



Newsletter



December 2015

HAPPY CHILDREN LEARN BEST!

I would like to say a BIG thank you to everybody at Orchard for making me feel at home during my first term at Orchard. We would like to welcome Harrison Sofianos who has joined Year 2 in our school.

This is a very busy time of the year at Orchard Primary. We are looking forward to a range of Christmas activities, including: Carols by Candlelight, Christmas lunch, a Christmas play, and Christmas jumper day, PTA film night, Christmas Craft, the Christmas Discos and KS1 Nativity.

REMINDERS

Healthy Eating

Please remember that Orchard is a healthy school. Children who have a packed lunch should not have any sweets or fizzy drinks and birthday treats should be healthy.



NUTS
We have a number of children with severe nut allergies, so **we cannot allow any nut products** in school, and this includes **Nutella** chocolate spread. Even a small amount of nut product can cause a severe allergic reaction.

PE KITS

During the colder weather, please make sure that your child has jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt for PE, as the children do go out even if it is cold.

ORCHARD CLUBS

All clubs (£10) and music lessons (£15) for this half term should now have been paid for.

We have spaces in Judo clubs:

- Beginners, Wednesday at 8am
- Advanced, Thursday at 8am

KS2 Dance will be on Thursdays from January. We have spaces for:

- KS1 Dance – Mondays, 3.15 pm
- KS2 Dance – Thursdays, 3.15pm

Gardening Club will now not be taking place until after February half term.

Our new Netball Club on Mondays at 3.15pm has a few spaces for pupils in years 3-6.

YEAR 5 REPORT

At the end of October Year 5 and 6 travelled by coach to Wrotham and spent two nights away. We did Thunder stacking, wall climbing, built shelters and tested them with water. We roasted marshmallows on a bonfire.

We also went to the Ragged School in Mile End. We experienced a Victorian Classroom and everyone was petrified.

By Billy and Aaliya, Year 5



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Rainforest Day

Year 6 enjoyed a visit from the Mini Beast man, and found out all about the Rainforest habitat.



Forest School Fun

Nursery and Reception classes are having a great time during their Forest Schools sessions. Mud, sticks and leaves galore!

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all the staff at Orchard Primary to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year! We welcome you back on Tuesday 5th January 2016



Orchard Primary School Diary Dates



3rd Dec SPECIAL CURRICULUM DAY: CAREERS ASPIRATIONS
4th 9:10am Whole School Gold Book Assembly - Parents/Carers Welcome
6:00pm CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT- Children & Parents/Carers Welcome

Week 6 LAST WEEK OF CLUBS

7th Year 6 - LAST SWIMMING SESSION OF THE TERM
8th Year 2 visit to Firepower Museum
9th Christmas Lunch
10th Reception Open Morning for prospective new parents – 9:30 – 10:30
11th PTA Christmas Jumper Day
9:10am Whole School Gold Book Assembly - Parents/Carers Welcome
13th 4:00pm Civic Carol Service - KS1 & KS2 Choir

Week 7 NO CLUBS, NO SWIMMING

14th 3:15-5:00pm PTA CHRISTMAS FILM NIGHT
15th 10:00am KS1 Christmas Nativity - Parents/Carers Welcome
16th Y1 visit to Catford and Bromley Synagogue
3:15pm PTA Christmas Craft workshop in the Library
6:00pm KS1 Christmas Nativity - Parents/Carers Welcome
17th PTA Christmas Discos:
KS1 2:15-3:15pm
KS2 3:30-4:30pm
18th 9:10am END OF TERM ASSEMBLY - Parents/Carers Welcome

Christmas Holiday – Monday 21st December – Tuesday 5th January 2016

School closed for INSET Day 4th January – Spring Term 1 starts on Tuesday 5th January 2016

FORWARD PLANNING!

January 2016

Final Reception class applications to school office by Friday 15th January please.
Curriculum Governors' Meeting – Tuesday 26th January
Finance Governors' Meeting – Thursday 28th January
Governors/Parents Coffee Morning – Friday 29th January, 9.45am, in the Studio

February 2016

Nursery Open Morning for prospective new parents – Monday 8th February, 9.30-11am
'Wear a Colour for Smile' Day – Thursday 11th February
Class Photos – Friday 12th February

