



# Newsletter

## January 2016

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### HAPPY CHILDREN LEARN BEST!

Welcome back, we are looking forward to a happy and healthy 2016!

#### Keeping Our Children Safe

Oxford Road is a narrow and very busy road. It becomes very dangerous, when cars stop in the middle of the road to let children out. Some drivers are impatient and drive at speed down the road. We are lucky to have the option of parking in the Conservative Club grounds, so please make use of this as it will help to keep **all** our children safe. Parking on the yellow zig-zag lines is **not allowed** at all during school hours. It is a danger to all children if cars stop on these lines. The Police will be patrolling over the next few weeks.



#### Early Bird Week

The week beginning **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January**, we will be holding a competition. For each morning your child is in school **on time**, they will be entered into a draw to win a prize. There will be a prize for a **junior**, an **infant**, and one for a **parent!** The prizes will be awarded in Gold Book assembly on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January. **Let's aim for 100% on time!**

#### Year 1 Report

At the end of 2015 Year One travelled by bus to visit the Synagogue. All the boys wore a skull cap to show respect. The girls sat on one side and the boys sat on the other side. We saw the very big Torah scroll, and it was kept in a silver case. We also saw a menorah and the candle can stay alight for 8 days. Mr Rose showed us around. The best part was the biscuits at the end.

By Xander, Miah, Arisha



#### Author Visit

We have an author visiting school next Wednesday (13<sup>th</sup> January) and parents/ carers are welcome to attend the performance from 1.30-2.30pm. No small children please. Signed books will be available to buy. (£7-10)

#### Free School Milk and Meals

If you think you might be eligible for free milk or school meals, please see Mrs Howes in the office and she will help you with the application process – it is quick and easy, and will also help the school to access extra funds for your child.

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#### Online Safety

Please be aware of what your children are accessing online. Orchard Primary will be having a special online Safety Day on 9<sup>th</sup> February. We have had incidences when online gaming has exposed children to inappropriate material, and some children report being scared of what they have seen.

#### Coffee Morning

A reminder that the School Governors are holding a coffee morning after Gold Book Assembly on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January, all are very welcome to attend.



#### Medical appointments

Please make every effort to make medical appointments outside of school time.

#### Severe Weather

In case of snow please see the school website, the Bexley snow alert on [www.bexley.gov.uk](http://www.bexley.gov.uk) or Open Check on <https://opencheck.atomwide.com>

Quiz night at Orchard!  
29.01.16  
@6:30 pm  
Teams of 6-10 people  
Snacks available to purchase

Prices  
Adults: £3.00  
Children: £1.50  
Nurseries: £1.00

#### Friday Fun

Finally, we are holding a quiz night on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January – buy your tickets from Year 6 from next Monday!

