



Orchard Community Primary School Newsletter

3rd
February
2017

Reading Expedition

Next Monday is the start of a fantastic new Reading Expedition to encourage reading for pleasure. There will be different activities happening during the month to encourage all children to read more. Every child will have a recording sheet and will be challenged to complete their expedition challenge sheet by reading books of different genres(types). When a book has been completed, the child writes the title on one page of the little books and puts a simple comment or picture from the book on the other side and asks you to sign to say you have seen them read the book and have, hopefully, shared the book with them. The Expedition will finish on Friday 3rd March with our school World Book Day when we will invite children to dress up as a book character if they wish.

Well done this week

Well done to our Fantastic Swimming and Gymnastics teams who represented the school this week in the inter school competitions. They were all fabulous.

Letters sent out this week.

Card making at the library on Saturday 11th February from 10am until 12pm.
Free Tool Marking and advice at Market Place Carpark, on Saturday 4th February 9.30am until 12.30pm.

Parents' Evening.

Just a reminder Parents' Evenings are on Tuesday 7th February and Thursday 9th February. Please make sure you have returned your appointment slip if you haven't done so already.
Thank you.

Menu Change on Monday 20th February 2017

We are having a one off menu change on Monday 20th February because the wholesale deliveries will not be in school in time to cook the published meal. The menu for the day will be: Homemade Margherita Pizza.
 Jacket Potato, Baked Beans and Peas.
 Chocolate Cake, Fruit.

Dates for your Diary

February half term will be Monday 13th February until Friday 17th February 2017
Next Autumn School begins for the children on Thursday 24th August 2017. Further dates can be found on the council website but please be aware there will be two further inset days which are yet to be confirmed.

OPS Radio

Our 1st show of the New Year is online now. We have Loads of GREAT shows and bedtime stories recorded which you can listen to at <http://www.myliveschool.org> search for **Orchard School**. Don't forget - you can find us on Fronter, the school VLE. <https://fronter.com/leicestershire/> We are also on Twitter, follow us @_OPSRADIO Contact us via email: - opsradio@yahoo.co.uk We are always looking for interesting guests, if you know someone or have any suggestions, why not email us their contact information!



School Closure

Hopefully we won't have very bad weather this winter but I would like to remind you that, if there are problems, we send a text message and also put a notice on Radio Derby. We will only close the school if conditions are such that I cannot guarantee adequate supervision

Requests for help

We need some parents to help with reading activities during our Reading Expedition. Are you available to read with our children from 8.45am until 9.25am throughout the Expedition? You can sign up for any number of days and will be assigned named children. There will also be opportunities for some Library work in our Learning Centre. Please let the office know if you would like to take part. We would particularly like some Dads to be involved as it is very motivating for the boys. We also have some dual language books in Spanish, German, French, Polish and Arabic and welcome help from parents to read these books while the children read the story in English.

Team points

**The winning team this week is
Melbourne Hall
Well done.**