

Newsletter 9

Friday 5th November 2021

Message from the Headteacher

We have been back in school for one week and we have been so busy. The work we are seeing from your children in the classroom is just amazing. The staff team has been working hard to develop our teaching, to make sure that all of your children can reach their full potential. I am incredibly proud of your children and our staff team!

Uniform



We have moved to an online uniform company. They will be able to deliver your orders to school free of charge. There is still some uniform stock in school, but once this has gone, you will only be able to order online. Please go to www.horsepowerclothing.co.uk. Under the **Shop** tab you will find Orchards Uniforms. Please ask in the office if you have any difficulties. Orders will be delivered to school each half term and distributed from the office.

Fireworks night

Remember, remember the 5th November... Please enjoy your fireworks night safely. Ensure all pets are safely inside. Did you know that Classic FM are playing calming pet music on Friday and Saturday night, music that will help to keep your pets calm while the bangs and whooshes go on outside.



COVID19

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have seen a rise in the number of COVID cases. There have also been a high number of cases within school. We have decided to take some additional precautions. Some events will be cancelled over the next few weeks and we will be reducing the number of visitors in the school. We would encourage parents to wear a mask on site. More details can be found on our updated COVID Risk Assessment on our website.

https://www.orchards.cambs.sch.uk/website/covid_risk_assessment/538630 Please take a few moments to have a look. We are still planning a range of exciting Christmas activities, and hoping that these will be able to go ahead if cases drop over the next few weeks.

Parent Consultations

Due to the increased cases of COVID locally, we will be holding parents evening over the telephone. Please complete the reply slip on the letter that was sent home earlier this week as soon as possible. The teachers will then confirm your appointment times.



Lunchtime activity

The wind this week led to some lovely activities with Cindy, one of our PE teachers. During Lunch on Thursday, the students had the opportunity to play with some classic lyrical gymnastics equipment and spent time making beautiful patterns and shapes with the ribbons.



Remembrance Sunday

With Remembrance Sunday just around the corner, we will be selling poppies at the start of the school day on the main playground from 8:25a.m. Monday – Thursday with the help of the house captains. Please help us to raise money for this great cause! Suggested donations are 50p for a poppy or £1 for a poppy reflector or badge.

Children in Need 2021



Children in Need will be taking place on Friday 19th November. If you would like to donate via Parentpay, please click on the link below.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=3793>

Thank you for your continued support

Best wishes

Mrs Sarah Cullen,
Headteacher