



# Orchard Community Primary School Newsletter

20<sup>h</sup>  
January  
2017

## Parents' Evenings

Letters have gone out with booking slips for Parent/Teacher Consultations on 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> February. Please return your slip before Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January so that we can allocate appointments. It would be very helpful if you could indicate as wide a time as possible to allow everyone to have a time they can attend. On Parents' Evenings, there will be a display board in the Entrance Hall explaining the role of the Governors and the Parents' Association. There will be no Bookshop on these evenings. All clubs will continue as usual. Attendance for Parents' Evenings is always very high at Orchard – it would be very good to achieve 100% attendance!

## Age-Range Change

Plans for two new classrooms have been submitted to NWLDC for approval. We are expecting the classrooms to be built at the back of the school where the school gardens are. Hopefully this will be approved without any problems and building will start after Easter. We hope to be able to provide an idea of what the building will look like alongside the Governor Display at Parents' Evening. Members of the Senior Management team are visiting a number of excellent schools to look at their year 6 provision and practice – it's all very exciting!

## Illness

We had hoped that the various bugs would have disappeared over Christmas but, unfortunately, we seem to have gained some back this term. If your child is unwell, please keep them at home until you are sure the bug has gone. Please will you make sure that you inform us if you change your contact number or if your second named contact changes theirs.

## Cookery Containers

If your child is doing cookery either in school or at an after-school club, will you please wash and return the containers the following day so that they can be re-used. It would be helpful to have some clean plastic take-away containers with snap-on lids so please save them for us. We always wash the containers in the dishwasher before use so there is no danger of contamination.

## 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.

## 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: -

[opradio@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:opradio@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

## Team Points.

This week's winners are  
Calke Abbey again.  
Well done

## Mid-day Supervisor Vacancy

We would like to add to our bank of mid-day 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.

## 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.**