

The Orchards Primary Academy

Newsletter

24th January 2020 / Spring Term



Dear Parents/Carers

There have been lots of parent workshops happening across the school this week to inform and support Parents who have children in Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6. These are the main year groups that will have to sit national SATs tests and phonic screening this year. We were really pleased with the turnout and support shown from our families and we hope that you found them useful.

Year 4 will be holding their parent workshop next week which will be focused on the multiplication check that the children will be part of for the first time this year. This will be an important session for Parents and Carers to attend.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Carrier

Important Dates

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

Friday 14th February – Break up for half term

Monday 24th February – Children return to school

Thursday 27th February – Year 1 Legoland trip

Wednesday 18th March – Year 3 and 4 Holi workshop

Thursday 2nd April – Children break up for half term

Friday 3rd April – TEACHER DAY

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.

Good news!

Alfie, Max and Ruby Lou, in Year 5, have taken on the very special role of becoming Art Ambassador's for our school. They will be working with Miss Gindhay to develop Art around school and attended training this week. They had to work with other schools to discuss questions, design a poster about what 'art' is and the different art forms it can take, as well as create a presentation for a VIP, persuading them about why our school should receive arts funding. We were blown away by their wealth of knowledge and it was great to see they included dance and mime within their presentation. They did an excellent job of representing our school!



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News from Early Years

Reception have had a wonderful time celebrating Elmer Day. They made a rainbow cake and took part in art activities which included mask and hat making; they even did a jungle dance! As part of their understanding of the world, the children carried out an experiment. First the children had to predict what would happen and then as a group carry out the experiment and record their findings.

Nursery have had a wonderful start with their new teacher, Miss Perkins. The children are continuing to learn about 'People Who Help Us' and this week the children are learning about crossing wardens. The children have made a lollypop stick and are learning how to cross the road safely.

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: 96.3%

Highest class attendance for the Autumn Term: Year 6 98.6%

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News from KS1

In **year 1**, the children have been exploring aerial images of their country, city and town, and learning about how they are different. In English they have written about flying home from the moon in a rocket, describing the things they might see on the way back.

In **year 2**, the children have started to read their new class text 'The Plague: A Cross on the Door' and are completing literacy activities around this. This links perfectly to their topic unit in which they are acquiring knowledge and skills daily about the Great Plague.

News from KS2

After two weeks back at school the children have been immersing themselves in their new topics. In **Year 3**, the children have revisited some of the main features of the Stone Age ready to build upon this knowledge chronologically with the Bronze Age.

Year 4 have begun looking Mayan culture. Furthermore we have an important workshop booked in for parents to help you to support your children with times-tables, a crucial element of knowledge needed by the end of Year 4. This is scheduled for 9.00am on Friday 31st January.

Some children in **Year 5** have become 'Arts Ambassadors', completing dance and art activities to attain this accolade-well done to Max, Ruby-Lou and Alfie.

Finally, in **Year 6**, the 'Morning Maths club' has started and runs from Monday to Thursday each week. It would be great to see as many children as possible attending to give them that extra boost they need before SATs!