



The Orchard School

Weekly Bulletin

Week ending: Friday 27th October 2023

Dates for your diary

Monday 30 th October – Friday 3 rd November	Half term
Monday 6 th November	Pupils return to school Parent support group – Curriculum overview – 9:30 – 11:00am
Wednesday 22 nd and Thursday 23 rd November	School Photographs
Tuesday 12 th December	Christmas Activity morning
Friday 22 nd December	Break up for Christmas
Friday 2 nd February	Training Day – School closed to pupils

Headteacher News

What a busy half term we have had! I have thoroughly enjoyed my first half term at The Orchard School and am feeling part of the team. Thank you to all parents and carers who have made me feel welcome and I look forward to meeting those parents and carers I haven't had the opportunity to meet yet.

It was lovely to have such a good turn out for parents evening on Wednesday, whether that was in person or virtually. I hope you enjoyed the opportunity to find out how your child has settled into their class and also hear about and see what they have been working on this half term.

You have received a link to a parent/carer questionnaire by text this week. Can I ask that you all complete this questionnaire, so we get an understanding of your views of the school and help us to move the school forward. The link to the questionnaire is: <https://forms.office.com/e/YBGJBY2123>
I hope you all have a good half term and enjoy spending some family time together. We look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Monday 6th November.

ADVANCE NOTICE – The date for the next training day has been set for Friday 2nd February 2024.
The school will be closed to pupils on this day.

Safeguarding and Mobile Phones

Can I take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers about the use of mobile phones on school site. Mobile phones must not be used in the school building and we ask that they are turned off and put away before entering the school building. Parents and carers must not take or store images of the school or any children, this also includes your own child when on school site as there are other children around and may inadvertently be in the photograph. This forms part of the Online Safety policy which can be found on the school website.

Parent Support Group

A reminder that our next parent support group is taking place on Monday 6th November at 9:30am. This is an opportunity to meet with myself and Laura Valentine our Teaching and Learning Lead to discuss the curriculum we offer at The Orchard School. I look forward to seeing some of you there.



Bonfire Night

If you are going to some fireworks over half term, can I remind you are the following safety advice:

- Children should watch displays from a safe distance – they should be well away from both fireworks and bonfires.
- Sparklers should not be given to children under five.
- Sparklers should not be waved close to other people.
- Anyone holding a sparkler should keep it at an arm's length and wear gloves.
- After they have been used, sparklers should be placed in a bucket of cold water.

