



Newsletter



March 2017

HAPPY CHILDREN LEARN BEST – NURSERY ENJOYING FOREST SCHOOL

Year One Trip to the Science Museum

A very excited Year One class enjoyed a trip to the Science Museum. The highlight of the visit was the Hedgehog Show. Miss Ovenell was very impressed with the behaviour of the class, especially as they had to catch a number of trains, tubes and buses.



Collection after school

A reminder to all parents that the school day ends at **3.15 pm** and that children should be collected promptly. If you are unable to collect your child because you are running late, you will need to contact the After School Club to book a place. They can be contacted on: **07974 697100**. School staff are not able to hold children after 3.15, as they have meetings, and clubs to run.

Absence email

If you need to report the absence of your child, please do so **before 9 am**. You can do this by email:

absence@orchard.bexley.sch.uk

PTA

The PTA works hard to organise events for the children and families, as well as to raise much needed funds for the school. I am sure you will have read in the press about the financial pressure that schools are facing, so we say a very big thank you to all involved in the PTA for their time and efforts.

The next event is the **Quiz night**, so please look out for information coming out from the PTA.



WE NEED YOU!

Remember that every parent is automatically a member of the PTA. If you can help in any way, please see Mrs. Thistleton.



24 March

We are selling Red Noses in school for £1.



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Social Media

Please look out for the school Twitter and Facebook accounts. We will use these to help to remind you of upcoming events.



Sensory room

We are developing a sensory room to support the development and learning of some of our children.

If anybody has any sensory equipment that they do not use any more, please could you donate them to the school.

Equipment such as: fibre optic lights, projecting lights, bubble light tubes, or any feely balls or textured/squidgy shapes would be greatly appreciated.



Reminders

1. Please push scooters on the school grounds
2. No dogs on the school grounds
3. Mobile phones should not be used within the school.

MARCH DIARY DATES

New School Value Perseverance

- Wed 1st Parents' Meetings: 3.30-5.30pm
- Thurs. 2nd World Book Day – pupils can dress up as a book character, or decorate a potato as a book character
- Fri. 3rd 9.10am: Whole School Gold Book Assembly-Parents/ Carers welcome
- Mon 6th 9.30am School Governors' meeting
- Fri.10th Year 2 visit to London Zoo (returning to school by approx. 3.30pm)
9.10am: Whole School Gold Book Assembly-Parents/ Carers welcome
PTA Quiz Night – details from the PTA
- Mon. 13th Y1 Vision and Hearing Tests
- Wed. 15th Year 5 visit to the Science Museum (returning to school by approx.3.30pm)
- Thurs.16th Special Curriculum Day: Science and Engineering
- Fri. 17th 9.10am: Whole School Gold Book Assembly-Parents/ Carers welcome

Last week of morning and evening clubs

- Mon. 20th Final Spring Term swimming session for Year 5
- Thurs. 23rd Class photos
2.45pm: Y1 Class Assembly - Parents/ Carers welcome
School Governors' meeting - 5.00pm
- Fri. 24th Red Nose Day – wear something red and bring 50p or more for Comic Relief!
9.10am: Whole School Gold Book Assembly-Parents/ Carers welcome

No clubs before or after school this week

- Tues. 28th Y4 visit to Wide Horizons (returning to school by approximately 3.30pm)
- Wed. 29th 14.45: Easter Play (CRIBS)
- Thurs. 30th 9.10am: EYFS/KS1 End of Term Assembly - All Parents/ Carers welcome
- Fri. 31st 9.10am: KS2 End of Term Assembly - All Parents/ Carers welcome
KS2 choir to Festival Hall
2.10pm: Celebration of Learning- All Parents/ Carers welcome

School then closes for the Easter break, pupils return for Summer Terms on **Tuesday 18th April 2017**

