

Orchards News

September 2016 Issue 2

We have had a great start to the year with trips, theme days and music lessons starting. I am pleased we have been able to add more options to our after school clubs. To find out more about these or breakfast club please see the school website.

JEANS for GENES DAY



The children and staff did a great job of supporting Jeans for Genes day, raising an amazing £484 as well as learning about how the money we collected will make a difference to other children's lives.



History Week is coming

Children will enjoy History week from 31st October to 4th November with the theme of Important People from British History. The children will have the opportunity to dress up on one of the days as someone from history and there will be a theatre performance for children and a History Fair to share learning with parents. More information to come.

Year 6 School Captains and School Council

Several children from Year 6 made speeches in assembly on Wednesday 21st September, and also designed their own posters to promote their campaign to be a School Captain. They all did incredibly well in what was a very close contest. I am pleased to announce our captains are Reimantas and Sofia, and the vice captains are Alfie and Qeevie

Each Class from Year 2 up also voted for their class representative to share the ideas children have to improve school. In the last two years School Council has been key in starting tuck shop, lobbying me for new play equipment and have had other ideas for improving the curriculum or suggesting new ideas for after school clubs. School Council reps also represent school with visitors and sometimes out of school. Steve Barclay MP has met with our school councillors. The reps are:

- Maple Class—Emmie
- Hazel Class—Karolina
- Beech Class—Wiktorija
- Laburnum Class—Markas S
- Almond Class—Aiden Hi
- Hawthorn Class—Harry
- Holly Class—Anastasija
- Rowan Class—Agija
- Elm Class—Gracie-Mai
- Cedar Class—Aivaras
- Oak Class—Meghan
- Chestnut Class—Viktorija S

Children with their certificates for great participation in the Sumdog Challenge over the Summer.



We have had a lot of un-named lost property again. Please make sure all items of clothing are named so we can return them.

Greetings from the Governors

At the beginning of this new school year we- the school governors- would like to send our best wishes to all our parents and pupils, especially those who have just joined our school community. We hope that 2016/17 will be happy and successful for you.

We are delighted to report that for the first time for many years we now have a full governing body, including some new governors and in particular we welcome Michelle Gillett, our new parent governor. A full list of governors can be found on the school website.

As governors it is our job, along with the headteacher and the staff, to make sure that the quality of education offered at Orchards Primary is the best it can possibly be and this year we will be reporting to you regularly on our work, so that you understand what we do.

Time Credits

Time credit volunteers busy earning their time credits at school. Vicky said

she is going to use them having her nails done at the College of West Anglia. Becky is going to take her children swimming at the New Vision Fitness in Wisbech. To get involved with volunteering at Orchards please leave a message for Mrs Johnson at the office. We desperately need a gardening team to do a session once a fortnight as well as more people to help with clerical jobs.



Year 6 Trip

On Tuesday we all went to Kings Lynn Museum and when we were at the museum we got told about Stone Age men and the Seahenge which was found in a beach.

In the afternoon we got to learn about the 1950s and we saw an old iron and other items from the past. We also got to do some cooking which was sticking pineapple and cheese on a stick. The bit I liked the most was when we made a plate for the Queen's Coronation.

By Carl Hansen



Homework

We have noticed that since we have the new topic homework not as many children are using Sumdog at home. This is a really valuable resource in developing children's number skills, and they enjoy the linked games.

Diary Dates

5th Oct— Individual School Photographs

11th Oct—Year 6 to Ely Cathedral

14th Oct—Years 1,2,3—Nasal Flu vaccination

19th Oct—Y2-6 Harvest Festivals at church

20th Oct—YN,R and 1 Harvest Festivals at school

Harvest Fayre has been delayed and will now be on the same evening as the Bingo

22nd Oct First day of half term

N. Parker

2016/2017 School Holiday and Term Dates

Term / Holiday	First Day	Last Day
Autumn Term	Monday, September 5, 2016	Friday, October 21, 2016
Autumn Half Term	Saturday October 22 2016	Sunday October 30 2016
Autumn Term	Monday, October 31, 2016	Tuesday, December 20, 2016
Christmas Holidays	Wednesday December 21 2016	Tuesday, January 3, 2017
Spring Term	Thursday, January 5, 2017	Friday, February 10, 2017
Spring Half Term	Saturday February 11 2017	Sunday, February 19, 2017
Spring Term	Monday, February 20, 2017	Friday, March 31, 2017
Easter Holidays	Saturday April 1 2017	Monday, April 17, 2017
Summer Term	Tuesday, April 18, 2017	Friday, May 26, 2017
Summer Half Term	Saturday May 27 2017	Sunday, June 4, 2017
Summer Term	Monday, June 5th, 2017	Wednesday, July 19, 2017
Summer Holidays	Saturday July 22 2017	Sunday, September 3, 2017