

Orchard's C of E Academy

Weekly Parent Bulletin

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

Dates for the Diary

5th February Safer Internet Day
7th February Reception Reading Café
8th February Elm Class assembly
13th February Laburnum Class Reading Café
14th February Spelling Bee – Round 2
14th February Hawthorn Class Reading Café
14th February Willow Class Assembly
15th February Last school day before Half Term
25th February Children back to school
1st March Year 6 Assembly
6th March Rowan Class Reading Café
7th March World Book Day
12th March Cedar and Oak Class Reading Cafes
3rd and 4th April Parent Consultation Evenings
5th April Last day of Spring Term

Upcoming Assemblies

On Friday 8th February, Elm Class will be performing their assembly at 1:10pm. On the following Thursday (14th February) it will be the turn on Willow Class. Then on the first Friday after Half Term (1st March) all of Year 6 will be performing an assembly. We hope that as many parents as possible will be able to come into school to support the children.

Reading Cafes

We have asked each class to hold a Reading Café before the end of this term. The 'cafes' are designed for you to come in to class, listen to a story along with the children and then share an activity with your child based on the story you have all heard. We hope that they will all be fun events for you to share with the children. Watch this space for dates, though you will also receive an invitation from your child's class teacher. Reception's bedtime reading café has already taken place.

World Book Day

World Book Day will be with us on Thursday March 7th – for more information see <https://www.worldbookday.com/>

Just to give you plenty of time to get organised (there's nothing worse than your child telling you the night before that they need fancy dress the next morning) the children will be allowed to come into school on World Book Day dressed as a character from their favourite book.

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 – Matheus in Apple; Rose in Cherry.

Key Stage 1 – Achelle in Willow; Gabrielis in Walnut; Urte in Beech; Emilis and Kristers in Hazel; Sergejs in Maple.

Key Stage 2 – Austeja in Hawthorn; Max in Laburnum; David in Holly; Justina in Rowan; Oskarus C in Cedar; Gustavs in Chestnut; Liveta in Elm; Pijus in Oak.

Attendance

Attendance across the school since Friday 25th January 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 – 84.9%

Early Years – 76.3% in Apple; **73.3%** in Cherry.

Key Stage 1 – 81.4% in Willow; **75.4%** in Walnut; **86.5%** in Beech; **94.5%** in Hazel; **82%** in Maple.

Key Stage 2 – 86.9% in Hawthorn; **75.4%** in Laburnum; **84.2%** in Holly; **84.8%** in Rowan; **97.5%** in Cedar; **89.4%** in Chestnut; **88.3%** in Elm; **93%** in Oak.

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

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 5th February is Safer Internet Day. Over the years, Safer Internet Day (SID) has become a landmark event in the online safety calendar. Starting as an initiative of the EU SafeBorders project in 2004 and taken up by the Insafe network as one of its earliest actions in 2005, Safer Internet Day has grown beyond its traditional geographic zone and is now celebrated in approximately 140 countries worldwide.

From cyberbullying to social networking, each year Safer Internet Day aims to raise awareness of emerging online issues and chooses a topic reflecting current concerns. For more information, please go to <https://www.saferinternetday.org/web/sid/home>

And Finally...

There will be some changes to classes and staffing from after February half term – parents of children affected will have received separate letters.

By now, children from Year 5 will know if they are in Chestnut Class (Mr Redmile), Elm Class (Mrs Ackah) or Cypress Class (Miss Johnson). Children from Year 6 will know if they are to be in Cedar Class (Mrs Lester and Mr Hicks) or Oak Class (Mr Davis and Mrs Carter). And children from Laburnum Class will also have been told that Mrs Jacobs will become class teacher after Half Term, whilst Mrs Herman moves to Year 5 to support Miss Johnson in Cypress Class.

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





Tell us what you think about the health and care services in your area.

Come to our brand new forum, meetings to be held every two months. We will invite local health and care decision makers along to answer your questions.

At our first meeting, we will be talking about the redevelopment of North Cambs Hospital.

Thursday 14 February 2019, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Queen Mary Centre, Queen's Road, Wisbech, PE13 2PE

In 2018, North Cambs Hospital was awarded £8 million to redevelop some of its facilities. This includes:

- A new physiotherapy centre and gym (complete).
- A new main entrance with a cafe.
- Updated outpatients' services.
- Remodelling the site and increasing parking.

Have your say on local services. No need to book.

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