



Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you for another wonderful week and a fabulous half term. I can't believe we are heading in to the last half term of the school year already. As you will see in our Diary Dates section later, the next half term is jam packed full of different things and we are really looking forward to all of them.

But.....before you go there....here are some highlights from our learning this week.

All week, Year 1 have had the pleasure of working with Mrs Finch. It has been amazing to watch them learn and grow this week as they have learnt songs, dance routines, a long narrative poem "The Way Home for Wolf" and lots of performance techniques. They have really come together and in five short days were ready to perform to parents this afternoon. Each class did brilliantly and we are very proud of them. Thank you to Mrs Finch for all her amazing help and creative ideas and sharing her talents with us.

Well done Year 1!



The children have also made and decorated their buses and they should have been driving their way home to you today.

Year 2 have been learning all about Mother Teresa in their RE lessons and the significant work that she did. They have been sewing away making their puppets as well. I was quite impressed with their stitching. They continued writing about dragons and have written some eye witness accounts (chronological report) of the strange sightings of the dragons over Molesey. Watch out!

The children in our Reception classes have been learning about the moon landing and thinking about what astronauts need to take to space. They have been looking at Van Gogh's Starry Night and made their own versions. They have also been learning about 2D shapes and using them to create some rather interesting pictures.



I hope you saw my communication earlier in the week about our **Sports Morning on Friday 16th June**. After all the sports activities the children and staff will be picnicking and I just wanted to clarify that parents and families are invited to join the picnic with us. Hopefully the weather will be kind, but in case there is rain we have a back-up date which is Friday 23rd June. We hope you are able to join us for all the fun.

Please can I remind all parents that all the communication to the class teacher via email **MUST** be made through the office email and **NOT** directly to class teachers? Unfortunately, emails are coming to some of our staff during weekends and evenings and also during lesson time which is really distracting. Class teachers will not be responding to emails that are not sent through the directed channels. Please send communication through to office@orchard.surrey.sch.uk and write in the subject box **FAO:** and then class teacher's name. Thank you.

As mentioned earlier, please read through all our Diary Dates so you are familiar with everything that is coming up.

Wishing you a lovely, sunny and enjoyable half term.

See you on **Tuesday 6th June**.

Mrs Cary



Saturday 24th June 12 noon – 3pm

Come and join us for an afternoon of fun here at the school.
There will be games to play, shows to entertain, ice cream, a BBQ.....to name just a few.....
More details coming shortly but don't forget to save the date and tell your friends and family about it!



In preparation for this will be having a **MUFTI day on Friday 9th June** and in exchange for wearing their own clothes to school we ask that you send in a **box of chocolates** or a **bottle of wine** for our stalls.



Class Attendance

Well done to Willow class who have just snuck ahead of the other classes on their attendance.
There wasn't much in it so who knows which class it will be next half term!

Please see the class percentages below:

Reception		Year 1		Year 2	
Ash	96.2%	Maple	95.2%	Beech	96.3%
Elm	95.5%	Rowan	96.5%	Oak	95.4%
Holly	94.4%	Willow	****96.7%****	Sycamore	96.2%

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), they will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.

Artist of the Week: McFly

McFly are named after the Back to the Future character Marty McFly. Tom Fletcher was originally part of the Busted line up but ended up working on their song writing team. Not long after he met Danny Jones and with the addition of Dougie Poynter and Harry Judd McFly was formed. Their debut album, Room on the Third Floor, broke world records by them become the youngest ever band to have a number one album, a record previously held by none other than the Beatles. Twenty-Five out of 30 of their single releases have made it in to the Top Ten. As well as singing and performing, Tom and Dougie have written 9 children's books together including "The Dinosaur that Pooped Christmas".



Dates for the Diary

Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June



Bank Holiday Monday 29th May 2023

Monday 5th June



Tuesday 6th June

Summer 2 begins



Tuesday 6th June

Parent Safeguarding Talk – 9am



Thursday 8th & Friday 9th June

PTA: Donut sale



Friday 9th June

Summer Fair: Mufti Day – wine or chocolates



Friday 9th June

Year 2 and Year 5 Sports Day at St Lawrence



(Monday 19th June - Back up date)

Tuesday 13th June

Messy Church @ St Paul's Church



Friday 16th June

Orchard Sports Morning and Family Picnic



(Friday 23rd June - Back up date)

Tuesday 20th June

New Reception Parent Talk 2pm



Wednesday 21st June

World Music Day: Orchard Choir Trip



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Thursday 22nd June

Year 1 Wildlife Trip



Saturday 24th June

Orchard Summer Fair - 12noon – 3pm



w/c Monday 26th June

Year 2 Dance Residency



Tuesday 4th July

Graduation Visit



Thursday 6th July

Open Evening



Friday 7th July



Monday 10th July (am) and Wednesday 12th July (pm)

Year 2 Leavers' Performance



Thursday 13th July

New Reception Families – Teddy Bears' Picnic Tea

4:30pm – 6pm



Friday 14th July

End of year reports sent out to parents



Friday 21st July

Summer Term Ends 1:45pm pick up



Kindness Awards

Reception		Year 1		Year 2	
Ash	Gracie	Maple	George	Beech	Louie
Elm	Beth	Rowan	Claudia	Oak	Zac
Holly	Joanna	Willow	Parker	Sycamore	Sonny
	Pine		Odin		

We celebrated these children today who have shown kind hearts this week towards other children and the adults across the school. Thank you for making the Orchard a lovelier place!

Employment opportunities

If you, or someone you know, is interested in working in our Afterschool Club from September 2023, please get in touch with the school office:

office@orchard.surrey.sch.uk



Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club



Don't forget that you can book session at our breakfast club and after school club using the booking register which can be found on your Parentmail account.

