



## Orchard Park Community Primary School

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# School Newsletter

## Welcome Back!

The first half of the Spring Term ended on a high having attended the Young Voices Concert at the O2. This was an inspiring event and one which we hope to give other children, apart from the school choir, the opportunity of experiencing next year. Further details regarding this will be available in the Autumn Term. In the meantime, the children have already enjoyed a Rotten Rome Wow Day and are looking forward to other exciting activities planned for the second half of the Spring Term which will include a trip to Woburn Safari Park for the Bumblebees, World Book Day, a Tag Rugby Tournament and Red Nose Day!



## Parent /Teacher Consultations

It was a pleasure to see so many of you here at the parent consultation evenings. Thank you also to all the parents/carers who completed the survey that was handed out during these sessions. We are currently compiling the responses and will, therefore, publish the full findings in the next newsletter. At a glance, it was humbling and pleasing to see all the positive comments that have been made. Your input is always greatly appreciated.

## School Funding Petition!

The School Funding Petition has now received over 95,000 signatures. Parliament are now set to debate this petition on Monday 4th March. If you have not already done so, please may I urge you to sign the Petition as 100,000 signatures are required. All schools are working hard to make ends meet and we are desperate to secure more funding. Your help in this matter really helps.

[Increase Funding for Schools Petition](#)



## Mental Health Drop Ins

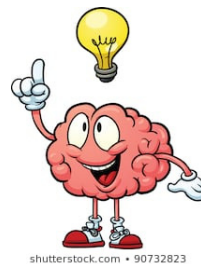
Drop in mental health sessions have been organised by Cambridge County Council and the Cambridge United Community Trust for parents who would like to talk about any social, emotional or mental health difficulties their child is having, or for children between 16 and 25 to attend (with or without parents). The drop ins will be hosted by Educational and Child Psychologists that work for the Special Educational Needs and Disability Service (0-25) at the Council. The drop in slots are each 40 minutes long between 3 pm and 6 pm on 7th March, 9th May and 11th June at The Abbey Stadium, Newmarket Road, Cambridge, CB5 8LN. The drop in slots are free to attend but slots must be booked by emailing: [darryl.coakley@cambridge-united.co.uk](mailto:darryl.coakley@cambridge-united.co.uk).



## Free Science Festival Event

The Cambridge Science Festival has organised a free event at the Church of the Good Shepherd on **Thursday 7th March 3:45 - 4:45 pm**. Ginny Smith plans to amaze the children by giving them a tour of their own brain and will then ask them to get stuck in and make an illusion toy to take home. Everybody is welcome although children must be accompanied by an adult. For further details regarding this and many other Science Festival activities:

[www.sciencefestival.cam.ac.uk](http://www.sciencefestival.cam.ac.uk)



## New Lunch Menu

The new Spring Term Lunch Menu is now available:

[Spring Term Lunch Menu](#)



## Attendance at Orchard Park



## February Attendance Awards



Well done to Beetles who achieved 97%

2nd - 96%  
Grasshopper Class

3rd - 95%  
Firefly Class

**Overall School Attendance 95%**

## Class Assemblies

### Grasshopper Class



Grasshopper Class Assembly will take place on Weds 13th March

### Beetle Class



Beetle Class Assembly will take place on Weds 3rd April

All welcome!

School Hall at 9:10 am



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### World Book Day

World Book Day is a national event which celebrates the joy of books and reading. It is due to take place this year on **Thursday 7th March**. Orchard Park will be magically transformed into Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and the children are encouraged to join in by dressing as a witch or wizard if possible. For children who have already planned a non witchcraft outfit, any book character costume will do.



### Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is set to take place on **Friday 15th March**. Children are welcome to join in the fun and wear red for a 50p donation. The PTFA will also be organising a cake sale from 3:15 pm outside the Library. Donations of either handmade or shop bought cakes would be most welcome (on the day). If you are able to help the PTFA man the cake stall please let the School Office or a member of the PTFA know. Thank you once again for your support.

### PTFA Meeting

The next PTFA meeting is due to take place on **Monday 11th March** between 9 and 10 am. Please head to the school meeting room if you would like to attend. Everybody is welcome!

### Mothers' Day Gift Swap

The PTFA will be organising another Mother's Day Gift Swap that will take place in school on Friday 29th March. This is a really special event and it is always such a delight to see the children choose gifts for their mothers. It is also a brilliant way to recycle unused gifts. If you have anything appropriate that you wish to recycle please donate to the School Office by **Monday 25th March**. Thank you.



### TerraCycle

Orchard Park Community Centre is working with TerraCycle who are an innovative recycling company. By recycling various items, you can earn TerraCycle points which are converted to cash. We are delighted that the Community Centre has chosen Orchard Park CP School to be their recipient. Clearly we are delighted to support this cause, whilst teaching the children about the importance of recycling. Initially the Community Centre will be collecting all brands of crisp packets and ask that you would be kind enough to put aside and take your empty packets to the Community Centre where a donation point will be set up. Thank you.



*S Harper*

## Magic Show for KS1

**PLEASE SECURE YOUR CHILD'S PLACE VIA AGORA!**

Monday 4th March

3:15 pm - 4pm

The free Magic Show for KS1 will take place after school on Monday 4th March

Please book your child's place via Agora

On the day of the event, please collect your child at 4pm via the School Office.



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