

End of Autumn Term 2014

As we approach the end of this term it gives me great pleasure to see Orchard in great creative flow. We have already had Christmas performances from Reception and Year 2 and this week look forward to Y3/4 Christmas Performance and Y5/6 Panto. Year 1 had a Christmas themed festive afternoon of activities for parents and grandparents and we still have two Nursery sing alongs, the choir singing at Costco, parties and Christingle - led by the School Council on the last day of term. Wow!

Just to remind you **Nursery finish on Thursday** and the rest of the children on **Friday at 2pm**. All the staff at Orchard wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you on Tuesday 6th January 2015!

Paul Sutton

Orchard's KS2 results

We were very proud to see how well our children from Year 6, last year achieved, when the DfE Performance Tables were published on Thursday.

The results the children achieve in year 6 are a team effort between the effort the children put in, the support from parents with their learning and the hard work the staff across the whole school put in to enable all children to achieve to their full potential.

As a school we were ranked joint 146 primary school in the country (BBC Website) and the 3rd highest performing school in Hertfordshire.

This was an absolutely amazing achievement!

Mr Sutton



Events Happening at Orchard



Mon 15 Dec	Year 3/4 Christmas Performance, 19.00
Wed 17 Dec	Nursery Sing Along, 10.30 & 14.30
Wed 17 Dec	Christmas Dinner
Thur 18 Dec	Choir singing at Costco, 12.00
Thur 18 Dec	Last day for Nursery children
Thur 18 Dec	Y5/6 Christmas Panto, 19.00
Fri 19 Dec	Christingle, 11.00 @ St Marks (invited guests only)
Fri 19 Dec	School finishes at 14.00
Mon 5 Jan	School INSET Day - staff only
Tue 6 Jan	School opens for children

Expansion Project Update

As most of you will see the new building is looking amazing and the outside works are nearly complete. The project is still on schedule for handing over to the school in mid January.



Vacancies

As a result of the expansion process the school is looking to recruit additional Midday Supervisory Assistants (MSAs) and cleaners to start in the new year. To find out more please pick up an information sheet from the school office.

Mr Sutton

School Office

Please ensure all money due to the school is paid by Wednesday morning to allow for correct banking before school closes for Christmas.

Take all belongings home and check the left over boxes on Wednesday and Thursday after school, outside the school office, for any missing items. After this all items left will be given to charity.

Mrs Bates

Soldier visit

Year 5 have been learning about WWI and were lucky to be visited by Lance Corporal Carson who taught them how to salute, and then discussed life at war with the children. They learnt about the differences between WWI and life at war today before learning about the Christmas truce and discussing how courageous the first man must have been, going into No Mans Land. The children thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon before going to the park to play their very own football remembers match in memory of the incredible Christmas Truce in 1914. The children ended the afternoon with a penalty shootout against Lance Corporal Carson, with four children managing to score against him! A very enjoyable and educational afternoon for Year 5, and a big thank you to Lance Corporal Carson for coming in. *Miss O'Neill*