

Orchards News

October 2015

Hogwarts Edition

What a cracking last week of term we will have with our English Week... We started today with a Hogwarts Assembly... The children's reaction when I thumped the table and shouted 'Quiet!' Dumbledore style was priceless. You will see how committed the staff were to making this a special day as they dressed up and took various roles from the Harry Potter stories in the pictures throughout this newsletter.

Orchards Primary School brings magic to the end of the school term.

Report by Mrs White our English Leader

At Orchards we are always striving to develop our curriculum so it fits with the interests of our children and with this in mind we have organised an exciting English Week where the children will be studying texts with a Magical Theme.



The week got going with a visit from an Author called Gillian Overitt who wrote the book 'Max's Magical Dream' on Friday. Following on from this, there will be a story telling session with Anthony Pedley, who will be telling the story of Sophie and her adventures in Giant Country with the loveable character the 'Big Friendly Giant!' Some of the children will be visiting Warner Brother Studios to extend their knowledge about the character of 'Harry Potter' whereas the younger children will be finding out all about Hedwig, Harry Potter's pet.



Towards the end the week parents have been invited to see a whole class guided reading session by the teachers and visit the reading café. At the café families can read and discuss a book with their child. Throughout the week the children will hear various stories being read by our bilingual parents and children as well as from our local librarian. Not to mention meeting the reading dog in our ever developing library.

BONFIRE LUNCH will be on 5th November with prizes

Every Wednesday is a lucky plate prize day.



Looking After Books and our Library

We have lost a disappointing number of books over the last few months. Please encourage your children to return books to school so another child can enjoy them. To help children look after their books we do expect all children to

bring a reading bag / wallet to school every day. Mrs White has a supply of temporary reading folders if your child does not currently have a reading folder.

Due to the large amount of lost and damaged books we will now have to start sending bills for these, even if the damage was the result of an accident.

We do encourage children to use our new Bug Club reading at home and our new library system records the books children are reading. If you would like more information about anything about books or the library please do catch me during parents evening.

Half term – Titans Gymnastics with Cindy May at Orchards in the Orange Hall

Monday, 26th October 2.00pm – 5.00pm

Thursday, 29th October 2.00pm – 5.00pm

£6 per session for Orchards children (normally £10)

Children from Years 1-6 enjoyed the Roald Dahl experience today... I hope they tell you all about it when they get home!



Harvest Festival Reminder

Y2-6 Harvest Festival at St Augustines 20th October

Years 2-3 9.15to10.15

Years 4-6 10.30-11.30 with coffee and biscuits for parents in between the two services

Years R & 1 at school on Thursday 22nd October at 8.50am

Diary Dates

Staff Training Day: Friday 23rd October

October Half term: 26th-30th inclusive

Christmas Holiday: 21st Dec 5th January 2015 inclusive

Staff Training Day: Monday 4th January

February Half term: 15—19th inclusive



Poppies and poppy wrist bands etc for sale from this week priced either 50p or £1.

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We have had a last minute opportunity for a **disco on Thursday.**

Years R,1 & 2 Doors open 3.50, start 4.10, ends 5.10pm.

Year 3,4,5,& 6 Doors open at 5.30 and the disco ends 6.45pm

£1 entry This year we will have hot dogs £1 and cakes 30-50p.

Water will be available, but no soft drinks.

Please collect promptly. Children will not be allowed to walk home on their own. All children must be collected. Please wear either dressing up outfit or party clothes :-)