

The Orchards Primary Academy

Newsletter

10th January 2020 / Spring Term



Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year to all of our families! We hope you have enjoyed a wonderful Christmas break.

We are now in to the Spring Term and unfortunately, we have noticed that there are a number of children who are arriving late to school. The most crucial part of the teaching day is first thing in the morning. The children start work at 9am in every class so if your child is late, they are not only missing this important teaching, but they are also disrupting the learning for the rest of the children in the class.

The doors will be closed at 9am. If your child arrives at school after this time, you will need to bring them down to the school office and sign the lateness record. This is to reduce disruption to the children who have started their learning. This includes any children who are in the Infant building.

It really is so important to get your children to school on time, so thank you in advance for your support with this.

Mrs Carrier

Important Dates

Monday 13th January – Reception parent meeting, 3pm

Friday 17th January – Nursery phonics workshop 9.05am – 10.05am

Tuesday 21st January – Year 6 parents SATs meeting, 2.30pm

Thursday 23rd January – Year 2 SATs workshop for parents, 9.15am – 10.45am

Friday 24th January – Year 1 phonics workshop for parents 9am – 10.15am

Friday 31st January – Year 4 parent workshop, 9am – 10.15am

Reminders

Children must be in the correct school uniform consisting of white polo shirt, grey skirt / trouser, blue jumper and tie. Black school shoes are required; no trainers or boots.

Full PE kits should now be in school so that your child is able to join in with their lessons.

Reading books should be in school every day.

Photo gallery



Enjoying the musical instruments in Reception!

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News from Early Years

In Reception this week there has been great excitement from the children exploring the new outdoor equipment, especially the house which is proving popular. A reminder of the parent meeting we will be holding on Monday 13th January, at 3pm in Reception to discuss the Early Learning Goal in Literacy and Maths. I will also be discussing the exceeding statements. Please try to attend as it will be beneficial to your child's learning.

In Nursery the children have had a visit from a paramedic! This is linked to their new topic 'People Who Help Us'. They learnt about what they do as a job and have also enjoyed putting bandages on their friends. A reminder of the Phonics Workshop on Friday 17th at 9.05-10.05. We will be talking about how phonics is taught in the Nursery and sharing activities that can support your child at home.

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 for the Autumn Term: Year 3, 96.8%

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News from KS1

The children have settled well after their Christmas break and have informed us all about the wonderful times that they have shared as a family during the holidays.

This week the children have started their new topics:

Y1: Brummie Brilliance
Y2: The Great Plague
Y3: Bronze Age

The children have all completed KWL grids and have set their own questions that they would like to investigate to find out more about their exciting new topics. As always, we will immerse the children in their topics equipping them with vital knowledge and skills however to keep their interest maintained, please ensure that they complete at least one piece of topic homework (from their homework grid) each week.

News from KS2

Welcome back to not only a new year but a new decade! This year promises to be an exceptionally busy one, especially for Year 6, with the approach to SATs exams now underway. To help, 'Morning Maths' clubs will be starting next week and all children have been allocated days for which they can attend. Also, expect to see a slight increase in homework!

New topics are underway for other years and are as follows.

Year 4: Mayans.

Year 5: Water-Oceans and Rivers.

Year 6: The Industrial Revolution.

If you have any expertise in these areas please talk to a class teacher for the Year group. Also, expect a list of trips or visitors in the coming days so the children can be fully immersed within the topic. As always, if you have any questions about the topics, please make an appointment to see a class teacher. We are sure that the children will have an enjoyable term ahead.