

The Orchards Primary Academy

Newsletter

18th October 2019 / Autumn Term



This Term's News

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last week, we were treated to a wonderful assembly from Year 5 which was based around the theme of Black History. October marks the month nationally, that children across the country focus on celebrating black achievers throughout history. Our children made us very proud with everything that they have learnt, and equally gave us important things to think about.

We are looking forward to what Year 3 have to offer in their class assembly next Friday 25th October!

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Carrier

Important Dates

Tuesday 22nd October – Reception Open day 2 – 3pm; Reception 2020 intake

Friday 25th October – break up for half term

Monday 4th November – Teacher Training Day

Wednesday 13th November – Parents' evening

Thursday 14th November – Parents' evening

Friday 15th November – Children's photographs

Friday 13th December – Xmas jumper day for Save the Children

Monday 16th December – Christmas Fayre

Thursday 19th December – KS1 Nativity 9am

Friday 20th December – KS2 Carol Concert

Reminders

Nursery parents: You will have been given a letter about your child's Reception place for September 2020. Please make sure you action this to ensure your child gets a school place.

Photo Gallery

Last week we marked Mental Health Awareness day in school by wearing yellow. It was powerful to see the sea of yellow in assembly, and the children talking about issues that are often very difficult to put in to words. I was immensely proud listening to them discuss what mental health is and why it is so important to take care of it.



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News from Early Years

Nursery: The children are developing fine and gross motor skills to support handwriting. Last week the children painted a picture of their favourite toy and talked to an adult about their painting. **Reception:** The children in Reception are continuing to learn through the topic 'Who am I'. Last week the children thoroughly enjoyed travelling in different ways in the hall. Also, they enjoyed using the PE equipment where they had to balance, crawl, roll, or walk to get to the other side.

Thank you to everyone who attended the maths Workshop. Please remember that every Monday you are welcome to take a maths game for the week to learn together at home. All the games are useful to support the children in achieving the ELG so please take the opportunity to use them.



Friendship

Attendance

Number for reporting absences 0121 464 4302 Mr Hadley. School should be informed of absences before 9.30am on each day of absence.

Whole school attendance: 96.6%

Highest class attendance: Year 2, 100%

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News from KS1

Year 1 are continuing to learn about real life heroes, and this past week it has been the turn of Florence Nightingale. All the children have loved learning about who she was, what she did and why she is remembered still today. The children are also demonstrating the same values she had, and we have as a school - determination, friendship and kindness to others.

Year 2 We are extremely impressed with the examples of work created by children at home - 3D models, collages, writing and fire safety posters have all been produced. The children have been successful in applying their learning in a range of contexts.

Year 3 are working well to develop their collaboration skills. In their topic work they have been working collaboratively to find out about different layers of the rainforest. Within this group work, they have been taking on different roles and taking turns to enable them to successfully achieve lesson objectives.

News from KS2

Over the past fortnight our children have continued to exceed their own expectations and make us proud every day. In year 5, children have been starting to achieve their 25 metres badges in swimming, an expectation for the end of Year 6! Furthermore, homework has been of the highest standard. Well done to Alfie for a creation of his own Victorian stamp! In Year 4, children have been learning about Hinduism and have taken a virtual tour of a Temple. Year 6 have been busy learning about the lives and varied experiences of evacuees during World War II and are becoming very accomplished historians.