ at Eastertide.

## Easter Competitions

Well done to all those who entered our Easter Bonnet and Easter Garden competitions there were some really creative entries. Three of our hard working Governors had the very difficult job of picking winners and runners-up from each year group:

### Easter Bonnet

- Nursery: Winner - Leo; Runner-up – Freddy
- Reception: Winner – Ignas; Runner-up – Kazia
- Year 1: Winner – Matas; Runner-up – Mia
- Year 2: Winner – April-Diane; Runner-up – Rebecca

### Easter Gardens

- Year 3: Winner – Vilius; Runner-up – Jessica
- Year 4: Winner – Kaylin; Runner-up – McKenzie
- Year 5: Winner – Auguste; Runner-up – Deimante
- Year 6: Winner – Gustavs; Runner-up – Mia Rose

Most Outstanding Garden – Erin from Year 5

## And Finally...

Which just leaves me to wish you all a peaceful and relaxing Easter time. Make good use of the time off (that means revision Year 6!), and we'll see you all on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

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



# Orchards CE Academy

(a part of the Diocese of Ely Multi-Academy Trust)

is seeking to appoint a

## Site Assistant

Fixed term 1 year (52 weeks) 20 hours per week with a holiday entitlement of 23 days.

**Payscale:** £9572.93, proportionate to a full-time rate of £17758.61 (pay award pending)

We are looking for an enthusiastic and hardworking Site Assistant to join our highly committed team.

You will be required to:

- Be an enthusiastic, well-motivated and committed person
- Be an experienced handy person, able to fix and build resources
- Have a basic working knowledge of ICT
- Have some flexibility in your usual working pattern
- Oversee and undertake cleaning operations
- Have a basic understanding of Health and Safety
- Work on your own initiative after appropriate training

Therefore, we are looking for someone who:

- Can work independently but contribute to a strong team ethos
- Can be professional and discrete when dealing with confidential school matters
- Has excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Is able to solve problems calmly, multi task and be proactive
- Has an excellent sense of humour

For more information and an application pack, please visit our website: <http://www.orchards.cambs.sch.uk>

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed and encouraged, to arrange an appointment please call Mark Cross on 01945 583799. Applications may be returned by email to: [kcross@orchards.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:kcross@orchards.cambs.sch.uk)

**Closing date:** Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 (midday)

**Interviews:** Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019

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