



Orchard Park Community Primary School

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School Newsletter

October News

Congratulations to the Y5/6 football team for all their fantastic efforts on the pitch during the recent Cambridge City Schools competition. The children won, lost and drew their games and were proud to receive the only certificate on the day, awarded for demonstrating all of the sporting values throughout the morning.



The choir have been rehearsing for their performance in the Even You Song Project, with their first public performance being held on Saturday 2nd November, in the Trinity College Chapel. This unique opportunity has enabled the choir members to sing alongside an adult choir in an inspiring setting as part of a Choral Evensong. At the end of the month, the choir will be travelling to St James' in Piccadilly London to perform in yet another magnificent setting. Tickets for both events are available on the Eventbrite website.



The new library stock is now in place and many of the children are enjoying selecting the latest books from a range of authors. Frank, our reading dog, is now visiting the school on a regular occasion to listen to the children read and is a fantastic source of comfort and motivation to many of our young readers.



Parent Consultations

Thank you for attending your child's consultation prior to the half term. You should have a clear idea as to how your child has started the new school year and how they are already achieving against the new year expectations. Don't forget the year group curriculum outcomes (known as age related expectations) can be found on our website. If you need a further paper copy, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office who will send this home with your child.

Congratulations Mrs Coe-Hales

The sun shone brightly on Saturday 19th October for the wedding of Miss Coe to Mr Hales. Mrs Coe-Hales would like to thank both pupils and parents for their kind words and wanted to share the fact the day had been beyond her expectations and her visit to Iceland was an exceptional experience.



School Governance

Parent Governor elections opened yesterday morning and close on Monday 4th November at 3.15pm. Thank you to all of the parents who have voted so far.

Please remember that there is one vote per parent (not per family) and that additional ballot papers are available near the library at the start and end of the school day, alongside the ballot box.

Harvest Assembly

The Red Hen Project would like to thank you for your harvest donations. The food has already made a difference to many families in the North Cambridge area.

THE RED HEN PROJECT

Attendance at Orchard Park



Autumn Attendance Awards

1st

Fireflies 97.8%

2nd

Grasshoppers 97.4%

3rd

Bumblebees 97.3%

Beetles 96.8%

Dragonflies 96.5%

Butterflies 94.7%

Ladybirds 94.7%

Caterpillars 94.4%

Overall School Attendance 96.3%

Firefly Class Assembly will take place on

Thursday 28th

November



All welcome!

School Hall at 9:10 am



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Headteacher Award

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been presented with the Headteacher's Award for demonstrating kindness and respect at all times.



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Caterpillars - Eloise

Ladybirds - Theo

Butterflies - Briony

Bumblebees - Musa

Grasshoppers - Hania

Beetles - Melissa

Fireflies - Zoe

Dragonflies - James



The PTFA need you!

We will be holding our first PTFA meeting of the year on **Wednesday 6th November at 9.05am** in the **school meeting room**. At the moment, we only have the cake sale in the diary for this academic year but remain hopeful that we will still be able to host a winter disco, an Easter Eggtravaganza and a summer fayre. As always, your commitment does not need to be to attend endless meetings and project manage various events but to support as and

when you can. It maybe that you are able to wrap the Christmas presents, organise the panto snacks or run a stall at a particular event. Therefore, if you are unable to make the meeting, please email the school office to express an interest and to indicate how you are able to help in the future. If you make the email for the attention of the PTFA, the office will ensure that the committee have your information for the planning session.

Reminders

The whole school panto trip to Cinderella is on Tuesday 10th December costing £17.00 per child. Tickets can now be purchased via Sims Pay. The deadline for payment will be Friday 15th November.



Please note that we are still collecting the 'Kit for School' stickers from ALDI. We have covered approximately 50% of the poster to date and therefore if you have any stickers at home, please do send them into school at your earliest convenience.



Finally, the Flu School Based Immunisation Team will be visiting school on Tuesday 26th November. The e-portal deadline for consent or decline closes on Tuesday 19th November.

SJHarper

WE'RE RAISING MONEY
FOR BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

WHAT?
Be Yourself!
Non-School Uniform & Cake Sale
Voluntary Contribution 50p

WHEN & WHERE?
Friday 15th November
Cake Sale 3:15pm

CONTACT:
If you have any questions, please speak to the School Office.

bbc Children in Need
twinkl
bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/schools

bbc Children in Need is not responsible for the organisation of the event or the collection of the money. PLEASE PHOTOCOPIY THIS RESOURCE

"...Children don't come with an instruction manual, and we aren't 'born' parents. We all learn along the way..."

THE RED HEN PROJECT

Tuesdays 9.15-11.15am, with Red Hen
21st January - 17th March 2020 (except half term)
at Orchard Park Primary School, Ring Fort Rd, CB4 2GR

A course for parents/carers with children aged 3 - 12 yrs

Raising Children

Come along over a cuppa and biscuits, hear ideas, strategies, hints & tips. We will cover areas such as

- Pressures of parenting
- Raising children's self-esteem
- Discipline strategies that work
- How to talk so children will listen
- Understanding challenging behaviour

"I understand my children better. I feel more confident as a parent and I feel more equipped with this new set of parenting tools."

*Please note, places are prioritised for, and free, to parents whose children attend one of the 5 primary schools we work with, but we warmly welcome other parents if we have space.

To find out more, see if it might help you, or to book, contact Maria on 07966 839 635
01223 224 844 or maria@redhenproject.org

