



The Orchard Newsletter

Friday 26th January 2024

Dear Parents / Carers

Well there was light at the end of the tunnel after all. This week we finally got the internet back. Did you hear the cheer that went up around the building Wednesday lunch time? Hopefully there won't be any more difficulties getting emails and phone calls through to the office and things will be a little bit smoother for everyone. Once again, thank you for your patience whilst this was going on.

Year 2 have been city planners and making decisions about how London should be rebuilt after the devastation of the Great Fire. As part of their "Where in the world are we?" unit, they have been learning about the continents with a focus this week on Australia (Oceania). They have thought about and identified the human and physical features of that continent.

Reception have been learning an amazing poem called **Roar**, which is all about dinosaurs. They have been thinking about words that rhyme and the loudness or quietness of their voice when performing. They even put together some actions to go with it. I was quite terrified when I entered Elm class this week when I thought I was amongst 30 real dinosaurs!

They have also been learning about the Christian Creation Story in RE and in Yellow Bay they have been making some wonderful creations of their own - handprint dinosaurs.

Year 1 thought about 'stretchiness' in their PSHE lessons this week and how sometimes we need to stretch ourselves in order to achieve something new. Sometime this can be a little bit uncomfortable at first, but it's worth it.

The children have also been learning about the hot climate of Kenya and thinking about what it might be like to live there.

Our school council met recently and had suggested some names of charities that the school could support. They then took these names to their classes and explained what they what each charity is all about and we then had a whole school vote. As a school we have decided to support Momentum which is a local Molesey charity that supports children with cancer and life-limiting conditions. All monies collected from our performance collection in December and those later on in the year will go to this charity.

Thank you.



Lastly, please could I remind you to do regular checks for headlice. It is very common amongst children but regular checks can prevent them from spreading.

Here is some advice: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

If your child has hair that sits below shoulder length we ask that it is tied up when at school.

I hope I haven't got all your heads scratching now!

Have a good weekend

See you on Monday.

Mrs Cary

We have had a few near misses this week on the playground and outside of the school in the surrounding roads.

A member of staff was almost knocked over by some inconsiderate parking by one of our parents earlier in the week and I was almost mown down this morning by an enthusiastic child on a bike.

I dread to think what would have happened if a child was on the receiving end of any of these actions.

Please make sure that all children and adults do the following:

Dismount from bikes and scooters on school premises



Walk your wheels

Park considerately and ensure you are aware of all pedestrians



Be kind, park with others in mind

CONSULTATION NOTICE

On behalf of Surrey County Council and **The Federation of Manor Mead and Walton Leigh Schools**, have given their statutory notices for the expansion of Walton Leigh School onto a satellite site at the former Hurst Park Primary School site & change of school designation from a designation of SLD/PMLD to a designation of SLD/PMLD and ASD.

A statutory notice response form is included as an attachment, or alternatively you can respond by clicking on the words below and visiting the consultation website.

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Value Awards

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

| Reception | | Year 1 | | Year 2 | |
|-----------|--------|--------|---------|----------|-------|
| Ash | Chiara | Maple | Eliyana | Beech | Teo |
| Elm | Izzy | Rowan | Seren | Oak | Ali |
| Holly | Rocco | Willow | Emile | Sycamore | Arjun |
| | Pine | | Chloe | | |

A special mention to **Layda** in Elm class who I forgot to include in last week's newsletter.

Year 2 Parents

In order to aid the children with their transition to Key Stage 2 and to help them to become independent learners outside of school the Year 2 will be set a short weekly homework task. Please make sure you have read the message from Mr Elliott that was sent on Teams yesterday.



Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 31st January
PTA Meeting @ The Poyntz



Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd February
Year 1 Bake Sale



Monday 5th to Sunday 11th February
Children's Mental Health Week



Tuesday 6th February
Safer Internet Day



Friday 9th February
PTA: Chinese New Year lantern sale



Friday 9th February
Dress to Express Day



Monday 12th – Friday 16th February
Half term



Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th February
Parents Evenings
(more details to follow later next term)



Friday 1st March
PTA: Leap-a-thon



Tuesday 5th March
PTA: Mothers' Day
'Golden Ticket' Chocolate Bar Sale
Shhhh! It's a surprise!



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



Save the Date

The Orchard



Friday 22nd March 2024

THE HUB, RAY ROAD, WEST MOLESEY - KT8 2LG

Cost: £17.50 pp for the quiz and a sharing meat and cheese board served to your table.
Vegetarian platters provided and other dietary requirements catered for.

Teams: Minimum 6 - Maximum 8



Click here to book your ticket!

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

DATES FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

Just in case you didn't see it last week.

Please be advised of the dates for the 2024/25 start and end of each term, the half term holidays and also our planned INSET days. These can also be found at the Surrey weblink here:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/term-dates>

Autumn Term 2024

| Start of Term | Half Term | End of Term |
|--|---|--------------------------------|
| 2 nd September 2024 (Children start on 3 rd September 2024) | 28 th October to 1 st November 2024 (Children back on 5 th November 2024) | 20 th December 2024 |

Spring Term 2025

| Start of Term | Half Term | End of Term |
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| 6 th January 2025 (Children start on 7 th January 2025) | 17 th February to 21 st February 2025 (Children back on 24 th February 2025) | 4 th April 2025 |

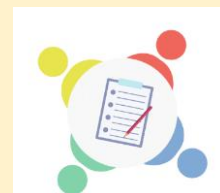
Summer Term 2024

| Start of Term | Half Term | End of Term |
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| 22 nd April 2025 (Children start on 22 nd April 2025) | 26 th May to 30 th May 2025 (Children back on 3 rd June 2025) | 22 nd July 2025 |

INSET DAYS:



Monday 2nd September 2024
Monday 4th November 2024
Monday 6th January 2025
Monday 2nd June 2025
Friday 4th July 2025



Orchard Reading Recommendations

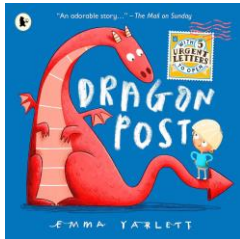


You can click on the book covers to link you to Amazon to read more about each book.

Reception

Dragon Post by Emma Yarlett

We absolutely love this book in Elm Class, it is all about a little boy who has found a dragon in his house! 'This is a very special book, it's about a dragon!' says Kimmy. 'I love the letters, they are cool' says Lorcan 'you get REAL dragon post!'.
"An adorable story..." - The Mail on Sunday



You can open the envelopes and read the hilarious letters.

Year 1

Keep Running Gingerbread Man

by Steve Smallman is from the Fairy tales Gone Wrong Series



Gabrielle in Maple class recommends this book. She likes it because it ends in a surprising way and she also likes gingerbread.

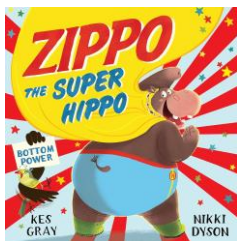
A twist on the classic tale and some very funny illustrations as well.

Staff

Mr Lavall recommends the book

Zippo the Super Hippo

by Kes Gray



"I love reading this book with my boy Archie, it is his favourite and we read it every other night



Who wants to be ordinary?

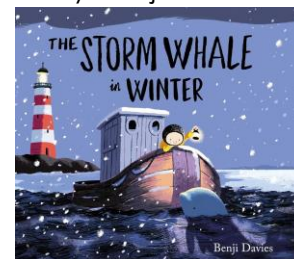
This big bottomed hippo wants to be super!

Year 2

Danni in Oak class recommends

The Storm Whale in Winter

By Benji Davies



I like it because I like whales and I liked the pages with the cats. My favourite part in the book is when the whale saves the dad. My favourite pictures are the pictures where Noi and his dad spend time together. I also like the picture with Noi and his dad painting the boat because they're working on the same thing together.

Artist of the week: Buzzcocks



This punk rock band started when original band member Howard Trafford posted a note on his college notice board looking for people who liked the same music as him and the band was formed.

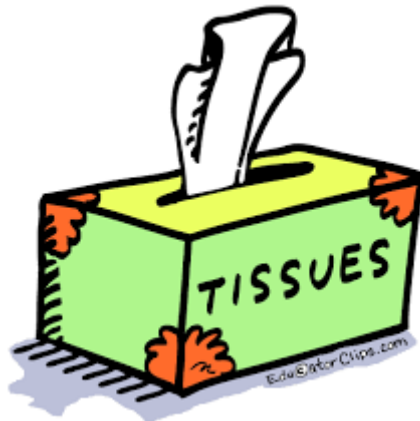
It is called Buzzcocks because they saw a headline which said 'It's a buzz, cock!'. 'Buzz' means excitement and 'cock' is a northern term for 'friend', so they put the two words together.

They didn't stay together as a band the whole time. They disbanded for a while and did some solo things but got back together again a few years later.

They have released 10 studio albums.

A popular musical themed quiz **Never Mind the Buzzcocks** is named after them.

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/5DtgJMD6JfJLFDHUW0Yef?si=0fa90fb9a6e44d33>



Any boxes of tissues gratefully
received 😊