

The Orchard Newsletter

Friday 21st October 2022



Dear Parents / Carers,

I can't believe it has been a whole half term already. In so many ways it has whizzed by all too quickly. I have really enjoyed the beginning of my headship journey with you all. Getting to know the children and working with the staff here has been delightful. There are many highlights for me as I reflect on this week. One of them was seeing the children have such a great time dancing away at the Hallowe'en disco. Thank you so much for our PTA for organising it, selling tickets, decorating the hall etc. Thank you to all the parents and teachers that also supported the event.

There were some great moves being thrown down on the dance floor!

Another highlight for me this week was seeing Holly class rocking out to AC/DC – our artist of the week.

There have been lots of water-themed learning in Key Stage 1, which seemed very appropriate considering the weather we have had this week. Year 1 have really impressed me with their writing about Molesey in the past and the infamous flood that happened in 1968. Year 2 have been learning all about the River Thames and writing book recommendations on the Storm Whale.

Some very compelling reasons to read it!

Thank you so much for your very generous donations this morning. I was able to drop all the food off at the foodbank earlier today and they were very gratefully received. We know this will go a little way to supporting those people, including families with children, that need that little bit of extra support.



Wishing you a very enjoyable half term week.

We look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 1st November.

Mrs Cary

Dates for the Diary

Monday 21st – Friday 28th October
Half term



Tuesday 8th & Thursday 10th November
Parent Evenings

(Please see below for how to book an appointment)



Monday 31st October
INSET DAY



Wednesday 9th November
Individual school photographs



Tuesday 1st November
Children return

Friday 11th November
Remembrance Day



Tuesday 8th November
PTA AGM 8pm @ The Orchard



w/b Monday 14th November
Antibullying week
(Odd Socks Day on the Monday of that week)



Artist of the Week

For the first week back after half term our musical artists of the week will be the **Stereophonics**.

This Welsh rock/pop group started when Kelly Jones heard Stuart Cable, who lived on the same street, playing the drums. He asked him if they could 'jam' together and then the rest is history. I wonder what budding friendships are forming at the Orchard right now that could develop in to lifelong successful partnerships.



One of their most well-known songs is...



PARENTS' EVENING

From today at **5pm**, our booking system will be open for you to book a 10-minute face-to-face appointment with your child's class teacher. This is a great opportunity to discuss with them your child's progress, their strengths and areas of development. Please make this a priority.

If you have already made arrangements to meet with your child's class teacher for an ISP meeting, you do not need to make an additional appointment as they will share with you progress information in that meeting as well.

I sent an email to you earlier today explaining how to make those bookings. For quick reference, you need to go to

<https://orchardsurrey.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

The booking system closes on Friday 4th November at 9am.



Parents' Guide for Booking Appointments



Browse to <https://orchardsurrey.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Step 1: Login

Fill out the details on the page then click the *Log In* button.

A confirmation of your appointments will be sent to the email address you provide.

Step 2: Select Parents' Evening

Click on the date you wish to book.

Unable to make all of the dates listed? Click *I'm unable to attend*.

Step 3: Select Booking Mode

Choose *Automatic* if you'd like the system to suggest the shortest possible appointment schedule based on the times you're available to attend. To pick the times to book with each teacher, choose *Manual*. Then press *Next*.

We recommend choosing the automatic booking mode when browsing on a mobile device.

Step 4: Select Availability

Drag the sliders at the top of the screen to indicate the earliest and latest you can attend.

Step 5: Choose Teachers

Select the teachers you'd like to book appointments with. A green tick indicates they're selected. To de-select, click on their name.

Step 6: Book Appointments (Automatic)

If you chose the automatic booking mode, you'll see provisional appointments which are held for 2 minutes. To keep them, choose *Accept* at the bottom left.

If it wasn't possible to book every selected teacher during the times you are able to attend, you can either adjust the teachers you wish to meet with and try again, or switch to manual booking mode.

Kindness Awards

Reception		Year 1		Year 2	
Ash	Poppy F	Maple	Amelie	Beech	Otto
Elm	Ascher	Rowan	Sam	Oak	Seb M
Holly	Isabella	Willow	Fred	Sycamore	Jasper
	Pine		Dylan		



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