

Christmas is coming (it always arrives in school earlier than you expect!)

This Saturday, 26th November, the PTA will be holding their annual Christmas Fayre between 12-14.30. Please do come along and support this fun and enjoyable fundraising event. If you can help out with setting up, looking after a stall or clearing away afterwards please email pta@orchard.herts.sch.uk.

You should also have received a letter regarding the school's various Christmas activities. Please ensure you have put all the relevant dates in your diary - so you do not miss out on what your child is doing.

Paul Sutton

Boys' Football Game

The Orchard Boys' Football Team played their second game on Thursday 17th November against Alban Wood. We were hoping to improve on the loss to Holy Rood and they certainly did. It was an amazing game with Orchard taking the lead fairly early on. However, Alban Wood scored to make the match all square. We scored again but soon conceded to make it 2-2. Finally we scored late on in the second half, we had five minutes to hold on and hopefully not concede again. In the last seconds, Alban Wood won a corner and managed to bundle the ball over the line to make the final score 3-3. Well done to all the boys who took part.. *Mr Williams*



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Leaderboard

Class	Number of children who have passed the challenge
Y6	13
Y5	13
2AH	11
2LH	9
3CK	9
4B	5
4H	4
3J	3

Saturday Stories

for under 8s
North Watford Library
11:00 - 11:30

Last Saturday
of the month

See website
for details



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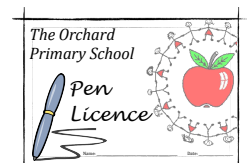
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will be delivering Saturday Story sessions on the last Saturday of the month at 11am. These sessions are aimed at children 5 -8yrs, but all are welcome.

Pen Licence

The children are all very excited about our latest initiative to improve handwriting throughout the school. Children can still earn their pen licence and we will continue to issue them with a school handwriting pen. However, and this is the most exciting bit, they will also be allowed to bring in their own fountain pen from home to use. We will be happy to supply standard ink cartridges when theirs run out. Our hope is this will encourage them to want to join their writing neatly at all times. Failure to do this will mean they get points on their licence. Three points and their licence will be revoked! They will then have to earn it back. Your support and encouragement in this venture will be much appreciated.

Mrs Holley



Girls' Football Game

On Monday 14th November the girls played Newberries as part of the league. They started off well, defending strong and their hard work paid off with a fantastic goal from Aamna, meaning the first half ended 1-0. The girls came out even stronger in the second half with two consecutive goals, from Amy and Reone. Newberries stepped up their game, taking their chances well, with two goals coming from them but finally the game ended 3-2 to Orchard. The score line doesn't reflect the game, with Orchard putting in a fantastic performance. Well done girls!. Player of the match went to Emma for two great saves off the line. *Miss O'Neill*



Road Safety

There are parents allowing their children to 'get out of their car' without parking properly, which means they are in the road. THIS IS NOT SAFE! Parents have also been spotted not wearing a seat belt and also not ensuring their child is wearing a seat belt. This is against the law! The school has a legal duty to report parents to Children's Services if it believes they are being neglectful in looking after their child. PLEASE ensure you keep yourself and your child safe!



Attendance Information Please find below the latest attendance monitoring information. We are very pleased that this is still an improvement on the same time last year AND an improvement from our last newsletter. It is one of our main school improvement priorities to ensure all children have 'good' regular attendance - this means over 95%. No child should be lower than 90% except for exceptional medical reasons. Currently all year groups are above 95% which is fantastic. Pupil Premium and SEN children still need to improve their attendance to achieve over 95%.

Percentage Attendance		Nos of pupils (with marks)	
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ALL Years	96.4	389	Boys	96.6	193	Girls	96.1	196
Ever FSM	93.6	68	Non Ever FSM	96.9	321	In Care		0
Pupil Premium	93.6	68	Non Pupil Premium	96.9	321	Summer Born	96.1	119
Current FSM	93.3	47	Non Current FSM	96.8	342	SEN K, A or P	95.0	44
Traveller		0	Non Traveller	96.4	389	E or S	89.3	5
						All	94.4	49
						No SEN	96.6	340
						EAL	96.0	181
First Language			English	96.7	208	Year		
			Other	96.0	181	R	96.2	60
Ethnicity	White - British	96.8	136	Year		1	96.8	88
	White - Irish	96.7	2			2	95.3	60
	Traveller of Irish heritage		0			3	96.2	59
	White Other	96.6	53			4	96.1	60
	Gypsy/Roma		0			5	97.4	32
	Italian	98.1	2			6	97.3	30
	Turkish	98.6	6			All Above	96.4	389
	Turkish Cypriot		0					
	All White	96.8	199					
	White and Black Caribbean	95.8	19					
	White and Black African	98.3	4					
	White and Asian	97.2	12					
	Any Other Mixed Background	96.2	20					
	All Mixed	96.4	55					
	Black Caribbean	98.5	10					
	Black - African	98.9	11					
	Any Other Black Background		0					
	All Black	98.7	21					
	Indian	96.3	36					
	Pakistani	94.6	50					
	Bangladeshi		0					
	Any other Asian Background	95.2	16					
	All Asian	95.3	102					
	Chinese		0					
	Any Other Ethnic Group	93.8	12					
	All Non White	95.9	190					
	Information Not Yet Obtained		0					
	Refused		0					