**Monday 30th January 2023**

**Whole School Update**

It has been a busy month for the children and staff at Orchard Junior School this January. We have seen Year 4 dress up as Vikings, Year 3 working hard on their strictly bake-off topic, Year 5 getting to grips with their clay dragon eyes and Year 6 learning all about the Shang Dynasty in China. In addition to this, the children have been busy completing all of their termly assessments to make sure the teachers know which areas of learning need to be focused upon this term.

Please keep an eye on the school website and the school facebook page for pictures and immediate information.

If you want to report a concern about a child please remember:

Immediate concerns about a child’s welfare must be reported to the Police via 999 or you can call Hampshire Children’s Services directly on 0300 5551384

You can also contact school and ask to speak to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads.

Low level concerns can be reported to the school on ELSA@orchardjunior.com.

The email address is monitored confidentially within school by senior staff.

**Parent’s Evening - reminder**

Wednesday 8 March – 5.30 – 7.30pm

Thursday 9 March 3.30 – 5.30pm

Parents Evening will go live from midday 22 February 2023. These should be booked online via www.scopay.com and it is accessed via the Parent’s Evening tab. Please note this works better on a laptop and not via a mobile phone site. For any questions, please contact the School Office.

**INSET DAY Reminder**

Monday 8th May 2023 – Coronation Day (BANK HOLIDAY)

Friday 21st April 2023

Monday 5th June 2023

These dates are the same for Orchard Infant School too.

**Staffing Update**

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Fenton has started to make a phased return to school today, following her absence. She will start by taking children for small group tutoring from Year 5 and 6. Welcome back Mrs Fenton.

Miss Slatter remains unwell. However, following a week of disruption, Mrs Clothier and Mrs Harris, both part time teachers who work for Orchard, will work together to cover Miss Slatter’s absence.

NEU teacher strikes – please see separate letter updates sent out today

**Sporting achievements**

It has been a busy few weeks in the sporting calendar at Orchard Junior School. The children have competed in athletics, cross country, including hosting a local event for Year 5 and 6 pupils on 17th January, hosting Waterside and Wildground. Over 80 children participated from the 3 schools completing a 1 km cross country route.

**Thursday 26th Jan - NEW FOREST CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Individual Medals**:

Year 5 Girls - Orchard Gold Winner 1st place - year 4 girl (first out of 74 runners)

Year 5 Boys - Orchard Gold Winner 1st place - (first out of 100 runners)

Year 6 Boys - Orchard Bronze 3rd place - (3rd out of 116 runners)

**Overall team results plus medals**:

Year 5 Girls team - silver 2nd overall

Year 5 boys team - silver 2nd overall

Year 6 girls team - bronze 3rd overall

Year 6 boys - silver 2nd overall

**Saturday 28th Jan - NEW FOREST Sports hall Athletics Finals**

two teams of 16 children gave up their saturday morning to compete for OJS at Testwood school

finishing in a very respectful 5th and 6th places out of the whole new forest.

**Wednesday 1st February – Table Table**

We are excited to share that we have 2 Year 6 girls who will be competing at County level on Wednesday this week at Solent University for table tennis and we wish them good luck.

**Osmington & Castleton Payments**

The payment deadline for both the residential trips is 31st March 2023 Final account balances will need to be paid in full by this time. You can pay online at [www.scopay.com](http://www.scopay.com). Please contact the office if you would like to discuss any concerns.

**Class Assemblies**

Class assemblies will take place at 2.45pm in the school hall. The children look forward to sharing their learning with you all. Other family members are welcome to join us too. We look forward to welcoming everyone. Please enter the school via the school office for these events.

6DW = Tuesday 7th February 2023

4JD = Tuesday 21 February 2023

5ZM = Tuesday 7th March 2023

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**Key Dates**

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| Year 3 | Thurs 9th Feb | Parents can visit Number 15 café (if they can!) and buy a slice of their favourite cake |
|  | Mon 24th April | Butser Farm Trip – letter to follow |
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| Year 4  | Wed 1st Feb | 4JD only Viking story telling- parents to come into school 2.45- 3.10 |
|  | 6/6/23 to 17/7/23 | Year Swimming Applemore  |
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| Year 5 | Tues 28th Mar | Ancient Greece & DT- Parents to view work in school 2.45- 3.10 |
|  | Wed 26th – Fri 28th April | Osmington Bay trip – final letter to follow shortly with information and kit |
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| Year 6 | Mon 6th Feb- Fri 10th Feb | Bikeability – information to follow |
|  | Mon 20th Mar- Fri 24th Mar | Mock SATS week |
|  | Wed 29th March | Castleton Parent’s Meeting 5.30pm |
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| All School | Fri 3rd March | World Book Day – dress up day in your favourite character  |
| All School | Wed 8th March | Late Parents Eve 3.30-7.30 – information to follow – going live on 22 Feb |
|  | Thurs 9th March | Early Parents Eve 3.30-5.30 – information to follow – going live on 22 Feb |
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|  | 13-17 Feb | February half term |
|  | 3-14 April | Easter holidays |