

Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year to you all.

I hope you all had an enjoyable and festive Christmas and New Year break. It was lovely seeing the children arrive back on Wednesday and they have settled back into their learning and our many routines really well.

We welcomed Miss Long to our team this week. She is Elm class' new teacher and she is really enjoying getting to know the children and we are all enjoying getting to know her.

In Reception, the children have been writing thank you letters for the lovely gifts and activities they did over the Christmas break. They have also revisited our school rules and other rules which keep them safe such as the PANTS rule. If you would like to know more about this please visit the following NSPCC website: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>
Year 1 have started their learning about hot and cold countries and have written about the adventures of a little meerkat from Africa named Sunny. They have also been developing their understanding of shape in their maths lessons.

Year 2 children were visited by Surrey Fire and Rescue Service this week and were given some great safety advice. In Science lessons, the children have started their new topic on habitats. They have been thinking about different animals, the places they live and the type of environment that it provides for them.

It is lovely to be able to get into classrooms as well as meet with individual children each week and find out how they are enjoying their learning.

Wishing you all a happy and not too drizzly weekend.

Mrs Cary

AAAAAA – CHOO!

It's definitely 'coughs and colds' season.

We would be very grateful if each child could bring in a box of tissues for the classroom, as we seem to be going through tissues at a rapid pace. We are trying desperately to keep germs at bay, so the more tissues we have in stock the better. If each child brought in one box it would really help towards the spread of any germs.

Many thanks in advance!



In addition to our connection with Amazon smile, we have created Amazon wish lists for each of our Year groups. If you would like to donate to the school by purchasing an item on the wish list, we would be very grateful. Each of our Year groups will be adding to their lists over the next few weeks and these are items that will go directly to supporting the children's learning experience across that year group and in their classes.

You can find your Year group's wish list by clicking on the links below:





Kindness Awards



Reception		Year 1		Year 2	
Ash	Gabrielle	Maple	Benji	Beech	Louie
Elm	Jessica B	Rowan	Zach	Oak	Samarra
Holly	Max E	Willow	Rita	Sycamore	Jack
		Pine	Joshua		



"A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees."



Amelia Earhart

Wonderful news....

We are delighted to tell you that Miss Jackson gave birth to a healthy baby girl this morning.
We are very happy for both her and her partner.

Winnie

Both mum and baby are doing well.

I am sure you will join me in wishing them a big congratulations.



Staffing

We are in need of an additional After-School Club assistant to support children in their after-school club activities.



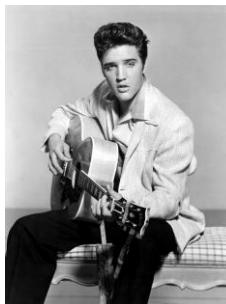
If you, or someone you know, is interested in finding out more details of this position, please contact our school office on **020 8979 2945** or via admin@orchard.surrey.sch.uk.

We're gonna be 'all shook up' by our Artist of the Week:

Elvis Presley

Elvis, is probably one of the most famous recording artists that ever lived.

Dubbed 'The King of Rock and Roll', Elvis has had no less than 149 songs appear on Billboard's Hot 100 Pop Chart in America. Of these, 114 were in the top forty, 40 were in the top 10, and 18 went to number one. His number one singles spent a total of 80 weeks at number one.



We are looking forward to listening to songs such as:

Can't help falling in love
Suspicious minds
All shook up
Jailhouse rock
Always on my mind
Blue suede shoes

Admissions Policy Consultations

Just a reminder that we are currently consulting on our Admissions policy for 2024/25, as are many other schools in the local area. The consultation ends on Monday 16th January 2023

Please go to our website if you would like further details about this.

<http://www.orchard.surrey.sch.uk/admissions-consultation.html>



Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 10th January 2023

Reception will be visited by a creature from prehistoric times!



Sunday 15th January 2023

Deadline for applications for Reception and Year 3 places - September 2023



Monday 16th January 2023

Consultation for changes to admissions policy ends at 12 noon



w/c Monday 23rd January

PTA: Chinese New Year celebrations
(Chinese New Year is Sunday 22nd January)



Tuesday 7th February 2023

Safer Internet Day



Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd February 2023

Parents Evenings
(more details to follow later in the term)



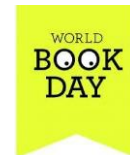
Wednesday 1st March 2023

Whole School
Drama Workshops



Thursday 2nd March 2023

World Book Day



w/c Monday 6th March 2023

Book Fair



w/c Monday 27th March 2023

Easter Disco – date TBC

