

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

3rd April Walnut Class Assembly
3rd April Reception and Year 1 Easter Service
3rd and 24th April Working Together Wednesday
3rd and 4th April Parent Consultation Evenings
4th April Easter Church Services for Years 2-6
5th April Shaking Up Shakespeare
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
17th May DEMAT Purple Day
24th May Last day before Half Term
3rd June Children back to school
26th June Reception / Year 1 Sports Day AM
27th June Years 2 and 3 Sports Day AM
28th June Years 4, 5 and 6 Sports Day AM
24th July Last day of Summer Term

Parent Consultation Evenings

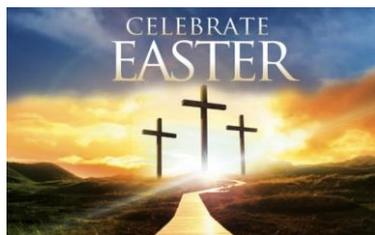
Parent Consultation Evenings will be held on Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th April after school.

You will receive a brief report on the evening about your child's progress, as well as the opportunity to discuss next steps with the class teacher. Translators will be available if needed.

Remember, research shows that there is a clear connection between how much children progress in school, and a close working relationship between teacher and parent. It is so important that you attend these meetings if it is at all possible. We do understand that parents are not always available, so if you cannot attend for whatever reason, please feel free to speak to either your child's class teacher, or call the school office, to arrange a time that suits you.

Year 6 parents will be receiving some resources to support their children learning at home during the Easter holiday.

Easter Church Services



Our Easter Church Services this year for Years 2- 6 will take place at our local church - St Augustine's - on April 4th. There will be two services: one at 9.30am for Years 2-3 and another at 10.30am for Years 4-6. It would be great if as many of you as possible are able to join us to support the children and celebrate one of the most important Christian Festivals on the Church calendar.

The Easter Service for Reception and Year 1 will take place in the Lime Hall at 2:00pm on Wednesday 3rd April – almost directly after the Walnut class assembly.

School Choir

Mr Steeden would like to start a School Choir after Easter. If any children from Year 3 to 6 would like to join, they should please speak to their class teacher. Choir practice will be held once a week during lunch time. Don't worry if your child isn't the world's best singer – neither is Mr Steeden. That's not being rude – it's Mr Steeden writing this.

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 – Jacob in Apple; Darenas in Cherry.

Key Stage 1 – Daniela in Willow; Maisie in Walnut; Logan in Beech; Maggie in Hazel; Arthur in Maple.

Key Stage 2 – Karolina in Hawthorn; Max in Laburnum; Olivija in Holly; Darija in Rowan; Pijus in Chestnut; Bobby in Cypress; Nathan in Elm; Jess in Cedar; Mia in Oak.

Attendance

Attendance across the school since Friday 15th 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 – 95.7%

Early Years – 97.3% in Apple; 92% in Cherry.

Key Stage 1 – 91% in Willow; 98.2% in Walnut; 92.4% in Beech; 100% in Hazel; 99.2% in Maple.

Key Stage 2 – 95.8% in Hawthorn; 97.9% in Laburnum; 95.8% in Holly; 97.2% in Rowan; 92.5% in Chestnut; 88.2% in Cypress; 98.3% in Elm; 97.4% in Cedar; 97.4% in Oak.

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

Mothering Sunday Afternoon Tea



We had a fantastic turnout for our annual Mothering Sunday Afternoon Tea yesterday afternoon.

The staff and children in the Apple and Cherry classes worked very hard to prepare the food and hall.

It was lovely to spend time chatting to so many families to find out how Mother's day is

celebrated around the world (and discuss the finer points of how to eat a cream scone!)

Miss Harrison has received some lovely feedback from children and parents...

... I love having my mummy here. She has to go to work and she doesn't come and see me in school.

... I feel really special having my mummy here today!

... I have been made to feel really special by the staff and children today. Thank you for thinking of us.

... It's lovely to spend time with my child and to talk to the other mums too.

We haven't forgotten about our male family members. Look out for details of a special event coming later in the Summer for Dads, Grandads, Uncles and carers.

Miss Harrison



And Finally...

There is a lot going on in school next week. Parent consultation evenings, church services, class assemblies and the return of Working Together Wednesday. We hope to see you at as many of the events as possible.

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



CHARTWELLS CATERING

VICKY BUGGEY - CATERING OFFICER AT ORCHARDS AND PETER HARPER AREA MANAGER FOR CHARTWELLS WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL PARENTS AND CHILDREN TO THE LAUNCH OF THE NEW SUMMER MENU WHICH WILL BE STARTING ON TUESDAY 23RD APRIL 2019

WE WILL BE AT THE PARENTS EVENINGS ON WEDNESDAY 3RD APRIL AND THURSDAY 4TH APRIL

WE WILL HAVE A RANGE OF NEW DISHES ON THE NEW MENU FOR YOU ALL TO TRY ALONG WITH MENUS TO TAKE HOME

ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE PLEASE ASK

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL