



SCENTED GARDENS YEAR 2 TOPIC – CAREFUL OBSERVATIONAL DRAWINGS -DAFFODILS

Parent Partnership Forum - The first meeting of the Forum took place on 18th April. This was a very successful meeting, with parents able to listen and ask questions. The first forum included Communication, Behaviour and Bullying. The meeting was minuted, and these will be published on the website shortly.

School Development Plan – A plan to address the Ofsted key priorities has been devised. This has been shared with governors and staff, and will be published on the website so that parents are aware of what the school is doing to ensure that improvement is quickly and effectively implemented.

Approaching other Parents - Sometimes your child might fall out with another child, or may feel that they have been bullied. It is very important that you speak to a member of staff at school, so that we can address these difficulties with the children. Occasionally, parents approach the parents of the other pupil. This can cause a lot of upset, and sometimes it can even be intimidating, threatening or abusive. We have had occasions when parents have shouted at each other and used inappropriate language on the school grounds, or outside the gates. The Governors and I would like to make it clear that any such behaviour **will not be tolerated**. It may be that the police will be called, or that parents who have acted in a threatening, intimidating or abusive way will be banned from the school site. It is

obviously in the interests of all the children that they see their parents modelling good behaviour, that will help them to deal with conflict in an appropriate way.

Coats and Jumpers - Please do make sure that your child comes to school with a jumper/ coat for playtimes – it can get chilly on the playground.

DoJo's - Your child will have brought home a letter about registering your email to receive DoJo updates. Parents who have already done this will have been able to receive pictures of their child or class, hard at work. This is a way of sharing the positive things that are going on at school every day in the classroom. However, we would ask you not to report your child's absence via this system but to continue to use the absence line (ring the school on 0208 300 4878 and select Option 1) or contact us at absence@orchard.bexley.sch.uk.

ParentPay - We are now a cash free school and all payments for dinners, trips or anything else related to school, must be made through the ParentPay website. **Trips** - When you pay for trips, there is a Notes box to complete for you to give permission for your child to go - this means that you no longer have to worry about filling in a permission slip. If you want to offer help, then that will be the only time you need to complete the slip.

School Dinners - A reminder that school dinners must be booked in advance please –

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children may only opt in or out of school dinners at the end of each half-term. The kitchen does not have capacity for meals to be booked on the day as they order ingredients in advance.

Curriculum - The Year One pupils were very excited to arrive at school after Easter, to find that an 'Alien Spacecraft' had crashed in their outdoor area! They have been investigating the crash and writing about their findings, and are making their own alien spacecrafts.



SATS - SATS for Year 6 are in the week beginning 14th May. Please can Y6 parents support their children by ensuring that they are in school with plenty of time to spare, so that they are in a good frame of mind to do their very best. Breakfast will be served in their classrooms at 8.30am. Good Luck to our Y6 team!

