



Welcome back everybody to a new and very exciting half term.

**Valentines Disco** Thank you to all of our parents and pupils for supporting both of our Valentines discos last week. The children had a wonderful time dancing, playing games and dressing up with props in our photo booth. Special thanks to Evie Stone's parents who provided the amazing disco and Mrs Bradley and all members of the PTA who organised and helped at the event to make it such a huge success. The discos raised a wonderful £205 for our school fund.

**Attendance Challenge**

Position	Class	Attendance
1 <sup>st</sup>	Mrs Wright	98.7
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Miss Gullett	98.6
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mrs Russell	98.5

Whole school attendance
95.9

**100% Attendance weekly award**

(RC) Mylo Retallack (RMB) Callum Charlesworth (1M) Noah Verity (1/2G) Abbie Matthews (2JT) Evan Bottomore (3H) Brooke Ashworth (3/4W) Joseph Coleman (4A) Eleanor Andrews (SR) Josh Garton (5/6J) Charlie Linacre (6C) Ethan Bingham



**Year 2 Attendance Champions!**

Our Year 2 children have made Orchard history by being the first class EVER to be attendance champions for the majority of a half term! Not only have class 2JT been the attendance champions for 5 weeks out of the 6 they have also had 100% attendance for 4 weeks out of the 5! A phenomenal achievement - I'm sure you'll all agree! Watch this space for a very special treat coming 2JT's way



**Year 5 and 6 1960's/1970's Day**

Our Year 5 and 6 children are continuing to have fun learning through the decades. They researched fashion of the 1960s and 1970s and also listened to music and explored records from that era.



**Book Day Bring and Buy Sale**

It is our special book week this week. We have received some fabulous donations of books. These books will be on sale at playtimes and after school on:



**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

Each book will be priced at 10p or 50p. Come along and choose some amazing titles! The money that we raise through this will go towards helping to train teachers to teach reading in Uganda.

**School Lunch - Fine Dining**

'Fine Dining' experience in our school hall continues to be a soaring success. These children get to sit on the 'top table' in the hall and eat their lunch with Mrs. Chambers. This weeks 'Fine Diners' are: Grace McKeag, Laurel Elbourne, Aidan Greenhalgh, Miriam Eriqat, Georgia Waring, Maizie Roberts, Edie Lima Redfern.



**This week we are on Week 2 for school dinners.**

**Smoking**

It has been brought to our attention that there have been some incidents of people smoking by our school gates in the morning and at hometime. May we remind parents and carers that smoking is not permitted on the school premises and its immediate surroundings.

**House Point Target**

Last Term's House Point Winners were:



Apple with 698 points





Our Nursery and Reception children had a fabulous time making pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. They chose their own toppings, practised super table manners whilst eating them with their friends, had fun pancake races on the school playground and practised their cutting skills by cutting out frying pans and pancakes. What a wonderful time all of the have children had!



## Year 3 and 4 'Hot Potato'

Our Year 3 and 4 children have been very busy learning how to create a balanced meal as part of their 'hot potato' topic. Here they are enjoying their healthy creations!



## Countdown to 'Paper light' Communication - 5 school weeks to go!

As a forward thinking school we are aiming for the majority of our communication with school and home to become paperless. This will enable us to be as environmentally friendly as possible. We are aiming to go paper light after the Easter holidays. **Have you downloaded our Orchard Primary App?** This is free to download onto any smart phone or tablet. If your device does not support this please send your email address to the school office and we will email you any communication.

## World Book Day - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018

We are really looking forward to celebrating World Book Day this year. It will be on Thursday the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018. We will be dressing up with each phase having a different focus. See outline below with further information to follow:

**Foundation Stage - Traditional Stories e.g. The 3 pigs, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Little Red Riding Hood.**

**Key Stage One - A favourite book character that matches a book that you can bring into school with you from home.**

**Year 3/4- Fantasy book characters e.g. Harry Potter, The Chronicles of Narnia, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Roald Dahl characters e.g. Matilda, Mr. Fox Charlie Bucket etc**

**Y5/6 - Children will be performing a book (in small groups) to younger children. The performance will be practised in school and they will be given time to work on appropriate costumes.**



## Swimming Gala Success!

Our Orchard swimming success continues to go from strength to strength. At the Lammas swimming gala before half term Orchard secured a clear first place being 30 points ahead of the second placed school. Out of the 24 races Orchard won an amazing 19 of them!



## Sporting Fun at Orchard!

Over the last couple of weeks our children have been involved in a huge range of sporting activities and competitions in school and after school. These have included netball, table tennis, futsal and rowing. A huge well done to all of the children for taking part and representing Orchard courteously. All children have demonstrated fantastic team work, determination and passion - key school games values.

