



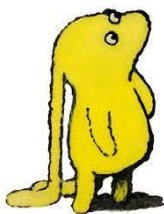
The Orchard Newsletter

Friday 23rd February 2024

Dear Parents / Carers

What a wet, blustery start to this half term. It's also been a busy one! We had a fire alarm practice this morning before the children had even had a chance to pick up a pencil. They did it so well and behaved very sensibly. Well done everyone!

Year 2 have kick started their instrumental learning this week and were very excited to start to learn how to play the recorder. They played the B note using different phrases to help with rhythm and timing. It was an impressive start. They have been brilliant with division in maths and have been grouping and sharing numbers using their times tables knowledge to help them. They have also been exploring Indian art and thought about the different techniques that were used, how the paintings made them feel and what they made them think of.



Year 1 children have met a friendly, little alien in the book Beegu by Alexis Deacon. Children have thought about why the alien crash landed on Earth and have been describing what she is like. The book shares a lovely message about accepting others with differences and making them feel welcome. Their science learning this half term is about everyday materials. They have been identifying different objects and thinking about the materials they are made from.

In Reception, the children have started their learning on life cycles and read the story Tad by Benji Davies. It's big story about a tiny tadpole – about growing up, branching out, and taking a leap into life. We are looking forward to a few weeks' time as they will hopefully witness the miracle of life starting when we have the ducklings in school. The children have also created some wonderful pond pictures. I am very impressed by how many children are completing the rainbow challenge each week and trying lots of different focus areas in their continuous play.



We are saying goodbye to our lovely Mrs Barrow, whose last day was today. All our staff and lots of children have expressed great sadness in seeing her go. We wish her all the very best in her new job. (More on her later in this newsletter). Mrs Ives will be working with Willow class and she is really looking forward to getting to know the children in Year 1.

Wishing you all a very happy weekend.
See you on Monday

Mrs Cary

Friday 1st March is our PTA Leap-a-thon



Deadline for consent: Monday 26th February 2024 @ 10am

To give your consent you must use the PTA events page.

<https://www.pta-events.com/orchardpta/>

Thank you in advance.



World Book Day

Thursday 7th March 2024

Reading a book whilst wearing cosy pyjamas and snuggling with a teddy bear is usually the perfect end to busy days.

With this in mind, at The Orchard, we will be celebrating World Book Day in our pyjamas and with our favourite teddies.

We will also be having another date with a secret reader (I wonder who it will be this time), and we will be visited by a published author.

We were excited to hear that over half term some of our Year 2 children took part in the

Surrey Super Cup Football Tournament and

WON!

Part of the football team were William K, Benji M, Jenson, and Alfie M.

Congratulations!



Goodbye to Mrs Barrow

Today we were very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Barrow who has supported children and Class teachers here at The Orchard for many years. We wish her well in her new job. We will miss you!

Here are some things that the children have said about Mrs Barrow:

Mrs Barrow is very kind and helpful and...just lots of good things really. - Harvey (Oak)

I like saying hi to Mrs Barrow on the way to lunch. She has never forgotten us from when we used to be in Willow class. - Jude (Oak)

She was really good at changing our books. The kindest teaching assistant that I have ever had. - Rhiannon (Oak)

She is very kind to us. She helps me learn to read and write. - Etta (Willow)

We will miss you!

I will miss her because she is a really good teacher. - Isaac (Willow)

Mrs Barrow helps me do writing when I am finding it difficult. - Freddie B (Willow)



Reception Parents are invited to a

Phonic Presentation and Activity Session

Tuesday 5th March 2024

9am – 10am

Please see the communication sent out earlier this afternoon.
You can book this session via the event section in the Parentmail app.

Attendance

Reception		Year 1		Year 2	
Ash	96.1%	Maple	96.1%	Beech	96.4%
Elm	95.4%	Rowan	96.0%	Oak	96.3%
Holly	95.0%	Willow	96.5%	Sycamore	96.7%

Well done to Sycamore class!

Whole school attendance = 96.0%

It is no surprising that this last half term has impacted on attendance. Cough and cold season will do that. Let's hope that as we venture into springtime that we will be able to keep the germs at bay.

Requests for Leave & Penalties

The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013, state that Head teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The Head teacher is required to determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted. Where a child is taken out of school for 10 sessions or more (5 days – which do not have to be consecutive) and the 'leave of absence' is without the authority of the head teacher, each parent is liable to receive a penalty notice for each child who is absent. In these circumstances, a warning will not be given where it can be shown that parents had previously been warned that such absences would not be authorised and that they will be liable to receive a Penalty Notice if the leave of absence is taken.

The Inclusion Service, acting on behalf of Surrey County Council may issue a Penalty Notice as an alternative to the prosecution of a parent/carer for their child's unauthorised absence from school and requires the recipient to pay a fixed amount. The amount payable on issue of a Penalty Notice is £60 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days.

Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.

If the Penalty Notice is not paid within 28 days, the Local Authority must consider a prosecution for failing to ensure regular school attendance under Section 444 Education Act 1996.

Thank your continued support to ensure your child's good attendance at school.



on the school site - simples!

Dropping off in the morning

Some children are arriving at the door in the morning without an adult. In most cases it is where a younger sibling has been dropped off to another classroom and the older child has been sent on to class independently.

Whereas we do try to encourage independence in our children as much as possible, we kindly ask that you ensure that you accompany your child to the class door no matter which year group they are in.

Children should not be left unaccompanied at any point whilst on school premises. The children are not staff responsibility until they are 'handed over' to the teacher and we would like to avoid, at all costs, the possibility of them hurting themselves, or even something worse happening to them when we are not able to always vouch for every adult on the school grounds during this time as it is an open site.

Value Awards

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

Reception		Year 1		Year 2	
Ash	Ethan P	Maple	Matilda	Beech	Alecia
Elm	Artis	Rowan	Alex	Oak	Rosie
Holly	Daisy	Willow	Chloe	Sycamore	Henry
		Pine	Maddie		

Leave everything a bit better than you found it.

ONE MONTH TO GO.....

The Orchard



Friday 22nd March 2024

Book by March 15th.

Click here to book your ticket!

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/orchardpta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=74207>

Free Parenting Workshop

Supporting family wellbeing through sleep education



Thursday 14th March 2024

9am in the school hall

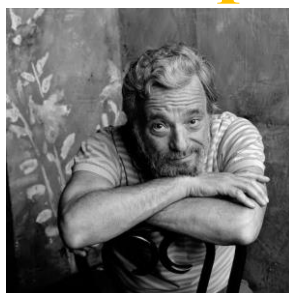
<https://www.midnightmentor.co.uk/>

Please Big Kid Sleep Flyer attached

Please check Parentmail for the form to indicate whether you will be attending.



Artist of the week: Stephen Sondheim



Composer and Lyricist

Oscar Hammerstein, another famous lyricist, was a family friend and would give Stephen writing assignments to turn plays into musicals.

Stephen wrote the words to the songs in the film musical Into the Woods and West Side Story.

He wrote comedy TV scripts before he turned to Broadway.

He revealed that he liked to write his music lying down.

Stephen has written 18 musicals.

Click here to listen to some of his amazing pieces:

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/5yaWPK9Yr9icYRjIDTS8sz?si=5e2361b874f04dc2>

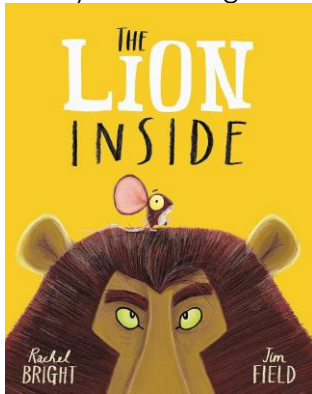
Orchard Reading Recommendations



You can click on the book covers to link you to Amazon to read more about each book.

Reception

Thomas in Elm Class recommends
The Lion Inside
by Rachel Bright



Thomas loves this book because the lion chases the mouse and the mouse runs off into the bushes.

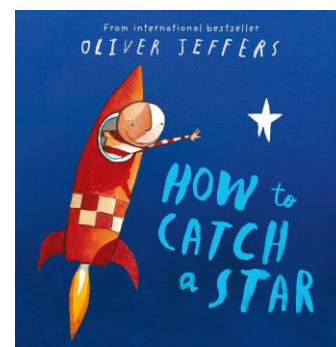
Fed up of being ignored by the other animals, Mouse wishes he could roar like Lion. But, as he discovers, even the biggest, bossiest people are scared sometimes ... and even the smallest creatures can have the heart of a lion!

Year 1

Leo G in Maple class recommends the book
How to Catch a Star
by Oliver Jeffers

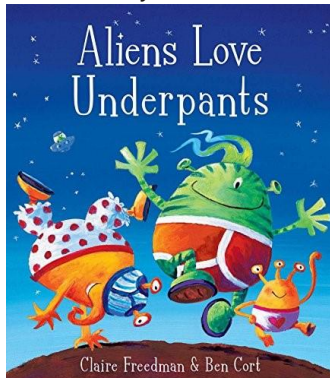
Leo particularly wanted to read this book because it was by an author of another book he had read in class called Lost and Found about a little penguin.

How to Catch a Star is all about a little boy who has a dream to catch a star. It is a reminder that we can achieve our dreams if we really want to, try hard and never give up.



Staff

Our staff recommendation this week is from
Mrs Barkway-Smith. It is.....



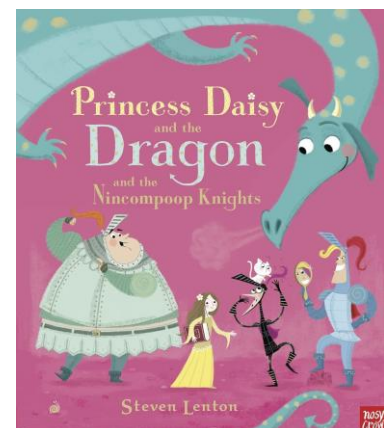
'You probably thought aliens came down to Earth with a view to taking over the planet - but, no, they simply want to steal your pants!

When little aliens fly down to Earth, they don't come to visit because they want to meet the Earthlings. They simply want to steal everybody's underpants! They like them large or small, they like them red or green, and they like them in all other sizes and colours, too. They think that Mum's pink, frilly panties are a perfect place to hide and Grandpa's woolly long johns make a super-whizzy slide! I love the idea that aliens are after our all our underpants, as they don't have any in space. This book is full of rhyming words and I wonder how many you can find? It's fun choosing which underpants are your favourite on the last page of the book - mine are the blue and white, frilly bloomers - which ones are yours?'

Year 2

Rhiannon in Oak Class recommends
Princess Daisy and the Dragon and the Nincompoop Knights.
by Stephen Lenton

"I like this book because it's different to other stories. In traditional stories, the knight saves the princess but in this one the princess saves the knights."



Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th February

Parents Evenings

Please make sure you have booked via Parentmail



Friday 1st March

PTA: Leap-a-thon



Tuesday 5th March

PTA: Mothers' Day

'Golden Ticket' Chocolate Bar Sale

Shhhh! It's a surprise!



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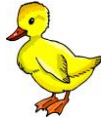
Reception: Phonic workshop and activity session

9am – 10am



Tuesday 5th March

Reception: Ducklings are coming!



Wednesday 6th March

Whole School - Drama Workshops



Thursday 7th March

World Book Day



Friday 8th March

Year 2 Wisley Trip



w/c Monday 11th March

Book Fair



Tuesday 19th March

Sublime Science



Friday 22nd March

PTA: Quiz Night



Tuesday 26th March

PTA: Easter Disco & Easter Colouring Competition



Thursday 28th March

School finishes @ 1:45pm

Have you booked Parents Evening?

Just checkin'

