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School Newsletter

November Update

New topics have been launched across the school this month. Through our Topic Wow Days, the school has been alive with Saxons, space explorers, Greek gods, goddesses and Stone Age children. The energy and excitement around these topics has been palatable and the learning as a consequence of this engagement is strong.



This month we have welcomed a new Hockey Coach to support the hockey teaching in Years 5 & 6. The pupils are becoming increasingly skilled with their hockey stick, alongside an improved understanding around the rules of the game.



Friday's are always a busy day at Orchard Park due to our ongoing music provision with Mr Randall. We are now also joined by a number of maths A level students from The Perse. The students are working with our Year 6 children, exploring high order number problems, aimed to challenge our most able of pupils. This partnership will continue throughout the year.

Staffing Update

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Diane Mitchell will be joining us in January in the role of Deputy Headteacher.



Mrs Mitchell comes to us with a wealth of experience in a number of multi academy trusts. She has worked as a Head of School and a Teaching and Learning Advisor. She is currently working as an

Education Consultant in London. Mrs Mitchell is excited about joining the Orchard Park team and getting to know you and your children. Mrs Mitchell will be in post immediately after Christmas, when Mrs Steggles will begin her maternity leave.

School Governance

Welcome to Dr Scott Parsley to the school Governing Body. Scott is the Dad of Evan (Fireflies) and Ruben (Grasshoppers). Scott states that he will bring to the governor role knowledge gained in project management, reporting, team leadership and recruitment. Scott believes in encouraging children to choose and pursue their own goals having been encouraged by his parents to be the first in the family to go to University.



Childrens' Christmas Parties

The childrens' Christmas parties will take place on the afternoon of **Monday 17th December**. We are hoping that Santa will be able to take a break from his very busy schedule to come and join us! Please would you be kind enough to send in a donation of finger food such as crisps, savoury snacks, chopped vegetables, fairy cakes and biscuits for the tea party on that day? Thank you in advance for this.



Nativity - A King is Born

Two performances of 'A King is Born' will take place next week by KS1:

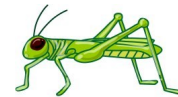
Wednesday 5th December at 9:45 am
Thursday 6th December at 1:45 pm

The children have been working hard to learn their lines! Tickets will be issued on Monday 3rd December.

Attendance at Orchard Park



November Attendance Awards



Well done to Grasshoppers who achieved 98%

2nd - Beetles 97%

3rd - Bees 96%

Overall School Attendance 96%

Class Assemblies

Bumblebee Class



Bumblebee Class Assembly will take place on
Thurs 14th Feb

Beetle Class



Beetle Class Assembly will take place on
Weds 13th March

All welcome!
School Hall at 9:10 am





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Speak Out, Stay Safe!

This week the children have been visited by the NSPCC as part of their Speak Out, Stay Safe campaign. The charity held two assemblies, one for KS1 and another for KS2 so that the content was age appropriate. This was followed by workshops for Years 5 and 6. The aim of the campaign is to empower children to recognise abuse and to know how to report it and get the necessary help if needed. The campaign may have created many questions for your children. Therefore, if you require any additional information or guidance please visit: www.nspcc.org.uk



Beetles: Alicja and Maximo

Fireflies: Callum and Rhiannon

Dragonflies: Jayden and Ceana

School Council are also joined by our ambassadors Victoria and Luke.

Thank you Astra Zeneca UK

We had an amazing team of volunteers from Astra Zeneca who spent the day with us at Orchard Park in November. They painted, cleared the pond, varnished and even decorated the play houses! The staff and pupils are really grateful to Astra Zeneca for their help.



School Council Update

School Council meet on a fortnightly basis to discuss whole school initiatives to help shape the future of the school. The agenda this coming term is fluency and reasoning in maths, guided reading and lunch time provision.

The School Council representatives for 2018/2019 are:

Butterflies: Violet and Zachary

Bumblebees: Amelia and Jared

Grasshoppers: Curtis and Isla

Children In Need

Thank you to you and the children for supporting this worthy charity. We raised a total of £300!



Christmas Cards

The school post box will be put out from Monday 3rd December. If your child wishes to send Christmas cards to their friends in school through the special post box, please can we ask that the class name is written on the envelope as well as their name.



Winter Disco

Thursday 13th December



KS1

5 - 6:15 pm



KS2

6 - 7:15 pm

Tickets £3.00 - Entry by ticket only

Tickets available on the door—no presale tickets available



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