

The Orchard Newsletter

Friday 25th November 2022



Dear Parents / Carers,
 “Food, Rest, Exercise, Devices”

I hope the children have been sharing with you this evening about the Fantastic Fred Experience they had today. They were thoroughly entertained in each of their workshops by The Fantastic Fred team and were given some important advice on how to keep their minds and bodies in tip top shape. They learnt about how balance in life is important and there was lots of hilarity as the funny jokes shared had them all in stitches.

A big thank you goes to the PTA this week and all those supporting them in the various fundraising events we had. We know the funds raised will go towards some lovely things for the children. You can support the PTA by ordering a Christmas Tree (Collection on Sunday 4th), wreath making (8th December) or donating your old Christmas jumper (the more garish the better!).

Please see the box by the main office.

It has been delightful to spend time in various classes and with individual children this week. The Reception children have been teaching me all about penguins and they have been particularly enamoured by the little blue penguin. They have done some lovely writing describing penguins: what they look like and the way they move.

Year One have been continuing their learning about the seasons and have produced some lovely written work describing wintry settings. They have been writing facts about animals that hibernate and comparing the changes that take place and how that affects both animals and humans.

Year Two have been writing letters to a character called Orion from the book Orion and the Dark by Emma Yarlett. They have given him such good advice about his various worries. They have also been learning about the capital cities of the United Kingdom and directional language relating to compass points – using that old classic **Never, Eat, Shredded, Wheat!**

I have also enjoyed listening to the different year group practising their Christmas songs for their special assemblies.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Cary

Parenting Workshop - YMCA & Mindworks Surrey

It is so important that in this turbulent and pressurized world that we are living in we are equipped to support our children with their mental health and wellbeing.

A number of free workshops for parents are available through Mindworks Surrey and YMCA East Surrey.

They will be delivered via Zoom.

Even though they are aimed parents with children aged 8+ we know it won't be too long before your child will reach that age. To have this information and key strategies already with you could potentially be very useful in the future, if not now.

The workshops are focused on the following:

- Understanding, expressing and managing emotions**
- Talking to your child and supporting them to cope with worries**
- Helping your child be their best**



Please see the attached flyer and follow the link:

<https://www.ymcaeast Surrey.org.uk/children/emotional-wellbeing-mental-health/parent-workshops/>

Kindness Awards

Reception		Year 1		Year 2	
Ash	Bella	Maple	Darcie	Beech	Quentin
Elm	Leo	Rowan	Lulu	Oak	Aurelia
Holly	Teddy	Willow	Nyla	Sycamore	Frida
	Pine		Joshua		

“Three things in human life are important: the first is to be kind; the second is to be kind; and the third is to be kind.”
Henry James (author)

Last week's Children in Need Day raised **£491.77** which we were very pleased to be able to send off to the Children in Need charity.

Thank you for generosity and support.





It was great to see many children and parents at Magical Moelsey last night. The rain disappeared just before our choir started singing – thank goodness. I was very proud of the choir, who had only been practicing for a few weeks. They sounded fantastic and got everyone feeling very festive.
More events to follow – see below!



Christmas Choir Events

We have been invited to sing at
2 more community Christmas events.

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!

There will be live reindeer at Winter Wander.
Please see the attached flier with more details.



Artist of the Week is: Dolly Parton

Dolly Parton turned success as a country songwriter and singer into not only pop music stardom but also work as an actor, a successful businesswoman, and a philanthropist. Dolly says that she wrote two of her biggest hits 'I Will Always Love You' and 'Jolene' on the same day. How's that for a day's work?
Beats working '9 to 5'!

Dates for the Diary



Monday 28th November
Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Sunday 4th December
PTA: Christmas Tree Pick Up



Wednesday 7th December
Christmas Jumper Day
(Christmas lunch)



Thursday 8th December
PTA: Christmas Wreath Making



Christmas Assemblies

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

Please make sure you get your ticket requests in ASAP. If you don't mind which performance you come to, please select the first box on the request form – then we can allocate you to a performance to balance out the numbers more easily.

Thursday 15th December
Year group Christmas Parties

Friday 16th December
Autumn Term Finishes @ 1:45pm