



# Orchard Primary School Newsletter

Week beginning: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015

Week 5 of 7

## Attendance

It is very important that children attend school every day. You will have read much in the press recently about the Government crackdown on poor attendance. Head Teachers are not allowed to authorise time off school, and any absence will be followed up.

We ask parents to let us know as early as possible if their child is ill and to follow that up in writing.

Medical appointments will only be authorised with the appropriate appointment card/letter.

I was pleased to greet the children this morning, and to see them looking smart in their uniforms and shiny shoes. Please can I remind you to put names in all clothing, as this makes it much easier to return if found in the playground.

*Mrs J Rowntree*

## News from the Choir

Our trip to the Royal Festival Hall was great fun. It was very exciting to sing our songs (When I grow up, Hall of Fame, When I'm Sixty Four, Count on Me). It was a great atmosphere, with lots of different schools with us. The orchestra at the front was amazing. The best part was the finale.

Zoe Y5 and Libby Y6

## READING FOCUS

This year we are going to have a focus on reading. I would encourage you to read with your child, and to sign them up at the local library. One of the greatest gifts we can give our children is a love of reading. If you have some spare time, please contact the school, as we are looking for volunteers to come in and listen to readers.

***The more the children read, the better readers they become.***

Help your child to be organized by sending them in with all they need for the day; lunch box, PE kit, coat.

Please use the contact book to let the teacher know about any change of plans.

## Dates for your Diary

**Saturday 10 October**

Forest school working party, all welcome to come and help. 10 am—1pm. Crèche provided.

**14 -16 October**

Year 5 and 6 trip to Wide Horizons

**Friday 23 October @ 2pm**

Celebration of Learning in your child's classroom

**Monday 26 October**

Beginning of half term week

## Good News

It is not often that prices go down, but this year the cost of dinners has gone down!

**Now only £2.10 per day**