



## Orchard Park Community Primary School

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# School Newsletter

## Welcome Back

After a very tempestuous February, we enter March with new topics and texts to launch our learning. The term is already booked full of exciting events to enrich the curriculum, these include trips to Woburn Safari Park and the Fitzwilliam Museum, a visit from the jazz ensemble 'Blues and Roots', a week of science and a gifted writers event. We have a number of sporting events to look forward to and will report back on these as we move through the term.



an exciting Pirate themed school lunch. If your child would like to have a school lunch on this day and you usually pay for their school meals please could you do this via our online payment system SIMS Pay.

## Staffing Update

Mrs Colby has been offered an exciting career opportunity, working in an attendance office within a large neighbouring secondary school. As an attendance specialist, she has seized the chance to focus on this aspect of her work. She is therefore saying farewell to Orchard Park Primary, with her last day being Wednesday 26th February.



We are pleased to announce that we were able to recruit a new administration assistant who has been in school since Monday, working alongside the office team. Mrs Clare Ayton comes to us having a background in both administration and education. She will be taking over Mrs Colby's full job role and will be available to help you between 8.30am and 1.30pm.

## 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 reading survey that was distributed during these sessions. We are currently compiling the responses and will, therefore, publish the full findings in the next newsletter. Your input is always greatly appreciated. Please note that if you are yet to meet with your child's teacher please make an appointment at your very earliest convenience.



## Thank You from the PTFA

Half term started out on a sweet note with the Valentine's Day Bake sale, the PTFA send their appreciation and thanks for all who volunteered, donated and supported the event by buying cakes and cookies. A total of £130 was raised for Sport Relief.



## 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 5th March**. Orchard Park will be spectacularly transformed into a Pirate Paradise...Arghhhh shiver me timbers! We will also be having

## Mothers' Day Gift Swap Reminder



The Mother's Day Gift Swap will take place in school on **Wednesday 18th 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 any unused gifts. If you have anything appropriate that you wish to recycle please bring your donations into school anytime from this week until **Monday 16th March**.

## New Lunch Menu

The new Spring Term lunch menu is now available on the School Website and the following link:



[Spring Term Lunch Menu](#)

## Attendance at Orchard Park



### Mid year Attendance Awards

- 1st - Fireflies 97.3%
- 2nd - Grasshoppers 97.0%
- 3rd - Beetles 96.2%
- 4th - Bumblebees 95.8%
- 5th - Dragonflies 95.4%
- 6th - Ladybirds 95.3%
- 7th - Butterflies 94.7%
- Overall School Attendance 96%**

## Class Assemblies

### Grasshoppers



Grasshoppers Class Assembly will take place on **Weds 25th March**

### Bumblebees



Bumblebees Class Assembly will take place on **Weds 6th May**

*All welcome!*  
*School Hall at 9:10 am*





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## School Newsletter Continued

### Sport Relief — 100 mile+ challenge!

On **Friday 13th March**, we will be raising money for sport relief by setting a school challenge of running a minimum of 100 miles. Each class will be given a time slot to run and the total will be collated and shared with the children at the end of the day. The children can come to school in their sportswear for the day. We are asking for a donation of 100 pennies (in any form) to participate, and this will be added to the total raised from the cake sale.



have their height and weight measured at school as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. They came to school on **Tuesday 25th February**. The programme is an objective measurement helping parents to make informed decisions about their child's lifestyle and wellbeing. The team have left contact details and an information leaflet in our school office. If you would like any further information regarding the work they undertake then please contact the school office for further details.



### Informal Class Photographs

The photographer will be in school on **Tuesday 10th March** to take informal individual photographs. There will be an opportunity to purchase the photographs, but without any obligation to do so.



### Parking

Thank you to all the families who are parking away from the poppy gates during drop off and collection. I would like to remind you that these parking restrictions are there for the safety of your children. This week a heavy goods vehicle was trapped due to poor parking and several children have raised that they are finding it hard to cross the road in a place they feel safe. If you can, please leave your cars at home or use the spaces in the sports centre or outside the front of school.

### Hygiene

During this half term, as part of our ongoing PSHE curriculum, we will be teaching the children the importance of hygiene. As part of this, we will be learning the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' slogan used after a cough or sneeze. This is an important message to help keep germs from spreading. We will also be focusing on effective hand washing strategies and when we need to be washing our hands.

*SJHarper*

### National Child Measurement Programme



Every year throughout England Reception and Year 6

## Introducing an afternoon of live music!

### Friday Afternoon Recital

Come and listen to a range of musical performances from our pianists, guitarists, recorder players and our school orchestra.

**Friday 21st March**

**2.00pm**

**School Hall**

**All welcome!**

This event will be supported by our school choir who will be performing one of their many favourite songs.



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# World Book Day

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020

## Jack Sparrow's Sausage Sword

Butchers Sausage in a Bun

## Captain Pugwash's Golden Nuggets (V)

Vegetable Nuggets

All served with Chipped Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables

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## Gunpowder Chocolate Cake



**Grow**  
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