

Happy New Year

I hope you all had a good break over the Christmas Holidays and enjoyed the festive season. I would like to remind all our parents that school starts at 8.50 and finishes at 15.15 (Reception children) and 15.20 for Y1-6. Nursery sessions are 8.30 - 11.30 and 12.30 - 15.30. Please drop off your children on time and collect them on time. Attendance at school is statutory for all children aged 5 and over and the Government has increased its expectation for a child's attendance and Orchard is judged on this by Ofsted!

Paul Sutton

Girls' Football Game



On Tuesday 10th January the girls' football team played St Joseph's in the first round of the league. They started well and the first half saw goals from Lisa, Aamna, Reone and Nancy, with Reone's goal and set up play from Aamna and Amy rivalling Barcelona! In the second half we decided to move the girls around, in order for them to develop their skills in a range of positions, including the goalkeeper! More goals came from Amy, Hannah and Abby, with Nancy and Reone scoring another one each, making the final score 9-0. The score line didn't matter; the girls' ability to play in a range of positions was incredible, they were able to adapt and their selflessness at working as a team was a testament to them. *Miss O'Neill*

Parents of children with SEND

Mrs Lincoln (SENCo) is keen to set up a coffee morning group (or afternoon!) for parents of children with SEND. It would be an opportunity to discuss and share, with other parents/carers, issues relating to special needs. If your child has an identified Special Educational Need and you would be interested in attending, please could you register your interest with Mrs Lincoln via email: senco@orchard.herts.sch.uk. She looks forward to hearing from you.



Well done to Amber Cottrell (Y6), Luiza Streanga (Y5), Zach Suldisha (Y5) and Jessica Boswell-Allan (Y3)

who have successfully completed Times Too last term. Keep working hard, I wonder how many children will complete it this term?

Primary Admissions 2017

The deadline for applying for a primary school place for September 2017 is 15th January. A child can start in Reception class in the September following their 4th birthday.



Diary Dates

Tue 10 Jan	Girls' Football Team - home match
Wed 11 Jan	Distraction Training for Year 6
Thur 19 Jan	Year 4 Indoor Athletics 13:00 - 15:00
Tue 24 Jan	Year 4 trip: Living Rainforest
Tue 31 Jan	RP Class Assembly 9:00
Wed 1 Feb	3CK Class Assembly 9.00
Tue 7 Feb	4B Class Assembly 9:00
Tue 7 Feb	Young Voices: Choir at the O2
Tue 7 Feb	Safer Internet Day
Wed 8 Feb	RW Class Assembly
Wed 8 Feb	Girls Netball Event 13:00 - 15:00
Thur 9 Feb	PSFA Disco evening
Mon 13 - Fri 17	HALF TERM
Tue 21 Feb	Class Photographs
Mon 27 - Fri 3 Mar	Reading Week (inc World Book Day)
Tue 7 Mar	1E Class Assembly 9:00
Wed 8 Mar	Class 5 Assembly 9:00
Thur 9 Mar	Year 5 Hockey Festival 13:00 - 15:00
Tue 14 Mar	1L Class Assembly 9:00
Tue 14 Mar	Parent Consultations
Wed 15 Mar	2AH Class Assembly 9:00
Wed 15 Mar	EYFS Maths Day
Thur 16 Mar	Parent Consultations
Tue 21 Mar	1W Class Assembly 9:00
Wed 22 Mar	2LH Class Assembly 9:00
Thur 23 Mar	Tag Rugby Festival 10:15-15:00
Fri 24 Mar	Red Nose Day
Tue 28 Mar	3J Class Assembly
Wed 29 Mar	4H Class Assembly
Thur 30 Mar	Nursery Last Day
Fri 31 Mar	School Closes 14:00

Attendance Information Please find below the latest attendance monitoring information. We are very pleased that this is a 1.8% improvement on the same time last year. This is another improvement on before Christmas.

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	96.3	387	Boys	96.4	193	Girls	96.2	194
Ever FSM	93.9	67	Non Ever FSM	96.8	320	In Care		0
Pupil Premium	93.9	67	Non Pupil Premium	96.8	320	Summer Born	95.9	118
Current FSM	93.6	45	Non Current FSM	96.6	342	SEN K, A or P	94.9	42
Traveller		0	Non Traveller	96.3	387	E or S	92.0	5
			First Language			All	94.6	47
			English	96.5	207	No SEN	96.5	340
			Other	96.0	180	EAL	96.0	180
Ethnicity	White - British	96.6	136	Year				
	White - Irish	97.4	2	R	95.5	60		
	Traveller of Irish heritage		0	1	96.4	88		
	White Other	96.4	53	2	95.5	59		
	Gypsy/Roma		0	3	96.5	59		
	Italian	98.1	2	4	96.0	60		
	Turkish	98.1	6	5	97.9	31		
	Turkish Cypriot		0	6	97.5	30		
	All White	96.7	199	All Above	96.3	387		
	White and Black Caribbean	95.9	18					
	White and Black African	98.1	4					
	White and Asian	95.7	12					
	Any Other Mixed Background	95.5	19					
	All Mixed	95.9	53					
	Black Caribbean	98.3	10					
	Black - African	98.4	11					
	Any Other Black Background		0					
	All Black	98.3	21					
	Indian	96.3	36					
	Pakistani	95.1	50					
	Bangladeshi		0					
	Any other Asian Background	94.6	16					
	All Asian	95.4	102					
	Chinese		0					
	Any Other Ethnic Group	95.4	12					
	All Non White	95.9	188					
	Information Not Yet Obtained		0					
	Refused		0					