

Friday 6th January 2023

NEW YEAR, NEW START

I hope all our families had a happy Christmas break. It has been lovely seeing all the children back in school this week and chatting to them about what they have been up to over the holidays.

We are looking forward to a busy and exciting Spring Term in school.

Our Value for January is [Responsibility](#).

The children have discussed how they will be responsible:

I will attend school every day.

I will bring my reading book, diary and completed homework into school.

I will listen and learn, completing all tasks to the best of my ability.

TTRockstars

Wednesday saw the launch TTRockstars with Dress Like a Rockstar Day. Miss Bell, our maths lead, planned a day full of activities, competitions and music.

Well done to Jake Year 6, who achieved most valuable player in the Teachers v Students competition.

All children have their own login details for the website and we hope that they continue to practise their times tables daily.



YOUNG VOICES

Good luck to the members of our choir, who will be representing The Orchards next Thursday at Young Voices.

The children will be performing as part of the largest school choir in the world to a sell out crowd at Resorts World, Birmingham.

We are super excited to hear that the [#YV23](#) special guest artist is none other than the amazingly talented Heather Small. She will be performing the 90's smash 'Moving on Up' as well as 'Proud' alongside the Young Voices Choir.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 24th January 2:30 pm - Parents' SATs Information workshop Year 6

Thursday 26th January 2.30pm - Chinese New Year Assembly Year 5 parents

Tuesday 31st January 9am - Times tables workshop for parents/children Year 4

Monday 20th - Friday 24th February - Half Term Holiday, school closed

Tuesday 28th February 9.15 am - Y5 & 6 Parents' Maths workshop

Tuesday 21st March 9.15 am - Y5 & 6 Parents' Reading Workshop

Thursday 2nd March - Year 6 Topic Trip to the Black Country Living Museum

Monday 3rd - Friday 14th April - Easter Holiday, school closed

Monday 1st May - Bank holiday, school closed

Monday 8th May - King's Coronation, school closed

Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th May - Year 6 SATs

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June - Half Term Holiday, school closed

Wednesday 28th - Friday 30th June - Year 6 residential to Kingswood

Friday 21st July - Last day of term for pupils

MORNING MATHS CLUB YEAR 6

Miss Bell will be delivering Maths morning clubs - this is open to all Year 6 children if they wish to attend (no booking required), However, please may I ask that if your child does attend, they attend regularly and consistently in order for this to have an impact on their mathematics learning.

Mornings: Tuesday and Wednesday Time: 8 a.m. - 8.30 a.m. (tuition), 8.30 a.m. - 8.45 a.m. (breakfast). We will offer free breakfast to those children who come to the morning clubs.



BREAK TIME

Children may bring their own healthy snack for morning break.

Please do not send sweets, chocolate or crisps, or anything containing nuts.



FRIENDS OF THE ORCHARDS

We are hoping to start a FOTO group to help organise fundraising events such as our Summer Fair. We will be holding a coffee morning on Tuesday 17th January for anyone interested in joining.