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School Newsletter

Happy 2019

The Spring Term has already seen a number of exciting activities at Orchard Park. Butterflies took a trip to the The Ely Toy Museum, Dragonflies visited the Museum of Archaeology & Anthropology and played squash at the Cambridge University Sports Centre, Butterflies took part in the Multi Skills Festival at NCA, Bumblebees paid The Scott Polar Museum a visit. Additionally, a number of exciting Wow Days have taken place across school which have involved learning the chocolate making process and dissecting owl pellets! The children still have lots to look forward to including the Young Voices Concert at the O2 which is due to take place on Thursday 31st January which we are all very excited about!



Increase Funding for Schools - We Need Your Help!

Schools are having to make difficult choices on how to spend their limited funding as their income has not kept pace with the rise in costs since 2010. All schools are working very hard to make ends meet but this is becoming increasingly difficult and verging on almost impossible. Schools have had to cut back on teaching and non teaching staff, support for vulnerable pupils, teaching resources, extra curricula activities, repairs to buildings and renewal of equipment etc. Please would you take the time to sign the following petition which will be forwarded to the UK Government in an effort to increase funding for schools: [Increase Funding for Schools Petition](#)



Welcome

This term we are pleased to have three new members of staff join our team.

Lucy Frazer MP to visit Orchard Park

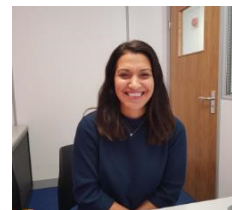
Lucy Frazer MP for South East Cambridgeshire will be visiting school on Friday to teach Year 6 the importance of debate. Lucy will be orchestrating a balloon debate where a number of pupils will attempt to win the approval of the class. Friday looks to be an educational and interesting morning for Dragonflies!



Mrs Diane Mitchell is the new Deputy Head and joins us from a large Academy in London.



Mrs Vicky Beedle has been appointed to teach Ladybird Class for the Spring Term.



Parent Consultation Evenings

Consultations are due to take place during the week beginning Monday 11th February. A separate letter will be sent home giving details of the arrangements. We do hope that you make every effort to meet with the class Teacher to discuss your child's progress at this halfway stage of the academic year.



Miss Sophie Dearnley is a new Teaching Assistant who will be working across the school.



Attendance at Orchard Park



January Attendance Awards



Well done to Beetles who achieved 95%

2nd - Grasshopper Class 94%

3rd - Firefly Class 92%

Overall School Attendance 91%

Class Assemblies

Bumblebee Class



Bumblebee Class Assembly will take place on Thurs 14th Feb

Beetle Class



Beetle Class Assembly will take place on Weds 13th March

All welcome!

School Hall at 9:10 am





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Headteacher Award

This month the class teacher's have nominated a child from their class who demonstrates a passion for books and reading. Congratulations to the following recipients of the Headteacher Award:



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- Caterpillars - Charlotte M
- Ladybirds - Charlie W
- Butterflies - Dominic B
- Bumblebees - Leo-Jarah C
- Grasshoppers - Harry C
- Beetles - Zoe W
- Fireflies - Sophie McL
- Dragonflies - Sarah-May O'F

In Celebration of Chinese New Year a Dumpling Making & Tasting Masterclass!

A Dumpling Making & Tasting Masterclass is due to take place at the Orchard Park Community Centre on Sunday 10th February at 4 pm. As well as dumpling making and tasting there will be free arts and crafts for the children and a selection of raffle prizes. Further details will be posted on the Community Centre website.

Congratulations!

And finally congratulations to Mrs Steggles and Miss Lowe on the safe arrival of their baby daughters. Miss Lowe delivered Ellie on Thursday 10th January and Mrs Steggles delivered Florence on Saturday 12th January. Both mothers and babies are doing well. We are all looking forward to being introduced to Ellie and Florence.

Absence through illness

Please may we remind you that if your child is absent due to illness, please contact school every other day by either telephone or email. Thank you for your assistance with this.



SJHarper

Red Nose Day

Friday 15th March



Save the Date!



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50p Donation to Wear Red

Further details regarding Red Nose Day to follow!



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