

The Orchards Primary Academy

Newsletter



8th November 2019 / Autumn Term

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new half term.

Next week, the whole school will be focusing on ANTI-BULLYING. We strive for our children to recognise when someone is being singled out for their differences and are teaching them that this is wrong. Bullying comes in many different forms including name calling, physical violence as well as the use of social media. This links beautifully with our current value for November; 'Kindness'. We hope that you will use this opportunity to talk to your children about bullying and how to accept people for their differences, rather than single them out because of them.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Carrier

Important Dates

Wednesday 13th November – Parents' evening

Thursday 14th November – Parents' evening

Thursday 14th November Year 2 Aston Hall

Friday 15th November Y5 Black Country Museum

Friday 15th November – Children's photographs

Friday 29th November Nursery & Reception to Mac Theatre

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

Parent evening sessions will take place on Wednesday 13th November and Thursday 14th November. Please sign up on the lists which are displayed outside of your children's classroom.

Photo Gallery



We are selling poppy merchandise in school to mark Remembrance Day on 11th November. Please send your child in with some money if you would like them to support this charity.

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News from Early Years

Nursery: The children have begun the week by learning about 'Bonfire Night'. The children watched fireworks on the computer and then talked about their own experiences of watching fireworks. The children have made firework pictures and they talked about the noises that the fireworks make. The children have also started to learn 3 phonemes a week. They are doing well holding the pencil correctly and writing the sound. Keep up the good work nursery!

Reception: The children are learning through the story 'Room on the Broom'. They have already made pumpkin soup which was delicious. They will be making broomsticks, spells and many more fun activities.

Children will continue to bring home spellings each week to learn. Please support your child in learning these. Also, remember that each Monday you are welcome to take a maths game to play with your child for the whole week. The games are to support the children in achieving the ELG in mathematics.

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: %

Highest class attendance: Year , %

Social Media

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News from KS1

KS1 have all settled well after their half term break. The children have been regrouped for phonics based on their latest assessment and we have placed an emphasis on children using the correct terminology within their lessons and when reading and writing in other subjects. On Monday, staff were trained in P4C (Philosophy for children) and this week all of the children have been exposed to activities which require them to think deeply- this will now be embedded across the curriculum. Please ensure that you sign up for a parents' evening appointment this week so that teachers can discuss your child's progress with you next week.

News from KS2

On behalf of Key Stage 2, I'd like to welcome everyone back after what I hope has been a restful half-term. I would also like to welcome Miss Riviere, who is the new teacher of Year 4; I know that she is very excited to be working at The Orchards and the children are already enjoying working with her. Currently Year 6 have been assisting in collecting for the poppy appeal on behalf of the Royal British Legion and have been enjoying that responsibility. Year 4 are anticipating the arrival of fire personnel who are visiting the school in the near future and I know that Year 5 are very much looking forward to their trip to the Black Country museum to learn about how people lived in the past. Don't forget to sign up for an appointment for Parents' Evening next week, we look forward to seeing you there!



Kindness