

The Orchard Newsletter

Friday 4th November 2022



Dear Parents / Carers,

This week lots of important learning has been taking place. Children in Reception have been learning all about fireworks: how exciting they are, the wonderful noises they make and that they are used in lots of celebrations. They also learnt how important it is to stay safe around them. Their top tips are:



Stand back from fireworks
Don't go back to a firework that hasn't gone off
Keep pets indoors
Always wear gloves when holding sparklers because they are very hot
Wear bright clothes so you can be seen in the dark



In Year 2, the children have been thinking about special places and why they are important to them. They compared this to the special place of Christians and why churches are an important part of their worship. They have also been thinking about balanced diets and have been designing healthy sandwiches which they will make later in the term. There were some very interesting combinations!

Children in Year 1 have been learning about the changing seasons and have been reading a very funny story called The Leaf Thief by Alice Hemmings. They have been using lots of fabulous adjectives to describe the main character – a squirrel who sets off on a quest to find the missing leaves and track down the 'leaf thief'.

As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, drop off and collection times need to be prompt in order to maintain everyone's safety on site. Class doors open at 8:45am and all children should be in class by 8:55am at the latest. Please do not allow your children to play on the equipment and play trails before or after school as they are not supervised by staff and this is when accidents may happen. They are also particularly slippery at this time of year. It is the busiest part of the day on our site when both gates have to be open so for security reasons it is vital that people collect their children safely and then leave promptly. Thank you very much for your help in keeping all our children safe.

We are looking forward to meeting with you for our Parents' Evenings next week. The deadline for signing up online for our face to face appointments has now passed, but please contact your child's class teacher if you were not able to do it. If you are attending fire work displays this weekend, have a wonderful time and stay safe!

Mrs Cary

PARENT HELPERS



We are grateful for the many parents who have completed their DBS checks and who are now all set up to support the school in various ways. Please contact your child's class teacher if you are able to come in to school and support us. Even if you can only spare half an hour, we are sure that time can be used in a really beneficial way to support both the children and the teachers.

I will be holding an additional **safeguarding talk**, which we ask all new parent volunteers to attend. This will be held in school on **Friday 18th November at 2:30pm**. Please email the office at admin@orchard.surrey.sch.uk or office@orchard.surrey.sch.uk to let us know if you would like to attend.

If you attended the online safeguarding talk a few weeks ago, please make sure you pop in to the office before the end of next week to sign the attendance sheet.

Artist of the Week

This coming week, our chosen artist is The Chemical Brothers who are an English electronic music duo from Manchester.

Did you know that they used to be called The Dust Brothers?
Their music has big powerful beats to it and they have won numerous awards.



Dates for the Diary



Tuesday 8th November
PTA AGM 8pm @ The Orchard

Tuesday 8th & Thursday 10th November
Parent Evenings

Don't forget
parents
evening.



Wednesday 9th November
Individual school photographs

Friday 11th November
Remembrance Day



w/b Monday 14th November
Antibullying week

(Monday – **Odd Socks Day** – wear odd socks

Friday - **Children in Need Day** – wear spots or stripes and bring
in a donation for Children in Need)

Monday 14th November

Year 2 cake sale
(this is a change to the original date)



Friday 18th November
Safeguarding Talk for Parents
2:30pm @ School

Wednesday 23rd November
PTA: Shop & Social – Vine Hall

Friday 25th November
The Fantastic Fred Experience
<https://vimeo.com/488186303/98096f5716>
(see more details below)



Monday 28th November
Nasal Flu Vaccinations



Remembrance Day

Next week we will be marking Remembrance Day in our learning, including an age-appropriate assembly and a minute's silence. The children will learn about the reasons that the poppy symbol is used and reflect on the significance of what people in the armed forces have done for us, and are still doing, today.

From **Wednesday 9th November**, children will be able to donate to the Poppy Appeal and the school councillors will be bringing the collection box to every classroom. A suggested donation is £1.

All donations will go directly to The Royal British Legion.

For each donation, the children will receive a poppy which they can wear to school on **Friday 11th November**.



Kindness Awards

Well done to all these children. You have been spotted by your class teachers for the extra kindness you have shown over the last week. Thank you!

Reception		Year 1		Year 2	
Ash	Katie	Maple	Zepphiryn	Beech	Jessica
Elm	Freya	Rowan	Mabel	Oak	Ben
Holly	Elijah	Willow	Tiana	Sycamore	Rhys
		Pine	Sonny		

If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours.



On Friday 25th November all children will be taking part in

The Fantastic Fred Experience.

The children will be able to take part in a live, interactive and engaging performance specifically designed to inform, equip and build resilience. The workshop delivers simple, memorable and practical ways that young children can look after their mental health and it explains the link between our physical and mental health.

Please watch this pre-workshop video.

<https://vimeo.com/488186303/98096f5716>

FOOD

Eating the right foods

REST

Getting enough sleep

EXERCISE

Being active

DEVICES

Managing time on digital devices