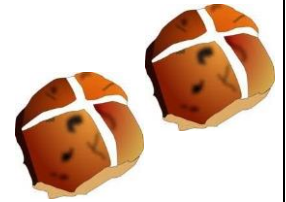


# The Orchard Newsletter

## Friday 31st March 2023



Dear Parents / Carers

Well we have come to the close of our Spring Term. It has been a wonderful time of learning and experience for children here. They have immersed themselves in a range of activities from dinosaur visits and ducklings hatching, to circus skills and our wonderful Science week; from World Book day and drama workshops to sports events and raising funds for much needed causes. Well done and thank you to everyone!

This past week the children have been enjoying lots of Easter activities. We have been learning about the traditional Easter story from the Bible as well as thinking about Easter activities that we do today. We had a lovely Easter Egg hunt yesterday and all the children were treated by our PTA.



This week, Year One have been writing letters to me to make friendship requests for Beegu and also writing descriptions of alien life forms. I am not sure how closely the two are connected but am hoping that it isn't indicative of what they think of me! I have been very impressed with their writing.



In Science, Year 2 have been learning about microhabitats and exploring the school grounds to find them. They have also written some lovely recounts about the adventures of a little dog called Edward from the story 'Dog Gone' by Rob Biddulph. The tension that built up and the surprising twist in the tale made them a delight to read.



Reception children have been thinking about the order of their day using first, next and after. They have been on 'tricky word' egg hunts and creating messages to send to the Easter bunny. They have also been measuring and comparing the heights of things they are constructing and using language such as taller and shorter.







This past term has gone so fast and I can't believe we are approaching our final term of the year already. We have high hopes that this next term will be as interesting and fulfilling as ever.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Wishing you all a lovely Easter break and we look forward to seeing you again on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

Take care  
Mrs Cary

# Reminders

			
<p>Smart uniforms please</p> <p>No jewellery such as necklaces, rings or bracelets (except for religious purposes)</p> <p>No nail polish or hooped earrings – thank you.</p>	<p>Snacks, water bottles, bags etc. should be delivered to the classrooms when your child first arrives.</p> <p>Forgotten items should not be brought round to the office.</p>	<p>Hair that is below shoulder length should be tied back.</p> <p>Sensible and understated hair bands, clips and ribbons please.</p>	<p>Please be punctual to school.</p> <p>Classroom doors open at 8:45am and close at 8:55am</p> <p>Children will then be registered.</p> <p>Please make this a goal if your child has been regularly arriving late.</p>



This Easter holiday we hope your children will take part in our

## Sponsored Read

Not only is this a great way to raise money for our PTA which will support the children with so many resources and experiences during their time with us, but it will also help them to dive in to a book or two or three during the holiday time. Learning to read and finding joy in reading will set them up for a life of wonder and adventure. Children who regularly read, and/or are read to, are at a significantly greater advantage than those who don't have these regular experiences.

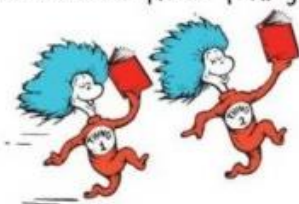
We hope this fun challenge will inspire the children in their reading habits as well as raise funds.

Please read the attached letter from the PTA. You will also find attached the sponsor form however, it was also sent home in book bags so there is no need to print it out.

**HAPPY READING!**

 **THE ORCHARD SCHOOL**  
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION  
*Supporting our school*

The MORE  
that you read,  
the MORE things  
you will know.  
The MORE that you  
learn,  
the MORE places you'll go.



Please find details of the courses available to **ALL** parents/carers/grandparents living in Elmbridge. They are free of charge or minimal donations.

**Parenting Puzzle Poster** with details of the next course:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1L4aSMZvR9Ym2dn3j81qJnVr1Y9LY-hdW/edit?usp=share\\_link&oid=101457780832094255415&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1L4aSMZvR9Ym2dn3j81qJnVr1Y9LY-hdW/edit?usp=share_link&oid=101457780832094255415&rtpof=true&sd=true)

**Talking Teens:**

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1debJadWwJakSN60TFnj6WBDJ4dDHkmDp/view?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1debJadWwJakSN60TFnj6WBDJ4dDHkmDp/view?usp=share_link)

The next Talking Teens will be:

Tuesdays 6:30-8pm

Via Microsoft Teams online

6<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Fully funded, so free of charge.

# 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)**

## Coffee Morning

You are invited to attend a Coffee Morning here at The Orchard  
with our

**Family Support Worker, Teresa Doe.**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

**9am**

This will be a great opportunity for parents to connect, share experiences and get to know each other, as well as meet Teresa who does so many great things to support families across our school.



**All Welcome!**

## KINDNESS AWARDS

These children received our Kindness Certificate today in assembly.  
Well done for sharing your kindness power with us all.



Reception		Year 1		Year 2	
Ash	Benjamin	Maple	Noah	Beech	Finn
Elm	William	Rowan	Arjun	Oak	Arabella
Holly	Elissa	Willow	Xavi	Sycamore	Ilya
		Pine	Henry		

“Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.”

Leo Buscaglia



## Are You An Expectant Dad?



Home Start in Elmbridge is launching a new project called **Dad Matters Surrey**. It aims to provide support for Dads in the perinatal stage of their partners pregnancy: signposting them to services as well as sharing information on attachment and bonding and parental mental health.

**Please see the additional information provided in the Newsletter email.**

## Dates for the Diary

### EASTER BREAK



**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

Summer Term begins



**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2023**

We Are The Voice  
Fundraiser Concert



**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

Coffee Morning with our Family Support Worker,  
Teresa Doe



**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

May Day Bank Holiday



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

Year 2: Materials Workshop



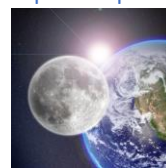
**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

Coronation Bank Holiday



**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

Reception: Space VR



**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

PTA: Quiz Night



## PTA Social

<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!



## Artist of the Week: Bob Marley



Robert Nesta "Bob" Marley was an important Jamaican singer songwriter and musician in the 1970s and 1980s. He made the style of reggae music very popular all over the world. His music told stories of his home and the Rastafarian religion that he followed. Some songs were about religion and some songs were about politics like Get Up Stand Up.



is performing their first ever full length show

## 'I Am The Earth'

Vera Fletcher Hall

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April @ 7:30pm**

(featuring some of our very own Orchard and past Orchard children)

In their original songs, they sing for the trees, oceans and climate, and for the children's future. The choir sang at COP26 in Glasgow, and have sung at Mayoral Events and many Environmental and community events.

They are a charity, and this is our big fundraiser concert.

**Suitable for families, adults and children.**

There are some tickets remaining, so please buy yours now at the link below.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-vera-fletcher-hall-association/t-zzovxxd>

'Winning Hearts And Minds - Inspiring Positive Change One Song At A Time'

Amazon Wish Lists:



## 'Love Reading 4 Kids'

If you buy books from [www.lovereading4kids.co.uk](http://www.lovereading4kids.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.

