

The Orchards Primary Academy

Newsletter

17th December 2020 / Autumn Term



Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, a huge welcome back to our year 5 class following their self-isolation period. It was brilliant to see how many children continued their learning from home during this time.

I would like to officially welcome Mr Saunders to The Orchards' team. Mr Saunders has started his position as Senior Office Secretary this week and I am sure that you will all join me in making sure that he feels welcomed and supported in this new role.

As we finally reach the last day of term, it is hard not to reflect on what a long and difficult term it has been. We have all had to contend with bubble closures, new ways of working and difficult restrictions on our daily lives. We also had to say goodbye to our wonderful Cheryl Hadley; we continue to feel her loss every single day. Our thoughts continue to go out to Mr Hadley and the family always, but particularly over the Christmas period.

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas break,

Mrs Carrier

Attendance

Whole school attendance: 93%

Best class attendance: Year 3, 95.1%

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

Social Media

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Christmas Jumper Day

We managed to raise just over £100 for Save the Children through our Christmas jumper day last week.

Thank you to everyone who donated!



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News from Early Years

All of the children in Early Years have really enjoyed practising and filming their Christmas performance. The children have worked really hard learning dances and stories and the staff are really proud of them!

Pre-School

Pre-School continue to create Christmas crafts. They have worked so hard making their cards and calendars. They are continuing to learn about the Winter months and have really enjoyed Christmas stories.

Nursery

What an enjoyable time we are having in Nursery. This week the children have prepared for Christmas by baking yummy mince pies, decorating reindeer biscuits and moulding a snowman out of fondant icing. Well done to Logan and Dalicia who were chosen for 'The Special Mention Award' this term.

Reception

The children in Reception are really enjoying Christmas activities. The children have counted out presents from Santa's sack during Mathematics and they have also enjoyed Christmas baking. Well done to Scarlett and Lilly who were chosen for 'The Special Mention Award' this term in Reception.



News from KS1

We are extremely proud of how all of the KS1 pupils have adapted to the new ways of working within school; they have certainly earned a well-deserved rest over the Christmas holiday. If you haven't already, please ask your child to log in to Db Primary so that you can watch their Christmas performances.

Year 2 have recently completed their Phonics screening check- this was put off in the Summer term due to COVID-19. We are extremely pleased with how the children performed and it is clear that they have been learning their sounds at home as well as within school. Phonics skills are vital for the development of early reading: if you require any information on how you can further support your child with phonics then please do get in touch with your child's class teacher.

The usual Christmas festivities have been unable to happen in school this year however your children have had a lovely week completing Christmas based activities in their class bubbles.

News from KS2

Year 6: Our children have continued their learning journeys right up to the wire. In science, the children have studied different species and have seen how evolution and inheritance can be beneficial to survival over several generations. Next term, we will be learning about the Industrial Revolution across and the impact it had that we still feel today!

Year 5: Although we have been isolated within our bubble I'd like to thank all of the children who have continued to study using DB Primary-it really makes a difference and will help you progress! In 2021 we move to our new topic of 'Awesome Egyptians' and will learn all about how people lived, were educated and how the Great Pyramids were created.

Year 4: The children have now completed their topic about human digestion and have been fascinated by the human body parts that will help us process our Christmas dinners! Next term we will be learning all about 'Ancient Maya' including the different Gods they believed and why they were important.