



Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

As we head in the bank holiday weekend 😊 I wanted to update on you on all things Orchard. Firstly, thank you for your patience and support with the strike situation. I understand the inconvenience that it can cause. As difficult as it is, the disruption to educational services really is the point of the strikes so that those in talks with government can negotiate better conditions for those in education. This will ultimately have an impact on the children we are teaching. I understand the frustration that some classes here have been closed more than others. These closures are based on those staff striking. I am unable to ask a teacher at our school who isn't striking to cover the class of another teacher who is striking. As you know, there is another planned strike for Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. (Maple, Willow and Ash Classes are open.)

We really do hope that that negotiations reach an effective and positive outcome as quickly as possible.

Learning is still going on brilliantly here!

Year 1 have been designing buses and drawing maps using keys. They have written some lovely stories about the adventures of the Everywhere Bear and in their maths lessons they have been measuring.



In RSHE, Year 2 have been sharing what makes them special and learning about how everyone is unique and has their own wonderful qualities. In Science, they have been thinking about the properties of materials using words such as absorbent and opaque. They have also written some very helpful instructions for how to be a good friend.



Reception children have been learning about why it is important to look after our teeth and learning how to brush. In Yellow Bay this week the children made their own healthy wraps with lots of delicious vegetables in them. Yum!



I wanted to say a big thank you to our PTA. The hall wall is now sporting a brand-new giant display screen. It is fab! The picture and sound quality are far better than what was in there before. Thank you so much for all your support for our PTA. Their funding allows us to do and get all those extra things that we wouldn't be able to have otherwise.

One last thing, please remember that deadlines for the acceptance of school placements (Reception or Year 3) are due on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

Wishing you all a very enjoyable bank holiday weekend

Mrs Cary



## Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club



There are still some places available in our wrap around care this term. Please go on to Parentmail registers if you do need to book a session for your child or email in to the office to check for availability.

# PTA Social

The teacher teams are cramming in preparation... just sayin'...

<https://www.pta-events.com/orchardpta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=58681&preSaleId=7134189B-9858-4716-8347C248E5AEE4B2#.ZAr0ZOSnwWM>

When: Friday, 19th May 2023  
 Time: Drinks from 7pm, quiz starts at 7.30pm. Finish at 11pm  
 Where: The Hub, Ray Road, West Molesey, Surrey, KT8 2LG  
 Cost: £7.50 pp - Teams of 8!



**You and your child are invited to attend 'Messy Church'**

**St Paul's C of E Church**  
**Church Road, East Molesey**  
**Ages 4 -11 years and parents**



Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May  
 Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June  
 Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July

Activities, craft, singing and games followed by a hot meal

If you would like to attend please contact: [stpaulmolesey@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulmolesey@gmail.com) / 020 8941 2071

## New Spanish Club



Next term we are hoping to start a new club here at The Orchard.

**Every THURSDAY 3.00 - 4.00pm**

**Cost: £11 per class, payable termly in advance**

Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter. This will be dependent on numbers so please register your interest as soon as possible so that the club leader can.

Email: [deborah.rivera@kidslingo.co.uk](mailto:deborah.rivera@kidslingo.co.uk)

## Kindness Awards

**Well done to all of these kind children. We think you are great!**

Reception		Year 1		Year 2	
Ash	Eliyana	Maple	Benji	Beech	Iris
Elm	Evie	Rowan	Ragheb	Oak	Joseph
Holly	Alex	Willow	Christian	Sycamore	Marty
		Pine	Louis		

"My mamma always said ... is ya can't say nuffin' nice, ya shouldn't say nuffin' at all."

Thumper, (Disney's Bambi)



## Dates for the Diary

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May**  
May Day Bank Holiday



**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

School placement offer deadline for new  
Reception starters or new Year 3 2023



**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**  
Strike Day



**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

**The Orchard Coronation Celebrations**  
Picnic and Union Jack Mufti



**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May**  
Coronation Bank Holiday



**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May**  
Reception: Space VR



**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May**  
Messy Church @ St Paul's Church



**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May**  
Year 2: Materials' Workshop



**w/c Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May**  
KS1 SATs week



**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May**  
PTA: Quiz Night



**w/c Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**  
Year 1 Dance residential



**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**



**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June**



**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June**  
Summer 2 begins



## Artist of the Week: Oasis

Oasis, fronted by brother Noel and Liam Gallagher, were a popular band in the late 90s and early 2000s. They were a huge part of the Britpop movement and inspired many other bands to form. They have won several awards and sold millions and millions of albums worldwide. Sadly, it was an argument between the two brothers that caused Noel to leave the band 2009.

Mrs Cary is a big fan of 'Don't Look Back in Anger' - can you guess why?



<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/74zkc1CVYmhLFJ7664zn8p?si=89ad0a25a131>

Amazon Wish Lists:



## 'Love Reading 4 Kids'

If you buy books from [www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk](http://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk) you are able to nominate us as your chosen school and we get 25% of the book cover price to spend on books for school.

Thank you for any support you can give us with this.

