

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who attended the school's information evening. I hope you found it valuable and had a chance to meet your child's class teacher and find out what will be happening in their class this year. Parents play a vital part in children's education and we want to work in partnership with you. Please support your child with their learning - from helping with homework to hearing them read.

Paperless!

As I shared at the information evening, the school office will be striving to reduce the amount of paper we use and therefore we will be looking into using a variety of forms communication to inform parents of information. The school uses: twitter, facebook (Orchard's Parents Page - run by the PSFA), tumblr (blog space on the web site for news updates and updates on the expansion project), text messaging, email and the school website www.orchard.herts.sch.uk. The website contains links to the above forms of communication. After half term the school will not be sending home paper copies of letters but will be emailing them to you instead. Thank you for your support with this, please ensure the email address the school holds is correct or you may miss out on communications from school.

Paul Sutton

School Council and House Captains

The children representing the school in these roles have now all been chosen. They are:

- 1W Henry & Avital
- 1L Sana & Samuel
- 2A Matthew & Clois
- 2OC Lily & Liam
- 3 Shae & Amelia
- 4 Aamna & Jason
- 5 Zuva & Pirez
- 6 **Gala** - Cameron & Karina
- Bramley** - Thomas & Mahek
- Empire** - Ben & Charlotte
- Pippin** - Dexter & Olivia

They have already planned their first fundraising event 'Jeans for Genes Day'. This will be on Tuesday 7th October, if children bring in £1 to school they can come wearing items of denim clothing. The day will also be used to raise children's awareness of genetic disorders and how they affect children's lives.

European Day of languages

The school celebrated the European Day of Languages. Children got to learn about different languages and spent time learning how to speak and say words in a different language. It was great to see many different languages spoken and cultures learned about. This allowed the school to share in its own rich cultural diversity as many of our children and families come from different countries in Europe.

Across the school children learned some:

Spanish, Italian, Polish, German, Russian, French, Turkish.



Events Happening at Orchard

Sat 4 Oct	MacMillan Coffee Morning 10.00 -14.00
Tue 7 Oct	Jeans for Genes Day
Mon 13 Oct	Governing Body training - Preparation for Ofsted: 19.30
Thur 16 Oct	Year 5 Tri Golf @ Francis Combe
Fri 17 Oct	PSFA Coffee Morning (in school)
Mon 20 - Fri 24 Oct	Parents Week
Tue 21 Oct	Parent Consultations: 17.30 - 20.00
Thur 23 Oct	Parent Consultations: 15.40 - 18.10
Mon 27 Oct	Half Term week begins
Thur 6 Nov	PSFA School Disco Night

Congratulations

We would like to announce that Mrs Khan is expecting another child. I am sure you will give her your congratulations when you see her. Her anticipated maternity leave will begin after February half term.



Parents Week

You should have all received a letter about coming into school and helping out during 'National Parents Week'. Please return this to the school as soon as possible offering how you can help during this week. In terms of helping with the school grounds we would like to dig out the area for a pond - many hands make light work! Please do support your child's class and school during this week where possible.