

The Orchard Newsletter

Friday 30th September 2022

Dear Parents / Carers

This week we have been focusing on 'courage' in our assemblies. Alongside respect and determination, courage is one of our school values. This was demonstrated so well in our first fire drill of the school year last Wednesday. The children were really calm and sensible and showed that they know exactly what to do to keep themselves safe should such an event ever actually happen.

School councillors have been selected in each of our classes. This is an important role in the school and will help inform some of the things we do here. I am looking forward to working with the councillors and am keen to get their input on behalf of their classes to see how we can move the Orchard forward.

I will be meeting them all officially next week.

Our Behaviour and Anti-bullying policies have been updated and can be found on our website.

Please do let me know if you have any feedback on them.

We also said our 'goodbyes' to Mrs Mitchell today, who has officially now retired. We thank her for her continued support this term and wish her a very happy retirement.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend and look forward to seeing those who can join us for our DIY morning on Sunday. Fingers crossed for kind weather!

Mrs Cary

Dates for the Diary



Sunday 2nd October
10am-12noon
DIY Day
(see below for more info)



4th, 6th 11th, 13th, 18th, 20th October

New Parent Tours – those who are applying for a Reception place in September 2023

Tuesday 18th October
Hallowe'en Disco



Kindness Awards

Reception		Year 1		Year 2	
Ash	Jessica	Maple	William B	Beech	Tom
Elm	Cecily	Rowan	Elena	Oak	Lucy
Holly	Leonidas	Willow	Zeyah	Sycamore	Oliver



Pine

Louis



Superstars!



In a joint venture with our local junior school, the Orchard have introduced a Musical Artist of the Week. This past week you may have heard the sounds of ABBA coming from our classrooms. This coming week, we will introduce the children to the classical British composer Edward Elgar who is perhaps best known for his pomp and circumstance marches. Each week the children will get to experience a different type of music from all sorts of genres, places in the world and musical tastes.



We are willing to take suggestions for further musical artists we can learn about and listen to.

DIY Day

Calling all helpful volunteers, avid tidy-uppers and strong helpers We are having a DIY morning on **Sunday 2nd October 10am – 12noon**. Some parts of our school grounds require a bit of TLC and so we are asking for some support with this. Jobs that need doing include: sanding and painting the Reception chalk boards, weeding and pruning, digging, cleaning and tidying.



Please can you bring gardening gloves, secateurs, forks and spades, brooms etc.
Many thanks in advance for your help.

(This event is for adult helpers only and not for the children on this occasion.)



DBS checks

Parent Helpers are vital to help our school run. Your child's class teachers will be contacting you through Teams and if you are able to help out in anyway, we would be most grateful. Thank you to those who I have met recently for safeguarding talks and have or are in the process of organising your DBS checks. You can find out the details of how to do this at the following link.

<http://www.orchard.surrey.sch.uk/documents/policies/DBS%20Applicant%20Guidance.pdf>

PTA: Christmas Art Work

I know we haven't changed the clocks back yet but Christmas will be here before we know it.



Please check book bags for the Christmas Artwork Activity which will be coming out next week.

Create unique designs with your children and have them printed onto Christmas cards and other products.

This is a great way to raise money for our school as the PTA receive a contribution for all purchases.

Any designs must be returned to school by 14th October.

Headteacher Lottery

On Monday I will be introducing Head teacher lottery to the children. Each week a coloured ball will be pulled out which will have a number on. Whichever child correlates to that number on the class register will be invited to come and visit me each Friday in my office and share some good news about their week. This will be a great opportunity for me to get to know them and for them to get to know me. They can bring me a piece of work that they are particularly proud of, share something about a hobby or activity that they enjoy or just sit and have a chat. I am sure this will very rapidly become the highlight of my week.

