

# Orchard Junior School Newsletter

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**22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021**

We hope you all have a restful half term as we draw to the end of a very busy and challenging few weeks at Orchard Junior School.

The children have been amazing at adapting to all of the many changes and I am so proud of each and every one of them for their mature attitude to the changes.

This half term has seen the children not in bubbles, some back in bubbles, in assembly, not in assembly, with their teacher and then not with their teacher. The support from all, with testing children for COVID, has helped to keep the children and staff as safe as possible. I know from other local heads there are a lot of cases in the local area at the moment. Please refer to previous Warn & Inform letters from Orchard sent out for guidance.

I just want to end this half term by saying a huge thank you for your continuation of keeping the school informed of what is happening with the children. We know that by working together, we are able to keep the children as happy as possible and enable them to have the best learning possible.

Please read on for more information about upcoming events for next half term and we will see you all back in school on 1<sup>st</sup> November !

## **PTFA**

Massive thank you to all the parents who came along to the PTFA AGM last night, either in person or virtually.

The PTFA are very keen to start some fundraising events this year and have set a target of raising £10,000 for the school and the playground development work we have planned.

Next term there will be 3 events planned:

- \*Adult Christmas Craft Night
- \*Children's winter disco
- \*Christmas Wrap Room

Please contact Natalee if you are able to offer even an hour of your time towards any of these events. I know that Natalee is keen for all of the parents to have a chance to meet up again and recover the Orchard Junior School parent community spirit.

## **COVID-19**

Please continue to be vigilant over the half term for the signs and symptoms of COVID-19; the [covidresult@orchardjunior.com](mailto:covidresult@orchardjunior.com) email account will continue to be monitored over the holiday period.

## **Thank you**

We have been working closely with Tesco Community Champion this half term. Tesco's have donated many items to help support the learning of the children in school from bird seed and feeders and plant bulbs for the eco council, to biscuits for Year 6 DT, to name but a few examples of their support.

Our thanks to Tesco for their continued support for helping to enrich our children's learning

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## School Calendar

Date	Class	Event	Deadlines
<b>Whole school dates</b>			
25 Oct to 29 Oct	Whole School	October Half Term	
3 November	Whole School	Parent's Evening through "google meet"	
4 November	Whole School	Parent's Evening through "google meet"	
22 November	Whole School	Flu immunisations	
26 <sup>th</sup> November	PTFA	Adult Christmas Craft evening	
1 <sup>st</sup> December	PTFA	Year 3 and 5 disco – Year 3 = 4:30 – 5:30. Year 5 5:45 – 6:45	
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	PTFA	Year 4 and 6 disco – Year 4 = 4:30 – 5:30. Year 6 5:45 – 6:45	
6 & 7 <sup>th</sup> December	PTFA	Christmas wrap room	
15 December	Whole School	Wacky Hat Lunch	
17 December	Whole School	End of term	
<b>Year 3</b>			
10 & 17 November	Year 6	Calshot & Beaulieu Studies Trip	Info to follow
<b>Year 4</b>			
<b>Year 5</b>			
10 November	Year	Osmington Virtual Meeting at 6.00pm	
1 Nov – 10 Dec	Year 5	Swimming starts	TBA
1 Dec	Year 5	Victorian School Dress Up Day	TBA
15 Dec	Year 5	Christingle Service St Andrews Church	TBA
<b>Year 6</b>			
2 November		Castleton Virtual Meeting at 5pm	
31 October		Deadline for Y7 Secondary school application <a href="https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions">https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions</a>	

If trips require a payment, this will show on your Scopay account and balances will need to be paid before the trip date. If you would like to discuss any accounts, please contact the school office staff.

## School uniform

Details of the school Uniform requirements can be found on this link:

<https://www.orchardjuniorschool.com/uniform>

## Contact Email Addresses

[www.orchardjunior.com](http://www.orchardjunior.com) School Website – Report a Pupil Absence

[ELSA@orchardjunior.com](mailto:ELSA@orchardjunior.com) – if you are worried about your child's emotional wellbeing.

[class@orchardjunior.com](mailto:class@orchardjunior.com) – Please put the name of the class at the start e.g. Miss Hampton's class would be [3JH@orchardjunior.com](mailto:3JH@orchardjunior.com). These emails go directly to the class teacher and they can be used to arrange calls, show work and make contact.

[adminoffice@orchard-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@orchard-jun.hants.sch.uk) is still manned on a daily basis and emails will continue to be forwarded to the relevant member of staff.

**Once again, thank you all for doing your part to keep our community safe.**