

The Orchards Primary Academy

Newsletter

23rd April 2021 / Summer Term



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back following the Easter break! We hope that you all enjoyed a good rest as well as the easing of restrictions!

The children have returned to school really well, with attendance being very good across the school.

For those of us in the junior building, we are now counting down the weeks until we move in to the new building. Our move in date will be 7th June, with the children joining us on Wednesday 9th June.

For the children who will remain in the Infant block, we have plans to refresh this building so that it is a nicer environment for them too.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Carrier

Attendance

Whole school attendance: 96.4%

Best class attendance: Year 3, 98.8%

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

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DB Primary

Bank Holiday

Please remember that Monday 3rd May is a bank holiday, therefore school will be closed. Children will return on Tuesday 4th May.

Reading

As we start the summer term, we want to really focus on the children's reading. Research shows that by reading just 20 minutes per day, dramatically increases outcomes for children across all subjects. We are therefore challenging our children to read every day for 20 mins. Home reading books will be sent out on a Wednesday and must be brought in on a Monday so that they can be quarantined. With their book, there will be a sheet of paper for parents or children to log which book they are reading, and how long they have read for. If children read three times a week or more, their name will be put into the draw for a special prize in our Special Mention Assembly!

Please support us with this by encouraging your child to read every day.



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News from Early Years

Pre-School

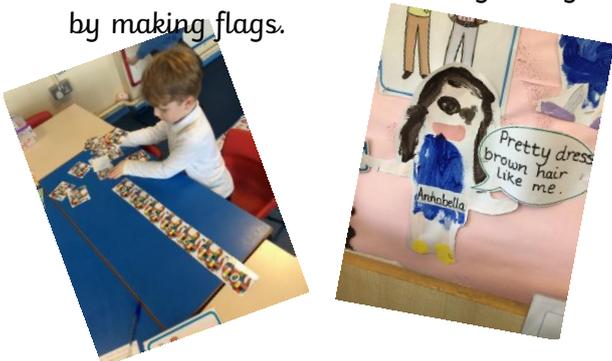
The children this half term are learning about mini-beasts. They have already made spider webs and spiders and were really good at counting how many spiders in each web! The children are learning through the book 'The Hungry Caterpillar' and are starting to learn about how caterpillars change into butterflies.

Nursery

A huge welcome back after the holiday. The children have really settled back into Nursery life. This half term the children are learning about 'People Who Help Us'. They have already learnt about teachers and next week the children will learn what firefighters do. We had super portraits of Mrs Carrier and all the children could say something about her role as a Head Teacher. Children's homework is on DB Primary so children can carry on with their learning at home.

Reception

This half term the Reception children are learning through the story of Elmer. The children are retelling the story through 'Talk for Writing' and they are already picking up the sequence of the story. In Maths, they are continuing to order numbers and also looking at one more/less than a given number. The children also celebrated St Georges Day by making flags.



News from KS1

Year 1 - It is great to have Mrs Addis back in class following her return to school after maternity leave. The children have settled extremely well and have a busy summer term ahead of them learning all about Britain.

Year 2 - The children have been excited to return to school and start work on their Wild, Wild Weather topic. Year 2 have also been learning about the Jewish faith in their RE lessons. Mrs Hughes has spoken about the positive attitude of the children this week.

Year 3 - Year 3 have been looking at e-safety this week and learning all about staying safe online. They have also heard from the Children's Commissioner and will be putting forward their ideas for change as part of a 'Big Ask' survey.

News from KS2

Year 6: This term we will be looking at the 'World at War' as our topic with a particular focus upon the causes and consequences of the Second World War. We will examine the lives of those involved, including children and will try to understand ways in which conflicts can be prevented.

Year 5: We are excited by our new topic 'Amazing Africa'. Not only will we be learning about the many different types of climate, plants, nature and resources, as well as people in the 'cradle of civilization', but we will also look at the challenges that people face and the resourceful ways that they overcome these.

Year 4: Vikings and the Anglo Saxons will be our topic this term and we are very excited to be learning about the different settlements, tools, farming skills and innovations created by this group of people-not to mention the Viking invasions. To supplement our learning, we will be reading about Beowulf, a tale dating all the way back to these long ago times...