

## Parent Governor Election

Thank you to everyone who voted for the new parent governor. I am delighted to announce that Simon McFall received the most votes and has therefore joined the Governing Body.

## Parent Consultation Evenings and Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to all the parents who attended the parent consultations before half-term, we had an extremely high turn out. This shows very positive support for the school and aids parents in supporting their child's education.

We had 106 parents complete the parent questionnaire and will publish the breakdown of the results shortly. It would also be great if you could complete the **Ofsted Parent View** survey if you have not done so already. We have only had 32 responses! Please visit <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk> to complete the survey or view the school's responses.



*Paul Sutton*

## Penalty Shootout!

On Saturday 31st October six children from Year 6 took part in a Penalty Shootout at Vicarage Road. The children were chosen as part of the Watford Move and Learn project that they took part in last year. The children all took one penalty each during half time against Cranbourne Primary School, and children from both teams were extremely nervous before stepping on the pitch. Orchard Primary School went first and managed to score 3 out of the 5 penalties, with Junaid only letting in 1, which meant that Orchard won 3-1! A fantastic result which also means they are through to the next round. Well done to Emma Pinder, Elsa Nestorovski, Junaid Tahir, Taylor Bates, Oliver Brown and Pirez Austin.

*Miss O'Neill*



## Events Happening at Orchard

<b>Thur 12 Nov</b>	PSFA Discos
<b>Tue 17 Nov</b>	Netball Tournament, 16.00 - 18.00
<b>Thur 19 Nov</b>	Y5 Fun Run, 13.00 - 15.00
<b>Sat 28 Nov</b>	PSFA Christmas Fayre, 12.00 - 14.30
<b>Tue 8 Dec</b>	Year 1 Christmas Performance, 14.00
<b>Thur 12 Dec</b>	Year 2 Christmas Performance, 14.00
<b>Tue 15 Dec</b>	Year 3 Christmas Performance, 19.00
<b>Thur 17 Dec</b>	Year 4/5 Christmas Performance, 19.00
<b>Fri 18 Dec</b>	Christingle Assemblies

## Boys Football Team

On Monday 2nd November, the boys' football team took part in their first game this season. Most of the boys played this game, giving them game experience. They all worked well, and defended well against Holyrood, but unfortunately were unable to stop a few of their attacks. A fantastic run and finish from Taylor meant the game ended 1-4 to Holyrood but it was a fantastic opportunity for some of the boys to play their first game for Orchard, in their brand new kit! Player of the match - Pirez, for working tirelessly at the back throughout the game.

*Miss O'Neill & Mr Williams*

## Dance Festival

This was the first year that Orchard had entered their Year 4 children to perform in the annual 'Dance festival', held at Rickmansworth School. We performed our piece entitled 'The shuffling Scotsman' in front of a packed hall of supporting parents and friends. Our dance was a mash up of a traditional country dance - 'The Flying Scotsman', with a modern routine to 'Everyday I'm shufflin'. The children performed brilliantly! *Miss Jones*



## ParentPay

The school is in the process of setting up our new method of receiving electronic payments. The HCC contract with Wisepay came to end at the end of October.



## Safeguarding

If you need to enter the school building before or after school please do so via the main office entrance and speak to the office reception. We cannot have parents wandering around the building without us knowing what they are doing. This for the safety of all children and staff. Children should not be on site before 8.30am unless they are attending Adventure Club.