



# Orchard Community Primary School Newsletter

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Last week I asked parents to encourage their children to come into school on their own. There was an excellent response and it made a remarkable difference. The children felt much happier in the cloakroom and were settled in their classrooms much more quickly. This enabled us to begin lessons in all four Key Stage 1 classrooms much more promptly - an extra 10 minutes each morning adds up to almost an hour's extra teaching a week! Thank you for your support - it has been very much appreciated.

## OPS Radio

Our 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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!

We are moving forward with our plans for 2017. We have had a number of contractors who have visited the school to provide quotes and information regarding the new classrooms we will need next year. We will keep you updated as we get more information about when the works will be carried out.



## 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

## Parents' Association

Thank you to the Parents' Association for running the Family Social Evening just before Christmas. It was a really enjoyable evening and raised £1,300. We are continuing to buy new reading books with money given to the school by the Parents' Association.

Please keep Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April free for a Ladies' Night. If you know of any businesses who might be interested in hosting a stall, please let the school office know as soon as possible.

## Team Points.

The winning team this week is Calke Abbey.  
Well done.

## Mid-day Supervisor Vacancy

We are urgently looking for someone to work on Thursday Lunchtime from 11.50 until 1.00pm. We would also like to have some other supervisors available to cover absence. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please encourage them to get in touch. It would be particularly good to have another male member of staff.

**Parents' Evenings will be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> of February.**

## Dates for your Diary

February half term will be Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February until Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Next Autumn School begins on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Sainsbury Active Kids Vouchers.  
Vouchers will be available from January 25<sup>th</sup>. The collection box will be in the foyer for the vouchers. Thank you.**