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School Newsletter

October Update

The breadth and depth of learning was vast across all areas of the school during the month of October. Year six visited the Scott Polar museum and were also given a lecture by the students from the Earth Sciences Department, as part of their Extreme Earth Topic. Beetle class impressed @prepareRobo with the standard of their coding whilst building their own robots. Fireflies completed their Active Science unit of work, alongside CUFC and Astra Zeneca, learning about the physics and biology associated with sport. The year one children baked and tasted apple pie as a stimulus for poetry writing whilst our youngest pupils in Nursery wrote and posted postcards home. There are many other examples of learning that can be found on our twitter feed on the school website (@orchardparkschool) or on OPTV. The link for OPTV can be found at the top right hand side of our website homepage.



you need a further paper copy, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office who will send this home with your child. If you are yet to consult with your child's teacher, please book an appointment at your very earliest convenience.

Harvest Assembly

The Red Hen Project would like to thank you for your harvest donations. The food has already been delivered to families in North Cambridge, whilst some is held in stock in case of a family emergency over the coming months.

It's A Boy!

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs MacColl on the arrival of Lachlan on 20th October. You'll be pleased to know that mother and baby are doing well and will be visiting us all soon.



Staffing Update

Welcome to Mrs Rebecca Muscara, our new year four teacher. Rebecca has recently moved to Cambridge and is delighted to be working with the pupils of Beetle class.



Parent Consultations

Thank you for attending your child's consultation prior to the half term. You should have a clear idea as to how your child has started the new school year and how they are already achieving against the new year expectations. Don't forget the year group curriculum outcomes (known as age related expectations) can be found on our website. If

School Governance

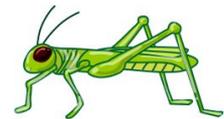
We still have one more parent Governor position on our Governing board. This is due to structural changes we made at the beginning of the academic year, to further increase our effectiveness. This is your opportunity to support the strategic direction of the school. You will join a Governing body that meets twice every half term. The role brings a range of opportunities and is highly rewarding. If you would like further information, please stop me on the school gate, email the School Office or book an appointment for a 1:1 meeting. You should have received paper letters and self nomination forms via your child on Friday. If you are yet to receive them, they are available via email or by dropping into the Office.

Attendance at Orchard Park



October Attendance Awards

Well done to Grasshoppers who achieved 98%



2nd - Fireflies 97%

3rd - Beetles 96%

Overall School Attendance 96%

Class Assemblies

Firefly Class



Firefly Class Assembly will take place on Wed 21st Nov

Beetle Class



Beetle Class Assembly will take place on Wed 7th February

All welcome!

School Hall at 9:10 am



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Headteacher Award

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been presented with the Headteacher's Award for demonstrating excellence when reasoning in maths.



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Caterpillars - Ruby R

Ladybirds - Lincoln G

Butterflies - Maha C

Bumblebees - Jayden H

Grasshoppers - Ava-Marie M

Beetles - Sophie GT

Fireflies - Brydie-Mae T

Dragonflies - Ningzhuo M

Primary School Applications

Nursery children are eligible to start primary school (ie join our Ladybird Class) the September following their 4th birthday. Applications need to be submitted between 12th November and 15th January 2019 as it is not an automatic process. You can apply online via www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk. If you need any assistance with this, please do not hesitate to ask at the School Office.

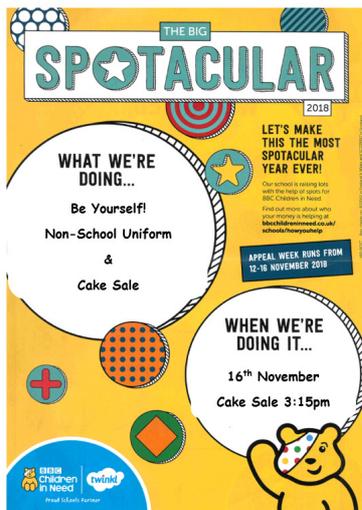


The PTFA needs you!

Thank you to the parents and carers who found the time to complete the PTFA questionnaire during the parent consultations. As you know, our PTFA consists of a small group of people who coordinate a range of events, raising a significant amount of money for our school. Presently, the group of volunteers has dropped to such a low number that we are having to consider dropping some of our annual events. This would be deeply saddening as these events are all enjoyed and valued by the pupils. In order to try and prevent this happening, we are breaking down our PTFA events to a list of small tasks and ask that you consider trying to find the time for just one of these, at some point during an academic year. This could be anything from wrapping Christmas presents, running a cake stall, filling bags with popcorn or shopping for snacks for the children to take to the panto. The breakdown will be available for completion from Friday and will hopefully help us build a bigger team of helpers. In response to the questionnaire, we have also moved the next meeting to **Thursday 15th November, 6-7pm at the Premier Inn**. We hope this new time and location works for you and really hope to see you there.



SJHarper



Children in Need

Friday 16th November

Non School Uniform Day

Minimum donation
of 50p

Cake Sale at 3:15 pm

Donations of cakes and
helpers on the day needed!

Winter Disco

Thursday 13th December



SAVE THE DATE!



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