

The Orchard Newsletter

Friday 18th November 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week started out with our Odd Socks day. It was great to see the children recognising and celebrating that we are all different and that this makes the world a much more colourful and interesting place. All week, we have been focusing on Anti-bullying and how we can support each other and 'reach out' if we see this happening. We have reminded the children about the 'buddy bench' in the playground, which is a multi-coloured bench where children can go if they are feeling lonely, or upset at play times and lunch times. Each class has assigned buddy bench monitors to check the benches and support children who may be feeling this way. Today Antibullying Week finished off with Children in Need day. It was great to see the children in their spots and stripes. Thank you very much for the generous donations.

Lots of great learning took place again this week.

Year 2 have been learning about producers, predators and food chains in Science and have been comparing Molesey with London in their Geography lessons.

Year 1 have been continuing with their learning about the seasons. They have also been doing some fantastic number work in maths and using all sort of practical resources to help them with their understanding.

Reception children have been filling each other's buckets up this week! They have been thinking about how words and actions can have a powerful effect on others. They have also enjoyed making fruit kebabs and relating that to their maths learning on parts and whole.

We are very grateful for all those parents who have recently completed a DBS check and for your willingness to volunteer in various capacities across the school. Every single DBS check does incur a cost to the school and so we would appreciate any parental contributions for this. If you have completed your DBS check then we would be grateful if you could contribute towards that cost by logging in to the shop on Parentmail.

This will also enable vital school funds to be redirected towards the school itself.

Thank you as ever for your continued support.

See you all on Monday.

Mrs Cary

Kindness Awards

Our kindness superstars this week are.....

Reception		Year 1		Year 2	
Ash	Elijah	Maple	Chloe	Beech	Freddie
Elm	Darcie	Rowan	Niamh	Oak	Seth
Holly	Sklyar	Willow	Harvey	Sycamore	Zara
Pine			Odin		

"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world." – Desmond Tutu



Parking Issues

I appreciate that the weather has been challenging at times this last week and has caused some of you to drive to school instead of the usual walking or biking. We recognise that roads around the school can become really busy and congested. However, we implore you to continue to be respectful of our neighbours. We have had a number of complaints this past week of parents parking in front of drive ways and blocking our neighbours in.

Please do not do this. It can be very upsetting for them. I am sure we could all appreciate how frustrating being blocked in would be for us, especially if we need to get out of our drive way for work, or potentially an emergency of some sort.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



We have subscribed to a new online maths programme called Numbots. The children have been using it in their class and have really engaged with it. They will be bringing home their log in details and we would encourage you to support them in accessing this and developing their maths skills, recall of number bonds and addition and subtraction facts through these really fun and interactive activities. There is a parent guide and a letter from our Maths Lead, Mrs Beal, about the programme that has been sent out.

Little and often is the key – the recommendation being no more than 3 minutes a day 4 or 5 times a week.



Artist of the Week is..... **The CLASH**

We are going all out punk rock next week with British rock band The Clash.

They formed in 1976 and went on to be billed as "The only band that matters!"

With iconic songs such as 'London Calling', it is no wonder that The Clash were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2003. *Rolling Stone* ranked them number 28 on its list of the "100 Greatest Artists of All Time".



Christmas Choir Events

The Orchard Christmas Choir have been invited to sing at 3 community Christmas events.



Magical Molesey on Thursday 24th November @ 5:20pm

St Peter's Christmas Fair Youth and Community Hub, Ray Road on Saturday 3rd December @ 11:20am

Bridge Road Winter Wander on Thursday 8th December @ 4:30pm

We would love for you all to come and watch and also support these festive events - guaranteed to get you well and truly in the Christmassy mood!

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 23rd November @ 7pm

PTA: Shop & Social – Vine Hall

Friday 25th November

The Fantastic Fred Experience

<https://vimeo.com/488186303/98096f5716>

(see more details below)



Monday 28th November

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Sunday 4th December

PTA: Christmas Tree Pick Up



Wednesday 7th December

Christmas Jumper Day

(Christmas lunch)



Christmas Assemblies

(more information about tickets coming soon)

Monday 12th December

Reception @ 9:30am

Year 2 @ 2pm

Tuesday 13th December

Year 1 @ 9:30am

Reception @ 2pm

Wednesday 14th December

Year 2 @ 9:30am

Year 1 @ 2pm

We will have to limit numbers to these events and are asking that a maximum of 2 people attend one of the events for each child.

We also ask that babies and/or toddlers are not brought to the performance as well.

Thursday 15th December

Year group Christmas Parties

Friday 16th December

Autumn Term Finishes @ 1:45pm



On Friday 25th November all children will be taking part in

The Fantastic Fred Experience.

The children will be able to take part in a live, interactive and engaging performance specifically designed to inform, equip and build resilience. The workshop delivers simple, memorable and practical ways that young children can look after their mental health and it explains the link between our physical and mental health.

Please watch this pre-workshop video.

<https://vimeo.com/488186303/98096f5716>

FOOD

Eating the right foods

REST

Getting enough sleep

EXERCISE

Being active

DEVICES

Managing time on digital devices