

# 19/10/2018

## Diary Dates

Monday 22nd October—Year 5 Black Country Museum

Tuesday 23rd October—Reception open afternoon 2pm—3pm

Friday 26th October—Children break up for half term

Monday 5th November—Wrap around care taster session 4.30pm—5.30pm

**Monday 5th November—Teacher Day**

**Tuesday 6th November—Children return to school**

Wednesday 7th November—Year 3 Divali assembly 9am

Wednesday 7th November—Speech and Language workshop for Nursery parents 9.15am in Nursery

Friday 9th November—School photographs

Wednesday 14th November—Parents Evening until 7pm

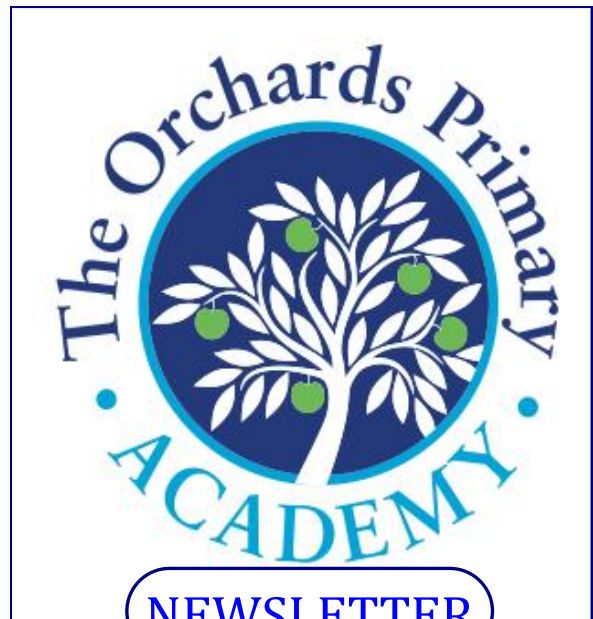
Thursday 15th November—Parents Evening until 5pm

Wednesday 29th November—Year 6 Genetics at Thinktank

Thursday 29th November—EYFS pantomime at the MAC

Friday 30th November—Year 4 class assembly 9am

Tuesday 4th December—Year 6 RAF Cosford



## NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the latest edition of our Academy Newsletter.

**October's Value:  
Perseverance**

Best Class Attendance



Team Point Winners



I can hardly believe that we are heading towards the first half term. This means that the children are already 1/6 of their way through the school year; time really does fly! As we head into the second half of the Autumn Term, there will be plenty more opportunities for you to come in to school and see how your children are getting on. **Wednesday 14th November and Thursday 15th November**, we will be holding our first **Parent Evening** sessions of the year, where you have the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and find out how they are getting on. Next week you will also receive the termly report card for your child to inform you of the progress they have made in the first half term. The parents evening will be a really good opportunity for you to discuss this further with your child's class teacher. Please look out for the appointment lists which will be displayed outside classrooms the week beginning Tuesday 6th November.

As the nights draw in over the next few weeks, please could you ensure that if you wish for your child to make their own way home from school, that you put this in to writing for us.

Have a great weekend,  
Mrs Carrier

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## WRAP AROUND CARE

Just a reminder that we will be holding the taster session for the wrap around care that we are looking in to providing on Monday 5th November. As you know, this is a Teacher Day so the children will not be in school however, parents are invited to come and meet the team and ask any questions from 4.30pm—5.30pm. We hope to see many of you there!

## RECEPTION OPEN DAYS

We are holding our second Reception Open Day for new families with children who will start school in September 2019 on Tuesday 23rd October. We are inviting parents and families to come and have a look around the school and spend some time in the Early Years department where they can meet the staff and ask any questions that they may have. If you know of anyone with young children who may be starting school next year, please let them know of our open afternoon!

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## EAR 5 CLASS ASSEMBLY

Year 5 performed their class assembly this morning. It is always difficult to be the very first class to perform but year 5 did us very proud! The assembly reflected all of the learning that they have been doing about the Victorians this half term. Well done Year 5!

## MATHS MENTORS

Mr O'Neill has been working with some of our KS2 children who show an aptitude for Maths. He has been busy training the children up to act as 'Maths Mentors'. This programme involves the older children supporting the younger children with their Maths, working on any aspects that they may have found tricky in their lessons. If you r child is involved in this programme, you will receive a letter shortly informing you. We are hoping to add to our team of Maths Mentors over the year!

## MAD SCIENCE

This week we had another visit from Mad Science! The children were able to take part in experiments and learn about the science behind them. As you can see from the pictures, the children had a fantastic time! This year, Mad Science will be offering an after school session again, as we have in previous years. This club is always very popular so places will be offered on a first come, first served basis. Please return your slip as soon as possible if you wish for your child to attend the Mad Science after school club.

