

## ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2018



### NORFOLK LAKES

Year Five and Six adventures at Norfolk lakes – a great time was had by all! The favourite activity was sailing, closely followed by the 'SUP' session. The children wrapped up warmly and had great fun. Mr Smith and Mrs Rowntree were very impressed by the good behaviour on display. Please look at the photographs on the website. We are already planning our next adventure, a trip to 'Chateau de Warsay' in France with a visit to Euro Disney amongst other exciting things.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please make sure that your child comes to school in the correct uniform, with a coat. We have had a number of children arriving at school recently without a coat. With the weather being cold and at times drizzly, it is important that all children are equipped to spend up to an hour outside. PE lessons take place outside, so please make sure that your child has jogging bottoms and that they are adequately dressed for all weathers.

### PACKED LUNCHES

We continue to promote healthy lunches. Please be reminded that children must not have sweets, chocolates, sugary cakes or drinks in their packed lunches. We have a number of highly allergic pupils, so children must not bring any nut products to school. This includes chocolate spreads, which may contain nuts. Dinner staff are not able to differentiate between Nutella and any other chocolate spread, so avoid all chocolate spreads. If your child has a nut product in their lunch box, they will have to eat their lunch in an alternative venue due to the danger posed to the children with nut allergies. We ask you to support us by adhering to these rules.

### PARKING

Unfortunately, I have to mention inconsiderate parking once again. The Conservative Club has now said that we are no longer welcome to park in their grounds. This is because some parents of the school have ignored their parking signs, and have also been seen throwing rubbish out of their cars into the grounds of the Conservative Club. The roads around the school are congested so this is not the news that we, as a school, wanted to hear. Parents will need to give themselves extra time to make sure that they are in time for drop off and pick up – the gates close at 9am and school day ends at 3.15 pm.

### ROAD SAFETY

A number of our older pupils walk home on their own. This is an important part of growing up. Unfortunately, we have heard that some children are not following basic road safety rules. We regularly remind children about road safety, and the importance of crossing the road correctly. Mobile phones seem to be part of the problem, as the children are very busy looking at their phones instead of watching the traffic around them. If your child walks home, please remind them about how to be safe. We do not want to hear the news that one of our children has been involved in an accident.

### CHRISTMAS AT ORCHARD

There are some exciting events in the coming weeks, including:

Wed	12	School Christmas Dinner (children are welcome to wear a festive hat!)
Fri	14	PTA Christmas Jumper Day 6pm Carols by Candlelight (Families welcome; please get your free ticket from the office)
Tue	18	Nativity 10 am (small children welcome) 6pm (no small children/babies – all classes will see the Nativity at school)
Thur	20	End of Term Assembly for KS1 (parents/carers welcome) Class Christmas parties- during school time (Teachers will co-ordinate via Dojo)
Fri	21	End of Term Assembly for KS2 (parents/carers welcome) Celebration of Learning at 2pm – children may leave once parents have shared their wonderful work!



**The staff at Orchard Primary School would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a wonderful Christmas break, and to thank you for your continued support and encouragement.**