

Orchard Weekly Bulletin 7th January 2019

New Regulations on Attendance and Punctuality

- Following new Notts L.A. guidelines we now have much tighter regulations around attendance and punctuality in school.
- School starts at 8.45 in a morning and as from Jan 2019 any child arriving after 8.45 will be marked as being 'Late', whilst any child arriving after 9.00 when the register is closed will have to be marked as a 'half day unauthorised absence.'
- In addition, from Jan 2019 Notts L.A. **will pursue** cases of poor attendance (more than six half days of holiday and/or unauthorised absence in any six week period) through the courts with fines being issued. We hope that by making you aware of these new regulations that you will not fall foul of them. I will resend a copy of the Summary of the new Attendance and Punctuality Policy to all parents today to remind everyone of the new regulations. In addition, the 'New Attendance Policy' is available on the school web-site (www.orchard-pri.notts.sch.uk).

Top Marks First Day Back

- Thank you for the extremely positive response from all of our parents and pupils this morning, first day back into the new term. 98% of pupils were already in school at 8.45 this morning when the bell sounded. Only six pupils were 'Late' and not a single pupil arrived after 9.00am. This has been a tremendous response by all concerned. **Keep it up Orchard!**

Attendance Challenge

100% Attendance for Autumn term 2018

A huge congratulations to all 88 of our pupils who have achieved 100% attendance for the whole of the Autumn Term 2018. Remember any child achieving 100% attendance for the whole school year will receive £10.00.



Happy New Year

Happy New Year to all of our Orchard families and friends. We welcome you back to an exciting term with lots of wonderful things planned for the children. We hope to make 2019 the best school year ever! Once again we thank you for your continued support and don't forget if you have any worries about your child's education please see your class teacher or Mr. Cook as we are always happy to help. ☺



Key Stage Two Carol Concert

We ended last half term with a wonderful carol concert at The Hill Methodist Church led by our wonderful Year 5 children. Not only did it tell the Christmas story it also showcased the fabulous music and singing that has been happening at Orchard School over the Autumn Term with our school choir, Young Voices, clarentists and drummers all performing. It was a fantastic way to end our festive celebrations in school and we would like to thank all of you that came along to support our children



Bird Food

We are kindly asking for any donations of bird food to be brought into school. This is to be placed in our feeders around school to help the birds in the cold winter months. Wild bird food, peanuts and seeds would all be greatly received. Please send in via your child's class as house points will be awarded for any donations brought in.



House Point Target

Autumn Term House Point Winners:

Pear



This Weeks House Point Target:
Creativity: I can be creative by sharing my ideas with others.



