

The Orchards Primary Academy

Newsletter

20th December 2019 / Autumn Term



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now officially 1/3 of the way through the school year as we break up for the Christmas break. Put this way, it demonstrates how quickly the academic year passes by and how important it is to make the most of every day in school.

This week, we have been treated to some wonderful performances from the children, as well as being able to celebrate the many children who have really shown our school values this term, in our Special Mention assembly.

It feels like a very apt way to finish another successful term and to wish all of our children and families a wonderful Christmas and a very happy New Year!

Mrs Carrier

Reminders

Monday 6th January is a Teacher Training Day. The children will start back at school on Tuesday 7th January 2020.

Safeguarding update

West Midlands Police have informed us of a Smartphone app called UNICO LIVE. The app is publicised at being 12 years + and allows children to upload videos of themselves singing, dancing and performing. The Police have been made aware of the app containing inappropriate content and are investigating. Please be aware if your child is using this app.

Important Dates

Monday 6th January – Teacher Training Day

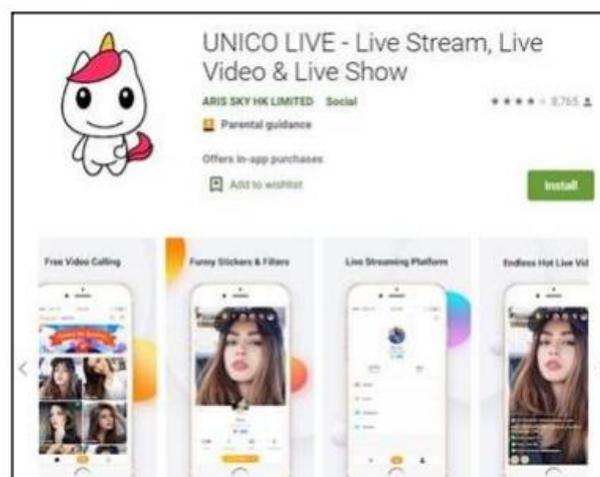
Tuesday 7th January – Children back to school

Wednesday 8th January – Year 4 start swimming lessons

Thursday 9th January – Year 2 start swimming lessons

Friday 17th January – Y2 and choir singing at Pebble Mill Home for the Elderly

Friday 14th February – Break up for half term



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News from Early Years

The Reception children have learnt The Nativity story, ordering the pictures and writing captions. The children also worked in groups to discuss a P4C question which was, 'if you were the Innkeeper would you let Mary and Joseph stop?' The discussion was interesting, and the children really thought about what they would do.

In Nursery the children have been busy creating their cards and calendars. They have also taken part in Christmas cooking which smelt delicious! The staff in nursery are really impressed with how the children are retaining the phonemes that they have learnt so far.

What a wonderful Nativity performance our youngest learners achieved. It was so lovely to see so many parents supporting the children. Have a happy and safe holiday – from the Early Years team!

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: 96.8%

Highest class attendance: Year 2, 98.6%

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News from KS1

We have had an amazing first term in KS1. The children have acquired a wealth of knowledge and skills linked to their topics; this will be consolidated and extended throughout the remaining two terms. It has been a pleasure watching the children grow both academically and socially throughout this first, and in some cases, daunting term. We are extremely proud of all of their achievements so far- I'm sure that this has been reflected in their termly report cards received on Wednesday. We hope that the children continue to work just as hard after their well-deserved Christmas break and look forward to seeing you all in January.

News from KS2

Over the past fortnight our children have continued to exceed their own expectations and make us proud every day. In Year 4, children have been learning about Hinduism and have taken a virtual tour of a Temple.

In year 5, children have been starting to achieve their 25 metre 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!

Year 6 have been busy learning about the lives and varied experiences of evacuees during World War II and are becoming very accomplished historians.