

The Orchard Newsletter

Friday 6th October 2023



Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly, a big thank you for the treats we received yesterday for Teacher Appreciation Day. They certainly put a smile on everyone's faces when we walked into the staffroom. The kindness that has been extended during our Kindness challenge week has also been wonderful to see. The children's reflection on the week in assembly today showed what an impact it has had. They have really been looking out for each other and the good manners they have shown with their 'pleases', 'thank yous' and good behaviour moving around the school is evidence of their kind hearts.

It was lovely to meet with our school councillors today. They were very enthusiastic and have a lot of ideas to put forward. They will be helping me with our support for The Elmbridge Food Bank which we will be collecting for at the end of this half term as part of our Harvest celebration. They had a special message for their class today.

Our school councillors are:

Reception: Cosmo, Micah and Joe

Year 1: Molly, Freddie M and Vladimir

Year 2: Nylah, Xavi, Bastie, Paige, Joely & Nihal

I am really looking forward to working with all of you.



Reception children have had fun this week decorating biscuits and making giant bugs all with a ladybird theme after reading **'What the Ladybird Heard'** by **Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monks**. They have been counting ladybird spots and writing messages to the ladybird in our messaging centre. The children have also been thinking about 'belonging' and that they belong to different groups in different ways. We are glad that they belong to the Orchard 😊.



In PSHE, Year 1 were discussing how it feels when you are proud of something. They each received a special message from their teacher about something that their teacher is proud of them for doing or being. Their little faces lit up.



There team building challenges this week produced the most amazing rollercoaster parks. They worked so well together. In maths they have been comparing different measures using some important vocabulary: longer, shorter, heavier, lighter, most fewer and they have been using a range of equipment to help them do it.

National Poetry was on Thursday of this week and Year 2 wrote some wonderful poems about their treasures that they have found and how they 'keep them safe' and 'keep them sound'. They have been learning and writing about famous landmarks in London such as Nelson's Column and in their science lesson they have been sorting foods in to different food groups as they have been learning how humans stay healthy and the need to balance food groups.



(Does staff room table treats count as a healthy food group?)

We hope whatever you are doing this weekend you stay happy and healthy.

See you Monday!

Sally Cary



We discussed **PANTS** with the children this week.

Please see the attached leaflet should you have missed it last week.

Year 1 and 2 children have been set the challenge to find and learn the Childline number off by heart which is displayed in their toilet areas. We hope, as we know you do, that our children would always have someone they already know and trust that they can talk to if they are every worried about anything. However, statistics show that this is sadly not the case for everyone, so knowing this number is another resource they have to help them should they need it as they navigate through the worries and struggles of life.

Brace yourselves.....

The **play trails** (climbing frames) in both the Reception garden and the Year 1 and 2 playground must **not** be used by children before or after school. I will be speaking to them about this on Monday in assembly and we do recognise how tempting it is but please support us with this request.



Please do not park in the **private car park** by the flats near the Hansler Grove entrance. We have had a lot of complaints from the local residents about some of our parents parking their cars there. We know it is tricky but if you are driving, please park further away and walk to the school rather than taking a risk and using this car park. There is £100 fine should you be charged.



on the school site - simples!

Collection from after school clubs

If you are collecting from a club after school such as football, playball, French, art or choir, please use the **Bridge Road entrance**.

The Hansler Grove entrance is reserved for those who attend our wrap around care After-School Club only.

Thank you

Correct **PE kit** for Year 1 and 2

Please ensure this is in every day – shorts, t-shirt, trainers/plimsolls, and a tracksuit top and trousers for cooler weather. If your child is wearing tights then they will need to have a spare pair of socks in their bag as well.



Please provide your children with everything they need at the beginning of the school day rather than dropping forgotten things to the office. Our office staff do not have the time to be a courier service for potentially almost 270 children.

Moan over....now for the fun bit!

Value Awards

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

Reception		Year 1		Year 2	
Ash	Zara	Maple	Jessica	Beech	William B
Elm	George	Rowan	Jacob	Oak	Rita
Holly	Mabel	Willow	Cecily	Sycamore	Barnaby
		Pine	Emma		



Respect is like a boomerang that comes back to you.



Hallowe'en Disco

Monday 16th October 2023

£5

Reception - 3-4pm

Year 1 - 4-5pm

Year 2 - 5-6pm



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>

We have asked for no masks so we can see the children's faces clearly but we are more than happy for you to add a little bit of face paint and sparkle to the costumes/outfits.

Save the Dates

For the Grown Ups!

Let's kick start the Christmas Season in style!

ORCHARD SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY 2023

When: Saturday 25th November 2023

You can get your tickets here:

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

For the children!

Christmas Fayre



Saturday 2nd December
at the Orchard
10am – 1pm

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 10th October
St Lawrence Open Mornings for Year 2 Parents



Tuesday 10th October
Messy Church @ St Paul's



Parent Tour Mornings for Sept 2024 intake
9 – 9:30am



Wednesday 11th, Thursday 12th October
Wednesday 18th, Thursday 19th October
Tuesday 31st October

Tuesday 10th October
World Mental Health Day



Monday 16th October
Halloween Disco and Pumpkin Competition



Monday 16th October (R & Y1)
Tuesday 17th October (Y2)
African Drumming Workshops



Thursday 19th October
Donut Sale after school



Friday 20th October
Harvest Celebration and
Collection for Elmbridge Food Bank



Half term
23rd – 27th October



Monday 30th October
INSET DAY (Staff only)



Tuesday 31st October
Children back at school



Heads Up!
Parents Evening - Tuesday 7th November
Parents Evening - Thursday 9th November
Photo Day – Wednesday 15th November – please
note the change of date

Artist of the Week: Encanto



It was written by Lin Manuel Miranda who wrote the songs for both Moana and the additional songs in the new Little Mermaid movie, which our children will no doubt be familiar with.

His very famous 'more grown up' musical is Hamilton and a firm favourite of Mrs Cary's.

At The Orchard we will be enjoying the Encanto music which you can find here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iLP_CMVlFvC&list=OLAK5uy_I7EM5OtHouGZ7BEUx8MFUu8RWhy4CTO8