



# The Orchard School

## Weekly Bulletin

Week commencing: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

### Dates for your diary

Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	9:30 – Year 6 Coffee Morning
	Celebration Lunch

### Headteacher Award

Congratulations to Ibrahim in Class 17 who has been awarded my first headteacher award. Ibrahim has achieved this award for a fantastic swimming lesson and settling in class. Well done Ibrahim.



I look forward to giving out more headteacher awards to pupils who do some fantastic work!

### Celebration Lunch



### Safeguarding

#### SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

Children have the right to be cared for and protected. At The Orchard we understand that safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility. Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families and carers has a role to play in safeguarding children. In order to fulfil this responsibility effectively, all professionals in school make sure their approach is child-centered. This means that they consider at all times, what is in the best interest of the child. Staff working with children are advised to maintain an attitude of 'it could happen here'.

Parents and carers also have a responsibility. As part of this you need to ensure that the school has at least 2 up to date emergency contact details so we are able to contact you if your child is unwell. If you do change your contact numbers please ensure you inform school straight away.

## Lockdown

As you will be aware from the message you received on Wednesday afternoon, we had to implement the lockdown policy. This was due to information we had received regarding an incident which happened in the local area. Initially, we implemented a full lockdown where all staff and students were instructed to remain in their rooms. Once we had further information, we were then able to allow pupils to continue their routine and move around inside school but were not able to access outside areas. Once the police had informed us that it was safe to do so we were able to lift the lockdown and continue with the school day as usual.

During this time staff ensured the safety and wellbeing of all pupils and reassured them both during and after the incident.

The information we later received regarding the incident was as follows:

A report has been received of an incident that happened outside Langley Library, Oldbury. Three males on bikes tried to attack someone with a machete. The police have been notified.