

Orchard's C of E Academy

Weekly Parent Bulletin

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

Dates for the Diary

25th February Children back to school
26th February Chestnut, Elm and Cypress Reading Cafes
1st March Year 6 Assembly
5th March Beech, Hazel and Maple Reading Cafes
6th March Rowan Class Reading Café
7th March World Book Day
8th March Holly Reading Café
11th – 15th March Science Week
12th March Cedar and Oak Class Reading Cafes
29th March Holly and Rowan's African Drama
3rd and 4th April Parent Consultation Evenings
5th April Last day of Spring Term
23rd April Children back to school
6th May Bank Holiday (May Day)
13th – 16th May Year 6 SATs Week

Introducing 'Working Together Wednesdays'

Each Wednesday morning, from after Half Term, we are delighted to welcome you all into your children's class to spend the first 45 minutes of the school day in school. You will be able to watch either phonics or guided reading sessions in class, then join us for a drink and a biscuit at the Coffee Morning in the CDT room.

We do know that there is never a time of the school day which is convenient for you all to come into school, but we do hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us on a Wednesday morning. Grandparents and older siblings are equally as welcome as parents, of course.

Cedar Class Swimming Lessons

Cedar class have now completed their swimming classes. Congratulations to all those who achieved certificates - especially Rebeka and Ksenija who completed 50 metres. A special mention must go to Emilija R who worked really hard and is so nearly there, and for Oskaras M who supported and encouraged her. Well done all.

Class Assemblies

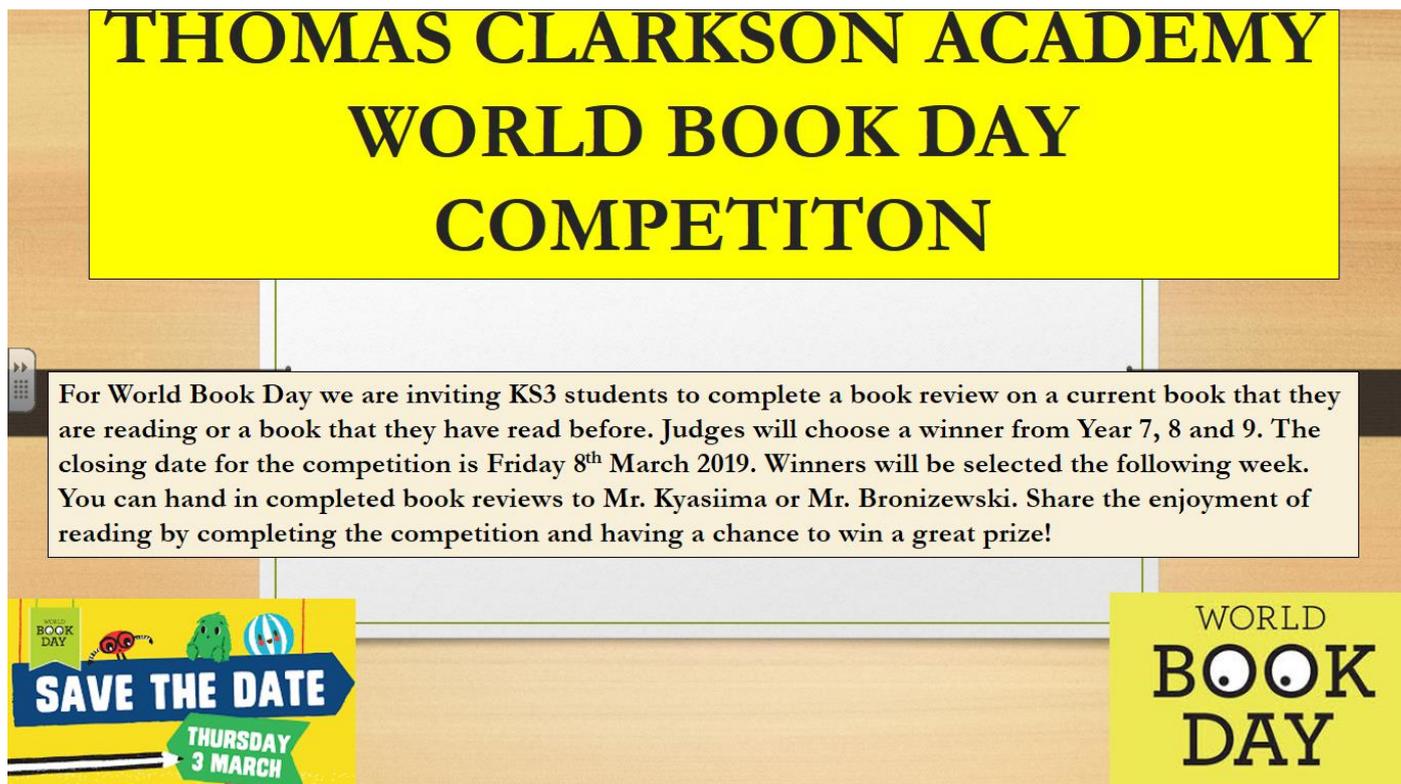
The children in Year 6 (both classes) will be putting on an Assembly for their parents on Friday 1st March at 1:10pm. We hope that as many of you as possible can be there to support the children.

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.

In addition, please find below details of the Thomas Clarkson Academy World Book Day Competition. They are opening this to Primary schools and will select a Year 5 and Year 6 winner as well as the winners from TCA.



THOMAS CLARKSON ACADEMY WORLD BOOK DAY COMPETITION

For World Book Day we are inviting KS3 students to complete a book review on a current book that they are reading or a book that they have read before. Judges will choose a winner from Year 7, 8 and 9. The closing date for the competition is Friday 8th March 2019. Winners will be selected the following week. You can hand in completed book reviews to Mr. Kyasiima or Mr. Bronizewski. Share the enjoyment of reading by completing the competition and having a chance to win a great prize!

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SAVE THE DATE
THURSDAY
3 MARCH

Year 3 was fortunate enough to have some drama students from Thomas Clarkson Community College come by and talk to us about our favourite books. The students are then going to create a play based on our favourite books, coming back to perform it to us on World Book Day.



Drinks in School



We have noticed recently a number of children coming to school with squash in their water bottles, rather than water. Whilst the children may have squash or fruit juice as part of their packed lunch, their water bottles, which the children have access to in class, should only have water in please.

PE Kits

Can I please ask parents to ensure that the children's names are put inside their PE kits. Unnamed PE kits can lead to confusion and delay to the start of a PE lesson, especially – but not exclusively – with the younger children.

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 – Anita in Apple; Amelia in Cherry.

Key Stage 1 – Flourish and Lena in Willow; Bogdan in Walnut; Ingrida in Beech; Evalynn in Hazel; Marta in Maple.

Key Stage 2 – ... in Hawthorn; Kevins in Laburnum; Daniella in Holly; ... in Rowan; Mantas in Cedar; Sophie in Chestnut; Julianne in Elm; Katrina in Oak.

Attendance

Attendance across the school since Friday 7th February 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 – 95.8%

Early Years – 94% in Apple; **99.3%** in Cherry.

Key Stage 1 – 97.6% in Willow; **92.1%** in Walnut; **87.8%** in Beech; **93%** in Hazel; **95.9%** in Maple.

Key Stage 2 – 99.3% in Hawthorn; **98.6%** in Laburnum; **93.6%** in Holly; **97.1%** in Rowan; **93.1%** in Cedar; **98.2%** in Chestnut; **97.7%** in Elm; **97.6%** in Oak.

Congratulations to both Cherry and Hawthorn classes for having the best attendance in the school during this time.

The whole school attendance since the start of this term was **92.1%**. Many congratulations to Oak class for having the best attendance this Half Term of **95.3%**.

Reception Update



Miss Harrison would like to say a BIG Well Done to Alex in Cherry class for completing all of his homework challenges this half term.

The Reception classes will be holding their annual Mother's Day Afternoon Tea on Wednesday 27th March. Look out for further details after half term.

Cherry and Apple class enjoyed a visit from a paramedic this week as part of their 'People who help us' topic. We had a tour of an ambulance as well as finding out what kit a paramedic uses as part of their job. We even got to listen to our heartbeats and measure our pulses. Thanks to Clair Bosson for arranging our visit.

And Finally...

We have made it to half way through the school year. Much has been accomplished, but there is still a long way to go to get to where we need to be by July. We hope that you have a safe and happy Half Term, and we'll see you all, ready to get on with the hard work on February 25th.

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



WIN A
COMPOST
BIN!

Family Activity Day



Join us for a **FREE** session and get creative with rubbish during the February half term holidays.

February 19th and February 21st 10am - 12pm

Recycling will be brought to life over the half term holidays at fun family activity sessions being held at the
Amey Waterbeach Waste Management Park.

The events will run in the Education Centre and will include hands-on practical activities, followed by a tour of the site. We also provide **FREE** tea/coffee/biscuits. Children must be at least six years old to attend and must be accompanied by an adult. All of the Education Centre team are fully qualified, DBS checked, experienced teachers.

Sessions are free and booking is essential to confirm your place as numbers are limited. To book telephone **01223 815490** or email wasteeducation@amey.co.uk

Book now & be entered into a **FREE** Prize draw to win a Compost bin for Your garden!

