

Orchard's C of E Academy

Weekly Parent Bulletin

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

Dates for the Diary

21st July Last school day before Summer Holiday

3rd September INSET

4th September INSET

7th September First day of Autumn Term

Phased Reopening of School – for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6

We now know, after the House of Commons Statement from Gavin Williamson on Tuesday, that the Government has acknowledged that schools will not be open more widely between now and the end of this term than they currently are. All of our teachers are now in class with groups of Reception, Year 1, or Year 6 children or groups of children from Key Worker families. At this point, with social distancing measures in place which restrict the numbers of pupils we can fit into each room, we simply don't have the staff or rooms in school to accept children from other year groups at the moment. However, if guidance does change, we will respond accordingly.

Home Learning

The children from Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 who are not yet allowed back to school are still able to access home learning through the school website, and we have sent CGP study books to all children in Year 3, 4 and 5 to support their learning. However, because all of our teachers are now actively teaching children in class during the day, it is no longer possible for them to reply to your emails and Dojo queries quite as quickly as they were doing before the wider reopening. Rest assured, your messages will still be read and the teachers will still respond to you, but not during normal school hours. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause you.

Drop-Off / Pick Up

Just a reminder not to turn up to your drop off time in the morning early. This can lead to congestion and makes social distancing more difficult to maintain. Many thanks for your continued support with this.

Childminders / After School Collection

In this world of pandemics and social distancing, we all need to be very careful that we are sticking to the rules in order to prevent any potential spread of the virus. We know that some of the children are dropped off / picked up by registered childminders who are able to ensure that social distancing measures are in place, which is absolutely fine. If this isn't the case, the children must only be dropped off or picked up by a person who lives in the same household as them – they must not be in a car with those from outside of your household, or go back to somebody else's house after school.

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 and achievement either for their home learning or the work they have completed back in class.

Early Years – Connor in Acorn; Emilis in Apple; Gabriela in Cherry.

Key Stage 1 – Anita in Pine; Arturs in Willow; Lili (Y1) and Lily (Y2) in Hazel; Imogen (Y1) Lewis and Layla (Y2) in Maple.

Key Stage 2 – Kinga in Almond; Kevinas in Hawthorn; Kevin in Laburnum; Kristofer in Holly; Cody in Juniper; Daniella (Y5) and Kristina (Y6) in Cypress; Dominika (Y5) and Daniel (Y6) in Elm; Chloe in Ash; Erin in Cedar; Kaci – Mai in Oak; Lexi, Timur and Frank in Yew.

Key Worker Groups - Veronica, Gisele, Lisa, Lia and Jurij.

Quiz Time

Here are 20 quiz questions to keep our older children (or any parent who fancies having a go) busy. Please email your answers to your child's class teacher through the link on the class page of the website. You (or your child) will get 1 Dojo point for each correct answer. I'll put the answers on here next week.

1. How many golden stars are there on the flag of the EU?
2. How many edges are there in a cube?
3. Which part of our body has the smallest bones?
4. Which country was the first to give women the right to vote?
5. In which country is the world's most active volcano, Mount Etna?
6. How many lines does a Shakespearean sonnet have?
7. How many squares are there on a chessboard?
8. What is the Decibel used to measure?
9. How many keys does a piano have in total?
10. Who is the author of The Game of Thrones series of books?
11. Ornithology is the study of what?
12. Which sport is associated with The Davis Cup?
13. How many noughts are there in 1 million?
14. What do the five rings on the Olympic flag stand for?
15. In 1888 which artist cut off his left ear?
16. Who is the first child to win a golden ticket in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory?
17. What is the capital of Iraq?
18. What is the name of Prince George's sister?
19. How many bones does an adult human have?
20. Which came first: The Stone Age or The Bronze Age?

The answers to last week's quiz were as follows:

1. Saudi Arabia
2. The Equator
3. 214 miles/343 km
4. The Wind in the Willows
5. A litter or a kindle
6. Pharaohs
7. Princess Fiona
8. A bat
9. Black with white stripes
10. Nitrogen
11. On the Moon
12. Spain
13. Ostrich
14. Canada
15. Blue, Yellow, Black, Green and Red
16. The Nile
17. The Northern Lights
18. UK, Denmark, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Bulgaria, Sweden
19. 1912
20. Green

And Finally...

I'm going to repeat the message here from last week. Now we are open to more pupils, testing is being made available to anyone showing symptoms of Coronavirus. Please remember to stick to all guidance and to immediately self-isolate if anyone in your household shows symptoms and let the school know as soon as possible.

If your child shows any symptoms of the virus, they must not come to school until you have received the results of the test. If the test proves positive, you must also let the school know so that we can take the appropriate action with the rest of the children and staff in the bubble.



The poster features the HM Government logo (Crest and 'HM Government') in the top left and the NHS logo in the top right. The main heading is 'IF YOU HAVE THESE SYMPTOMS:'. Below this are three icons: a person coughing, a thermometer, and a nose. Under each icon is a symptom: 'A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH', 'A FEVER', and 'CHANGE IN TASTE OR SMELL'. The central text reads 'ASK FOR A TEST AT: NHS.UK/CORONAVIRUS'. At the bottom is a yellow banner with a green and black chevron border containing the text 'STAY ALERT > CONTROL THE VIRUS > SAVE LIVES'.

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

