



Orchard Community Primary School Newsletter

10th
February
2017

This half term has been very busy but also very positive. We had an excellent attendance at Parents' Evenings with 93% of children discussed. I know that a few parents have also made a separate arrangement. Thank you for filling in the survey sheets that the Governors provided. It was good to see so many people talking to the Governors and looking at our new website and the proposed plans. We will be arranging an evening for year 4 and 5 parents next half term to discuss how age-range change will affect their children and the provision we will be making to meet their needs. We have also been working with the Headteacher of an outstanding school in Leicestershire to identify ways of further improving our school. She visited all the classrooms, saw some of the children's work and talked to a small group of children from Year 2 and a larger group from Year 5. Mrs. Harvey was very impressed by the attitude of the children and their behaviour in lessons and around school. They all told her that there was very little bullying or really poor behaviour in school and, when it did happen, they knew exactly what to do and they were also very positive about our Behaviour Policy. The KS2 group were fantastic ambassadors for Orchard. They were very clear about their wish to do well in school and how important it was from them to make progress.

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!



It's here at last!!

Log on to our new website at

A lot more information will be added over the next few weeks.

**The Rotary Club Matinee film screening,
The Lion King
at Castle Donington Village Hall, Moira Dale,
on Saturday 25th February 2pm
(see attached document).**

Reading Expedition

The children are excited about completing the reading Expedition Record Sheets. Please remember to sign the sheet to say they have read the book. Thank you to the people who came into school last week to read with the children. We still have spaces for more readers between 8.45 and 9.20am.

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.**

Breaktime Snacks

All parents in KS1 should have received a letter today about snacks at break. We have decided to move the fruit snack for all children in the Key Stage have to the morning in place of snacks brought from home. Please do not send in any snacks for children in Reception or classes 1,2 or 3. Although we will continue to have the tuck shop with some healthier options for KS2, we would like to encourage the children to swap to a fruit or vegetable snack.

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.

Team points

**The winning team this week is
Bradgate Park
Well done.**