

# 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

**11<sup>th</sup> October** New Behaviour Policy meeting – 8:45am

**17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October** Parent Consultation Evenings

**18<sup>th</sup> October** SEND Coffee Morning – 8:45am

**18<sup>th</sup> October** Last school day before Half Term

**19<sup>th</sup> October Teacher Training Day – no school**

**29<sup>th</sup> October** Back to school

**8<sup>th</sup> November** New Feedback and Marking Policy meeting – 8:45am

**15<sup>th</sup> November** Reception Maths Café for Parents – 2:30pm

**13<sup>th</sup> December** Reception Nativity performance – 2:00pm

**19<sup>th</sup> December** End of Term

### Teacher Training Day - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Just a reminder that Friday October 19<sup>th</sup> is a teacher training day and school will not be open to pupils on that 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 8:45am on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

### School Council

Many congratulations to the following children, who have been elected to the School Council:

- Natalia (Y2 Beech)
- Guste (Y2 Hazel)
- Gabi (Y2 Maple)
- Izabella (Y3 Hawthorn)
- Adele (Y3 Laburnum)
- McKenzie (Y4 Holly)
- Justina (Y4 Rowan)
- Akvile - School Captain (Y6 Oak)
- Mantas - School Captain (Y6 Cedar)
- Kody - Vice-Captain (Y6 Oak)
- Klaudija (Y6 Elm)

## **SEND Coffee Morning**

You are invited to a coffee morning on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October from 8:45am to 9:45am where you can meet with some members of staff who support you with your child/children's learning and/or concerns. Have a coffee and a friendly chat with Mrs Horlock (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator), Mrs Carlile (Family Support Worker) and Mrs Graveling (Wellbeing Team).

### **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.

**Early Years** – Ugne in Apple; Maddison in Cherry.

**Key Stage 1** – Flourish in Willow; Tija in Walnut; T-Jay in Beech; Robert in Hazel; Marta in Maple.

**Key Stage 2** – Harlee in Hawthorn; Sara in Laburnum; Olivija in Holly; Mia in Rowan; Kristina in Cedar; Yasmine in Chestnut; Aliz in Elm; Alfie in Oak.

## **Harvest Festival**



Many thanks to all that were able to attend our Harvest celebrations. The children get so excited when they know they will be performing to an audience. Occasionally they become overwhelmed and there are a few tears but it is all part of the learning! For me, reception children stole the show. They have been in school but a few short weeks but managed quietly for a considerable period of time, learn a song and perform in public. Our thanks go to Mrs Lester, a year 5/6 teacher for organising it all and to all the staff for ensuring children learnt their lines and words to all the songs. A big thank you also for all the generous donations of food which will be taken to the local food bank.

## **MacMillan Coffee Morning**

A big thank you to parents and staff that brought in cakes or donated money for our Macmillan coffee morning on Wednesday. Thank you also to everyone who helped organise and run it. As it was Harvest festival there were a lot of people that came in to buy cakes, both in the morning and later on in the day, as well as at home time. Thanks to you all we have raised £145 for a very worthwhile charity.

## **Reception Maths Café**

The Maths Cafe is a session aimed at parents and carers of children in the Reception classes. This informal sessions will provide an opportunity for parents and carers to get together over a cuppa and a cake, exploring ways of supporting their child with maths in the home. Miss Harrison and Mrs Stratton are passionate about maths in the Early Years Foundation Stage and will be on hand to answer any questions or concerns that parents and carers may have as well as providing handy tips and strategies about ways to support with maths in the home learning environment.

## **School Website**

We have been working hard to make changes to the current school website, to make it more user friendly and easier to navigate – particularly on mobile devices. We hope to be able to launch our new website after half term. Thank you for your patience.

## **Early Years Equipment**

The Early Years Team (Reception and Nursery) kindly request that the children should refrain from playing on any outdoors equipment such as bikes before or after school. We are not responsible for any accidents the children may have before 8.30am or after school, as the children should remain in your care at these times. If outdoor equipment is damaged during these times of the day, there may be a charge for repair or replacement.

## **Weekly Bulletin**

This Bulletin will be published each week on the school's Facebook page, and paper copies are available from the school office. It is also emailed out via Parent Pay. 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!

## **And Finally...**

It was very rewarding to hear a recent visitor to the Reception classes remark on what a stimulating learning environment the children have. She reported that, as an Ex Nursery manager she feels our children are very lucky to have such exciting indoor and outdoor classrooms and it is some of the best provision she has seen in the Early Years. Well done Team EYFS and children!

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





### Unauthorised Holidays

Children of school age who are registered at a school must, by law, attend that school regularly. Regular attendance is the best way of ensuring that a child makes the most of the educational opportunities which are available to him/her.

When a child is absent from school, he/she misses not only the teaching provided but is also less prepared for the lessons after his or her return.

There are only 190 statutory school days in one year and 175 days (weekends and school holidays) available to use for holidays. Therefore every school day counts!

Regulations make it clear that parents do not have any right or entitlement to take a child out of school for the purposes of a term time holiday.

If parents take their child on holiday in term time this will be counted as unauthorised absence - this is the same as truancy and you may be at risk of a penalty notice being applied.

### Don't be late! Every Minute Counts...

**If your child arrives after registers have closed this is marked as an unauthorised session. Please check times with your school.**

**Well done to pupils from  
Beaupre, Wisbech St Mary  
and Nene & Ramnoth schools  
who achieved 100%  
attendance in the Summer  
term of 2018**



### Exclusions

If your child has been excluded from school they must stay at home during school hours and not be in a public place.

If they are seen out during school hours Penalty Notices will be issued.

### Medical Evidence

One of the following must be provided if your child is off school ill

- Printed doctor's consultation notes from the appointment
- Prescription
- Appointment card

### Penalty Notices

- The Penalty Notice fine is £60 per parent per child which rises to £120 if not paid within 21 days. If not paid after 28 days you may be prosecuted
- **Penalty Notices issued from 01.09.17 to 31.08.18 were – Attendance 62 and Term Time Leave 686**
- One parent has received a 6 week prison sentence, the first one in Cambridgeshire

### Average Attendance

The average attendance for children in primary schools in the Wisbech Schools' Partnership for -

**Summer term 2018**

**94.7%**

The national expectation for each child's school attendance is 100%