

Thursday 21st July 2022

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## Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the last newsletter of the academic year and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents, carers and pupils for their continued hard work and dedication across the past school year. Thank you to everyone who came to celebrate children's successes at the parent consultation evening and celebration assemblies over the past two weeks.

It is the time of year again where we wish farewell to our Year Six pupils. They have been a credit to the school and have risen to the challenges presented this year with resilience and determination. The recent results for tests taken at the end of Year 6 show the high percentage of children that achieved the expected standard in Reading, Writing & Mathematics were significantly above the national average. This is an amazing achievement and we are very proud of our children and staff who worked so hard to prove what they know. We are equally proud that all three schools in our partnership achieved similarly great results. We wish all pupils a fond farewell and a successful transition to secondary school.

On Tuesday children met their new teachers for September. You will have a chance to meet with your child's new class teacher and learn more about their Autumn term curriculum at our 'meet the teacher' sessions in September (dates on the back). We will be saying a fond farewell, thank you and good luck to Ms. Walker who will be leaving us today as well as welcoming Mr O'Brien to Orchard as Headteacher for the new school year. A full staffing structure will be shared in the first newsletter of the Autumn Term.

We will be setting tasks to support children's learning during the long summer break so that children come back as ready as possible for a new academic year. Please support us by making sure that, as well as getting out and about and enjoying themselves, children also read regularly, learn their times tables and complete the homework projects as this will help make the Autumn Term successful!

Thank you for your continued support this year. We wish you a happy and healthy summer break.

Ms Aimee Walker  
Headteacher

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Executive Headteacher

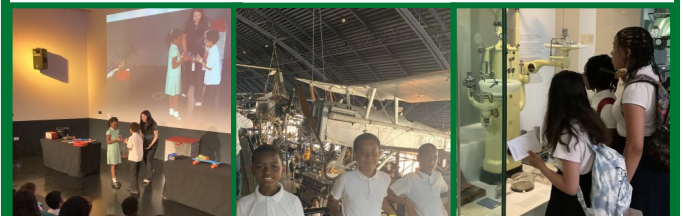
## SUMMER FAYRE

Thank you to everyone in our community who supported and attended our Summer Fayre last week. It was fantastic to see so many past and present pupils coming together.



## YEAR 5 SCIENCE MUSEUM

Year 5 enjoyed their trip to the Science Museum to learn more about forces. They successfully completed a scavenger hunt around the museum before attending a 'Feel the Force' workshop where they participated in some large science experiments.



## YEAR 2 HISPANIC DAY

During Hispanic Day, Year 2 learnt lots of different Spanish playground games. Their favourite game was called "Momia Es". This game was very similar to "What's the time Mr. Wolf?" however the children had to pretend to be mummies from Egypt. The winner was the person who could get to the wall without being seen. It was great fun!



**CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2022 (KS1 AND KS2)**

## YEAR 6 PRODUCTION

The pupils in Year 6 really outdid themselves with their quality performances in this year's Year 6 production 'Annie'. The set, the singing and acting were all amazing! There are certainly some future performers in our Year 6 cohort. Thank you to the Year 6 teaching team for supporting our pupils!



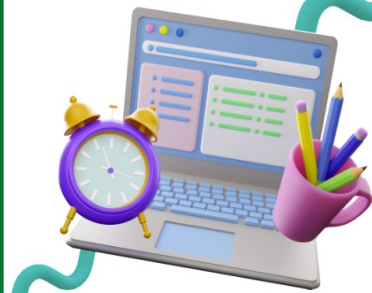
## YEAR 6 DISCO

To celebrate the end of their Year 6 academic year and time at Orchard, our Year 6 pupils had their disco, where they put on their dancing shoes and boogied the night away. They had a fantastic time enjoying the photo booth, DJ and refreshments to keep them cool.



## HOME LOAN LAPTOPS

Would you like to borrow a laptop for your child to learn at home?



Please speak to the office staff who will be able to assist

Our experience with online learning has shown that a number of families would benefit from short term access to IT equipment.



We want to help learners who plan to engage in learning at home but don't have suitable IT equipment in order to do so. We are able to provide a small number of laptops that can be loaned out to families. Please ask in the school office!

## KEY DATES

### Autumn Term 2022

**Staff Training Day:** Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September

**Children's Start Date:** Monday 5th September

**Meet the Teacher:** Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th September 2022

**Bring a Dad/Significant Male to School Day:** Wednesday 28th September 2022

**World Week & Democracy Day:** Monday 17th October 2021 – Friday 21st October 2022

**Half Term Holiday:** Monday 24th October 2022 - Friday 28th October 2022

**Children Start Date:** Monday 31st October 2022

**Parents Evening:** Thursday 8th December 2022

**End of Term Finish Date:** Friday 16th December 2022 at 2pm

### Spring Term 2023

**Staff Training Day:** Tuesday 3rd January 2023

**Children's Start Date:** Wednesday 4th January 2023

**Work & Enterprise Week:** Week beginning 23rd January 2023

**Safer Internet Day:** Thursday 9th February 2023

**Half Term Holiday:** Monday 13th February 2023 – Friday 17th February 2023

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## ATTENDANCE

Coming to school everyday makes a real difference!  
Whole school attendance for last week was **91.3%**

**Well done to Hazel Class**  
the weekly winners with **99.3%**.

