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School Newsletter

Christmas Festivities

Our end of term festivities began with the annual whole school trip to the Pantomime to see 'Cinderella' at the Arts Theatre. The children were amazingly well behaved and had a great time. Thank you to all the staff and parent volunteers who made this a success. This was followed by the Christmas Dinner the next day to carry on the festivities which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



The KS1 Nativity took place 'Lights, Camel, Action'. The children performed well, remembering words, lyrics and actions. The children were very excited to perform in front of so many parents and carers.



Year 5 completed their Cambridge Maths trail. They returned to school highly enthused stating that they were now seeing 'maths' everywhere they looked and, therefore, have a deeper understanding of maths in an everyday context.

On December 12th all pupils visited the school polling station. The results saw a significant swing to the yellow since 2017 but Labour received the majority of school votes.



Christmas Carol Concert

Please come and join us for the Christmas Carol Concert on **Wednesday 18th December**. The concert begins at 1:30 and will end at 2:30 pm when school closes. It will be possible for you to collect your child from class when the concert has finished. Come and join us for one of our favourite annual traditions!

Sad Farewells

It is with great sadness that we say Goodbye to Miss Lowe. She has made the decision to stay at home to focus on her family. Miss Lowe will be missed by all, but we of course wish her and her

family all the best for the future.

Welcome!

Mrs Caroline Steer joins us as the new chair of the PTFA. Here are a few words from her: "Who is the community in Orchard Park Community Primary School? The community is the students and all staff, but also parents, carers and friends. Not forgetting grandparents who support their families and local businesses who want to strengthen their links with residents of Orchard Park.

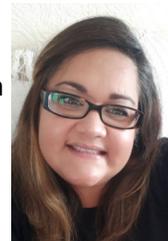


From the day your child starts at school, you are automatically a member of the PTFA (Parents, Teachers and Friends Association). The PTFA seeks to build the whole school community through events and nurturing strong partnerships both sides of the poppy gate.

So we want to inspire and engage all parents, carers and staff to be actively involved in school life. You as volunteers can help out in class, fundraise, contribute to decision making or offer your time and skills in some other way.

Please do catch me, before or after school drop off or pick up, and introduce yourself as I am eager to listen to your views and experiences. We welcome all suggestions".

We would also like to welcome Mrs Geri Offei-Kumi, who will be joining the Orchard Park Team in January as our new Administration Assistant in the School Office. She brings with her a wealth of knowledge in admin and bundles of enthusiasm. Geri is already part of the Orchard Park parent community with Jasmine in Ladybirds class and Alexis in Grasshoppers class.



Attendance at Orchard Park



December Attendance Awards

- 1st Fireflies 98%
- 2nd Ladybirds 98.1%
- 3rd Bees 97.8%
- 4th Grasshoppers 97.4%
- 5th Butterflies 95.1%
- 6th Dragonflies 94.5%
- 7th Caterpillar 94.3%
- 8th Beetles 94%

Homework



Teachers will not be sending homework over the Christmas holidays.

We would rather that children spent time with their family and friends, relaxing and having fun. All we ask is that the children keep reading throughout the festive period.

We look forward to hearing all about the books and authors they have enjoyed when they return in the new year!





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Headteacher Award

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been presented with the Headteacher's Award for increasing knowledge and understanding of local and world geography.



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Ladybirds - Yusha

Butterflies - Cooper

Bumblebees - Joziah

Grasshoppers - Bethan

Beetles - Ilyas

Fireflies - Ahmed

Dragonflies - Marcel

bridgeshire children. There is no cost to you except a £1 fee for becoming a first time member. If you can, please help us support Blue Smile who do an amazing job in our school and within the local community. To become a member go to: <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/34284> and choose Blue Smile. Thank you for your support.

Admission to Reception Class September 2020

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2020, it is possible to apply online for your child's place via the following website: [cambridgehsire.gov.uk](https://www.cambridgehsire.gov.uk). The deadline is **Wednesday 15th January 2020**. Parent and carers will be notified of school places offered on Thursday 16th April 2020. If you miss this deadline, your application will not be considered until the second round of allocations on Monday 18th May 2020.



Blue Smile - Co-op Local Community Fund

Blue smile has been selected as a local charity by the Co-op Local Community Fund. This means from now until October 2020 any Co-op member can choose Blue Smile as their selected charity. Then, whenever you make a purchase, 1% of what you spend is given to Blue Smile towards the work supporting Cam-

Finally

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support this term and to wish you and the children a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 6th January**.

SJ Harper

Play and Picture Books

Fridays 10:00am - 11:30am (24th January—20th March 2020)

The Church Hall, Church of the Good Shepherd, Mansel Way, Cambridge, CB4 2ET



- For families with children aged 18 months to 4 years old
- Fun, stress-free activities to do with your child across 8 weekly sessions
 - Get ideas of things to do as a family
- Take home free art materials and a picture book each week
 - Help your kids to communicate
- Make a book together as a group and free refreshments

To find out more and book please contact Maria at The Red Hen - 07966839635 / 01223 224844

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