

Orchard's C of E Academy

Weekly Parent Bulletin

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Our Christian Value for the Half Term is **Tolerance**

Dates for the Diary

26th September PTA Annual General Meeting – 3:30pm
27th September Tapestry Café for Reception parents - 9:00am
3rd October Harvest Assembly (various times)
4th October New Behaviour Policy meeting – 9:00am
17th and 18th October Parent Consultation Evenings
19th October Last school day before Half Term
29th October Back to school
13th December Reception Nativity performance – 2:00pm
19th December End of Term

Maths Curriculum Morning

Many thanks to the parents who came along to the Maths Morning on Thursday. We were able to go into each year group from Years 1 to 6 and observe the progression of teaching in a primary school. Many thanks to the teachers for all their work, and of course to our children who were on task and engaged throughout. Watch this space for other opportunities to come in to school throughout the year – it is really important that you get opportunity to come and see all the wonderful learning going on in our school.

PTA AGM

At the Preliminary PTA meeting on Wednesday, six members of staff and eight parents attended. We looked at handouts to examine steps to take in setting up a PTA. We were given notes about PTA Committee roles and what they will involve. We discussed who would like to take on these roles and decided on a date for our first Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Our AGM will take place on Wednesday 26th September at 3:30pm in the CDT room. The agenda is:

- Voting for the rules;
- Agreeing on a name;
- Constitution;
- First fundraising event;
- Any other business.

Everyone is welcome to attend. There will be refreshments for you, and games and colouring for your children.

Stars of the Week

Well done to all the children for their hard working start to the Term. The following children were celebrated this week for their behaviour and achievement in class.

Key Stage 1 – Lily-Mai in Willow; Daniel S in Walnut; Das in Beech; Maggie in Hazel; Jurij G in Maple.

Key Stage 2 – Kevinas in Laburnum; Jessica in Hawthorn; Kathleen in Holly; Ciara in Rowan; Katrina in Oak; Mia-Rose in Chestnut; Auguste in Cedar; Nathan in Elm.

Harvest Festival

Please join us to celebrate our Harvest Festival on Wednesday 3rd October in the Lime Hall. The times are:

- Reception and Year 1 – 8.40am – 9.15 am
- Year 2 and 3: 1:10-2:00pm
- Year 4, 5 and 6: 2:10-3:00pm

We will be collecting tinned and packet food for the local community. We look forward to seeing you there.”

Tuck Shop

It is very important as a school that we set a positive example for the children in all aspects of their lives. One of these areas is that of healthy eating. We have thought very carefully about this, and made the decision to close the Tuck Shop with immediate effect. Although the members of staff who ran it worked incredibly hard, and it raised a significant amount of money for the school for which we are extremely grateful, we can no longer justify selling sugary snacks to the children.

We are looking at the idea of setting up a breakfast club in the near future – one that would serve a healthy and nutritious breakfast before the start of the school day.

New Behaviour Policy

Mr Davis has been working extremely hard since the start of term to simplify and slim down our school Behaviour Policy, making it easier to understand for teachers, parents and (most importantly) the children. He will be holding a meeting at 9:00 on Thursday 4th October to explain the new policy to you and ask for your comments. It will not be rolled out to the children until parents, teachers and governors have read, understood, and had a chance to comment on it.

If you cannot make the meeting, and we know that meetings in school time are not always possible for you to get to, we will be sending out the Policy for you to read. If you have any comments you wish to make, do not hesitate to contact us.

Tapestry Café for Reception Parents

Our online learning journey will shortly go live. Please come along to our Tapestry Café at 9:00am on Thursday 27th September to learn more about how we record your child’s learning in school.

Parents can view their child’s journal on mobile devices and on their home computers, and can make observations of their own using a secure login system.

- It creates a two way communication between us (the EYFS team), and you (the parents and carers).
- We can upload flexible media meaning you can see pictures and videos of what your child is really up to at school.
- Greater opportunities to extend your child’s learning at home – you can view next steps and communicate with us whenever you like.

After a short presentation, there will be the chance to log on (if you have provided us with an email address) and view your child’s learning log.

Morning Routine

From Monday, there will be a small change to how our Year 6 children line up in the mornings. At the moment, they are lining up along with Year 2 in the courtyard between the Year 2 and Year 6 classrooms. This does make the courtyard rather crowded, and there have been a couple of incidents with Year 2 children being inadvertently bumped in to. With this in mind, Year 6 will now be lining up on the other side of where our Year 4 children line up. The teachers will be out there on Monday morning to remind them, and direct proceedings. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Weekly Bulletin

This Bulletin will be published each week on the school’s Facebook page, and paper copies are available from the school office. We hope to be able to email it out to you all eventually, but don’t have the ability to do that at the moment. This will be the main forum where information about upcoming events are shared so, if you know of any fellow parents who have not seen it, please feel free to share it with them!

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





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Getting into Teaching
Information Event
Monday 19th November 2018



Getting into Teaching information event. For training places starting 2018 and looking ahead September 2019.

Monday 19th November 2018, 6.00pm–8.00pm

Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge Campus, East Rd, Cambridge CB1 1PT

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