



Dear Parents/Carers,

It was great to see so many of you at our Year Group Coffee Mornings this week. We hope you found the information given there useful. You will find the presentations attached to this newsletter email.

Please let your child's class teacher know if you do have any further questions.

Our learning highlights this week.....

Year 2 have been learning about all the fantastic landmarks and tourist sites in our capital city. They have also been writing questions in English and putting the human life cycle in order in their Science learning.



In PSHE, Year 1 children learnt about a pupil's right to learn and what we can do to help each other be good learners. They have been doing lots of explaining in English and using the word 'because' to explain why they like their favourite toy. I enjoyed seeing pictures they had drawn of our beautiful world.

I had a wonderful time in Reception this morning in my first Head teacher assembly with them all. They were beautifully behaved and we enjoyed singing songs and reading one of my favourite stories together. They also now know about my cute (but naughty), little dog Leila who likes to eat pizza! They have been learning that every person is unique and so are our families. The children have also been practicing the sounds s/a/t/p in their phonics lessons.



Head teacher lottery is always the highlight of my week. I was delighted to meet with several children today who showed me their fantastic work. Each Monday a lottery ball is pulled out and if your child corresponds with that number on the register then they come to my office for a visit. I saw some wonderful writing, maths and RE today. Well done!

Please remember to make sure your child has a water bottle in school every day. After busy playtimes and lunchtimes, it is always important to hydrate. PE kits are another essential for our children in Year 1 and 2. The kit should be in school every day.

Thank you to all those who attended the PTA meeting last night. It was great to see you there and to hear your ideas and comments. As parents of children in our school, you are all automatically members of the PTA. However, there are certain roles that need special attention to make sure everything works like clockwork. We welcome your input! Please reach out to Class Reps if you have any ideas or specific talents that you would like to share. There are some exciting events in our school calendar this year and we really appreciate all of the effort and dedication that goes into both raising money for the school but also providing lots of exciting activities for the children and their families.

I hope you all have a great weekend and that you get some of the sunshine that is promised to peep through the clouds.  
See you Monday!

Sally Cary

## DBS Checks

Register online using the following link:

[www.orchard.surrey.sch.uk/documents/policies/DBS%20Applicant%20Guidance.pdf](http://www.orchard.surrey.sch.uk/documents/policies/DBS%20Applicant%20Guidance.pdf)

The cost of this is £10 and can be paid through our Parentmail Shop



Due to the severe allergies of some of our pupils we are a

**SESAME & NUT FREE**

SCHOOL



Please do not bring any peanuts, tree nuts or sesame seeds into our school.

This would include hummus, pesto pasta if made with cashews and anything that physically contains nuts or sesame.

Tissues have been gratefully received.  
Thank you!



Autumn weather has definitely arrived.  
**Please make sure your child has suitable clothing for this changeable season.**

We like to get outside as much as we can.  
Please make sure your child has a coat and sensible school shoes.

Trainers should not be worn as part of the uniform **except** for PE lessons.

## Parking

Please note that there is to be strictly no parking in the staff carpark unless you have been given a permit by the school. Also, please do not use the neighbouring carpark near the Hansler Grove entrance. This is a private car park.

**Please help us maintain positive relationships with our neighbours.**



## Value Awards

Our values are: **Courage**, **Determination**, **Respect** and **Kindness**.

Reception		Year 1		Year 2	
Ash	Kimran	Maple	George	Beech	Zepphiryn
Elm	Calli	Rowan	Arlen	Oak	Fred
Holly	Arthur	Willow	Charlotte	Sycamore	Lulu
		Pine	Louis		



*Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.*

# Want your child to learn a new language?

Studies show that learning a foreign language is best done at an early age, however it is not part of the national curriculum until children are in Year 3. We offer two foreign language clubs here at The Orchard to help develop this love of language and wider world at an early age.

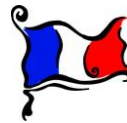
## Spanish



Monday after school  
Year 1 and 2  
3pm – 4pm

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

## French



Tuesdays after school  
All year groups  
3pm – 4pm

[info@childrensclubs.com](mailto:info@childrensclubs.com)

## Teams



All Teams log ins have been distributed this week or will be distributed early next week. Please make sure you can access this facility. This is the one-way communication system that we use and is purely to be used by the teachers to message parents about year group / class information. The chat function is not available and we ask that you don't post comments on any messages that the teachers do send out. Any posts can be seen by everyone. If you do need to message the teacher or have a query about something, please do it in the usually way: hand written note, phone call, or email [office@orchard.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@orchard.surrey.sch.uk) . Teachers will endeavour to respond to you as quickly as possible.



**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023**  
**£5**  
Reception - 3-4pm  
Year 1 - 4-5pm  
Year 2 - 5-6pm

## Hallowe'en Disco



**Dress up – no masks**  
Snack  
Dancing  
Games  
Quiet area

**Make your booking here:**

<https://www.pta-events.com/orchardpta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=67061>



## Artist of the Week: Sister Sledge



This American vocal group is made up of four sisters: Debbie, Joni, Kim and Kathy Sledge. Their grandmother taught them to sing and so their original name was Mrs Williams Grandchildren (doesn't quite have the same ring to it, does it?)

Some of their most popular hits are *Frankie*, *We are a Family* and *Lost in Music*.

You can listen to their funky disco tunes here:

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/4CETQ6cfePdsmOPRBLBwo0?si=000e18afb9a34867>

# Save the Dates

## For the Grown Ups!

Let's kick start the Christmas Season in style!

The Orchard School PTA invite you to join us for a

### Christmas Party!

When: Saturday 25th November 2023

Where: Imber Court, Ember Lane, Molesey KT8 0BT

Time: 7.30pm - midnight

Dress code: Dress to impress

Tickets: £30 per person to include drinks reception, food and entertainment.

We hope everyone can join us for a night of festive celebrations!

<https://www.pta-events.com/orchardpta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=66460>

## For the children!

### Christmas Fayre



Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December  
at the Orchard  
10am – 1pm



## Dates for the Diary

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September

Parent Safeguarding Talk Online 6pm



### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September

Year 2 Bake Sale



### October



### Parent Tour Mornings for Sept 2024 intake

9 – 9:30am



Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October

### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October

Messy Church @ St Paul's



### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October

Halloween Disco and Pumpkin Competition



### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> – Reception & Year 1

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Year 2

African Drumming Workshops



### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Donut Sale after school



### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

Harvest Celebration and  
Collection for Elmbridge Food Bank



### Half term

23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October



### Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October

INSET DAY (Staff only)



### Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Children back at school



### Heads Up!

Parents Evening - Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November

Photo Day – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Parents Evening - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November