

Orchards News



October 2012- second edition

Sessions to help your child at Home

Don't forget we have sessions coming up to support you in helping your child at home. They will focus on how we teach maths now, supporting phonics, developing reading with older children and writing at home. We will give you a goody bag to take away so need you to let us know if you will be attending one of the sessions.

Mathematics Thursday 8th November 2.30pm- 4.30pm

English Tuesday 27th November 2.30pm-4.30pm

Family support update

Our Family Worker, Mrs Hall, is settling in well. A couple of parents have asked me if she will be replacing Mrs Carlile. This is not the case. Mrs Hall will be working alongside Mrs Carlile, ensuring we can continue to provide you with the best support. Mrs Hall is very keen to get to know as many parents as possible and will continue to have tea/coffee and biscuits in the small hall every **Thursday at 8.30am**. Mrs Hall will also run drop in sessions for parents to talk through any concerns in a more private setting. Please book a 30 minute appointment with Mrs Hall via the school office.

Jeans for Genes Day Update



Children came into school in their jeans on **Friday 5th October** to help raise money for research into genetic disorders. We have families in school affected, so

were thrilled to raise an amazing £170 for the charity. Pictures of Year 6 with Mrs Parker appeared in both the Cambs Times and the Fenland Citizen.

Want to be more involved at school?

Some parents indicated in parents evenings that they wish to volunteer in school, but not in their child's class and are not sure about how to go about this. If you would like to be involved please make an appointment to see Miss Lynch or Mrs Parker and they can talk through your skills and where we would like further help in school.

Reminders

Story Sack group will meet on **Monday 5th November** 3.15pm to 4.15pm. We need people who are ANY of the following—regular car booters, creative, can sew on a machine or embroider, can speak a language other than English, or are willing to help out where possible.

Harvest Festivals

Years 2 to 6

On Wednesday 17th October years 2 to 6 went to the Harvest festival at the church. We brought in food to share with people, and all the parents came to watch the children. Parents heard Harvest poems and songs. We finished with Rev Gardner saying a prayer. By **Kelly and Jordan in Oak Class**.

Years R and 1

Year 1 and Reception were so excited to take part in the Harvest Festival. We sang some songs about farmers and how they grow our food. We also brought in some food from home to share with people that may not have as much food as us. When we help



others we are taking care of everyone in the world. By **Willow Class**

Notices:

- We are now collecting Morrisons Vouchers
- We have the poppies on sale here.
- We will have a healthy tuck shop for children starting on Monday 5th November with items starting at 30p.
- We expect our new website to be up and running on Monday 5th November.
- We also have a new Facebook page which will be used for information only. This will be used from Monday 5th November.

Diary Dates

Return to school—Monday 5th November

Christingle Y2-6 @ 1.45pm 14.12.12

Christmas Fair @ St Augustine's 15.12.12

Christmas Lunch Wednesday 19th December

Christmas Holiday—Break up on Friday 21st December

Return to school—Tuesday 8th January

Teacher training Day Friday 8th February