



Newsletter



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TAG RUGBY AT ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome back, we are looking forward to a happy and healthy 2018!

We were sorry to lose Mrs Howes from our school office team at Christmas, but wish the Howes family well in their new home on the Isle of Wight.

At the start of this term we are pleased to welcome Mrs Hibbert to the office team and Aayush to Year 3.

And well done to Tom for taking part in a Santa Fun Run!

Parent Pay - our new payment system is now up and running, please make sure that you register using the details in the letter that was sent to you. School dinners, activities and visits can now be paid for online.

Our aim is that by April we will only be using this system and will not be accepting cash or cheque payments at the school office.

Please send in a box of tissues, if you can, to help us stock up the classrooms.



School attendance is on target at 97%. This is great, however it can still be improved with the support of everyone. Please follow the steps below to ensure that we all do our part in **keeping children safe.**



- Families need to report a child's absence by 9.30am every morning by phoning 02083004878 and selecting option 1, or by emailing absence@orchard.bexley.sch.uk
- If we have not heard from you by 9.30am we will make an initial phone call to you. If you are unable to get to the phone we will leave a message for you to call us back.
- If contact is not made at this point, two school staff members or our School Attendance officer will come to your home to see you and your child.
- If we are still unable to contact you, we are required to call the Police. If you do not want the Police to attend your home, please ensure you follow the steps above.

Holidays during term time - please be reminded that I am not able to authorise holidays during term time. Parents could each be liable for a £60 fine per child. Only in exceptional circumstances may the Headteacher authorise requests.

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Internet Safety Day

The children will be taking part in an internet safety day on Tuesday 6th February. We invite parents to join us on **Friday 9th February** after Gold Book Assembly to learn about how you can keep your child safe. We will be sending out a quiz to parents – we will hold a **prize draw**, so make sure that you take part. Keep a look out for further information!



Don't forget...

- Children must have a coat for playtime and lunchtime.
- PE kit should include tracksuit and trainers for outdoor games.
- Healthy** packed lunches – no sweets/chocolate/nuts/fizzy drinks.
- Children should be **reading** every day.
- To help Junior children learn their **times tables** by heart.



