



The Orchard School

Weekly Bulletin

Week commencing: Monday 20th November 2023

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd November	School photographs
Wednesday 6th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 12th December	Christmas Activity morning for parents/carers
Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st December	Santa's Grotto

Headteacher News

Thank you to everyone who supported Children in Need on Friday, there were lots of lovely activities taking place throughout the week. The winner of the Pudsey Bear was Cody and as you can see from the picture, he was very pleased to receive his prize!



Thank you to all the parents/carers who completed the questionnaire which was sent out before half term. We had 49 responses, and it was really pleasing to read all of the positive responses and comments about the school. A summary of the results can be found at the end of this letter.

Pupil Absence

A reminder that if your child is going to be absent from school due to illness, please can you ring the school by 8am and leave a short and clear voicemail message stating who your child is and the reason for their absence.



School Photographs



We are welcoming our school photographer into our school on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd November to take individual photographs of all pupils. The proofs will be sent home for families to buy.

Headteacher Awards

I have created a WOW board in my office to celebrate the achievements of the pupils. When a pupil is awarded a Headteachers award, their work or picture is displayed on the board. It has been lovely to congratulate so many pupils on their achievements and fill up the board. The reaction of the pupils when they see their work displayed is lovely, and the excitement of one of the pupils when they came into my office later in the week and saw his picture was wonderful.



Headteacher awards this week:

- Jordan – class 2 for eating independently.
- Jackson – class 15 for making a poppy field out of Lego.
- Ilyanna – class 15 for making independent choices about how to make her poppies.
- Callum – class 8 for being able to use the terms long and short when talking about different people in class and writing the words independently.
- Caitlin – class 8 for being able to use the terms long and short when talking about people's hair length.
- Hope – class 8 for independently drawing a picture of Pudsey Bear.

Congratulations to you all!

Parent/carer Survey

Question 1: My child is happy in school.

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
0	0	0	4%	96%

Question 2: My child feels safe at school.

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
0	0	2%	4%	94%

Question 3: The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
0	0	0	8%	92%

Question 4: My child has been bullied and the school dealt with it quickly and effectively. (27 responses)

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
15%	0	4%	15%	66%

Question 5: The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
0	0	2%	13%	85%

Question 6: When I have raised concerns with the school, they have been dealt with properly.

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
0	0	2%	11%	87%

Question 7: My child has SEND and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
0	0	0	7%	93%

Question 8: The school has high expectations for my child

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
0	0	4%	9%	87%

Question 9: My child does well at this school.

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
0	0	4%	13%	83%

Question 10: The school lets me know how my child is doing				
Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
0	0	0	6%	94%
Question 11: Communication between school and home is good and I feel staff listen to my comments				
Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
2%	0	2%	2%	94%
Question 12: There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school				
Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
0	0	0	7%	93%
Questions 13: The school supports my child's wider personal development				
Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
0	0	0	9%	91%
Question 14: I would recommend this school to another parent				
Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
0	0	4%	4%	92%

Following on from this feedback I would like to highlight the following:

- Question 4 – The anti-bullying policy is on the school website, if you do report a bullying incident and you do not feel this has been dealt with effectively, I would ask that you contact myself, so I am able to investigate.
- Question 11 – Communication between parents and carers is key. I hope that you are finding the new weekly letter format informative. Your child's class team communicate with you using your child's communication diary or phone calls if urgent. If you have any questions, please either use the communication diary or telephone or email the school office.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the questionnaire.