

Overheard at The Orchard

~ PE & Reminders~

Term 1 Sports Review. 2018

On November 14th the school took part in the Kent School Games Boccia competition at St.Anslens school Canterbury.

Year 11 pupils had a mixed day winning some games and losing some but with great sportsmanship.

We are pleased to say that the Primary's team won their league and are through to the Kent U14 Boccia finals.

On the 21st November our KS3 Football team came 4th in the football competition: full details below.

On the 27th November Kent Football league competition KS4 won all their games and the goal keeper kept a clean sheet!

Year 6 have started using Aylesham 3G pitch for some offsite football training.

Charlton Athletics football coach Cori Daniels has continued coming in on a Friday to give football coaching to our pupils.

KS3 Tournament Maidstone

The Team

Adam B (C), Freddie F, Bradley R, Adam W, Bobbie O, Paul M, Kallon W, Alfie G (GK)

Tournament result: Fourth Place

Player of the Tournament:

Alfie G for great goalkeeping and two outstanding diving saves.

Special mentions:

Bobbie O's excellent defending and blocking three shots in a single game.

Freddie F's cracking goal from the halfway line ending up in the top right corner.

Adam B's great captainship keeping team focused and encouraging new players in the team.

Results:

Bower Grove 2 V Orchard 2-1(AW) Loss
 Bower Grove 1 V Orchard 1-0 Loss
 St Anthony's V Orchard 2-1(AB) Loss
 Grange Park V Orchard 0-5 (FF, AB, AB, BR) Win
 Runners up cup: Bower Grove 2 V Orchard 3-1 (AB)



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Message from the Headteacher

The end of every term is always extremely busy, and it often isn't until the last few days that we are able to reflect on all of the wonderful achievements of the last term. You will read in this newsletter about the many fantastic projects pupils have been working on and supporting. We are delighted to see the growing strength of the Student Council and the impact they are having around the School. Enrichment groups have worked hard to support local and national charity causes and our sporting teams have demonstrated skill and camaraderie in winning (and not winning) with grace and resilience. It is definitely one of the highlights of my role to celebrate the heroes in our community. Obviously we were all very disappointed that we were unable to invite parents and carers to the Christmas Show. Unfortunately, owing to the increasing size of our school community, we are now without a large space that can accommodate so many people. As a leadership team, we are exploring ways in which we can continue to invite all parents and carers to celebrate the achievements of our pupils and I apologise to those of you that were looking forward to the Christmas Show so much.

Looking forward to next term, we are excited to be welcoming several new staff and changes of role for some existing colleagues within the School. I'm sure you will join me in congratulating Mrs Stevens in her successful appointment as Assistant Head (Head of Primary) and Mr Kelleher in his successful appointment as Deputy Head.

Could I ask that all parents and carers support next term's focus within school to eliminate the use of phones and electronic devices during the school day. Unfortunately, there continues to be a few disruptive incidents of pupils using these during the school day, which is proving to negatively influence learning and can sometimes be unsafe. I trust you will join us in attempting to tackle this challenge as we start our new year.

It just remains for me to thank you all for being part of our wonderful community and continuing to support our pupils in every way you can.

I hope you all have a wonderful and happy Christmas!



Term 2, December 2018

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**Term 3
 Pupils
 return to School
 Thursday
 3rd
 January 2019**

Another successful fundraiser!

Our Macmillan Coffee Morning, was once again, a great success and we could not have done it without you.

Thank you to all staff, pupils & parent/carers for your cake donations!

You helped us raise **£104.81** for Macmillan Cancer Support charity.

Parent Support Group

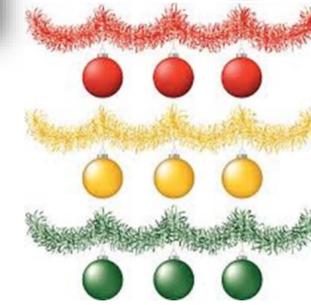
The first Orchard Parent Support Group on 6th December was really well attended and enjoyed by everyone. The next meeting will be on Thursday 17th January 2019, from 10am – 12pm. Please let the school office know if you would like to come – a reminder will be sent nearer the time.

Orchard Primary update

Earlier this term our primary pupils took part in activities to learn and celebrate Diwali. We had great fun joining in with the celebrations and enjoyed eating some home cooked Indian food.

We have had a busy term in Primary with the build up to Christmas. Stingrays class have made great progress in swimming and will continue lessons next term. Sharks class have started going to football sessions in Aylesham and have more football training and hopefully a match or two to look forward to in the New Year. In Starfish class, Miss Stewart will be teaching full time next term while Miss Murphy spends the term on her alternative placement at another school. She will be back in term 4. Thank you for your ongoing support – Merry Christmas!

Mrs Stephens.



Overheard at The Orchard ~Enterprise and Community Groups~

Our Enterprise and Community group have teamed together this term to support the homeless charity Catching lives.

Using the funds raised from our Christmas Bazaar, over £350, the Enterprise group took a trip into town to purchase the following items to donate to the charity:

X5 good quality sleeping bags

X5 sets of thermals

X10 pairs of winter socks

And X 11 boxes of Quality Streets, one which the group donated directly to a homeless person they met on their way to the Catching Lives centre.

Thank you for your support.



On your marks, get set... SHOP

Well done to Mrs Hampshire, Miss Bounds, Will T, Ty H, Marco A and Riley W for all your efforts in purchasing and delivering such wonderful gifts to some of the most vulnerable people in our local community.



Canterbury
Community
Shelter

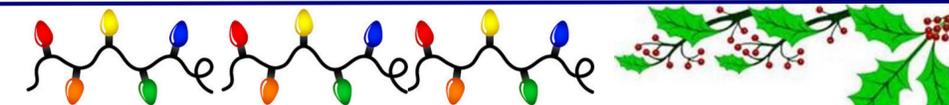
Overheard at The Orchard ~ Reminders and Term Dates~



Attendance

26 pupils @ 100%
&
20 pupils > 95%

Well done !



Uniform:

Please ensure your child is appropriately dressed for school and with the cold weather snapping at our heels, may we remind you to ensure they have a coat with them for outside play.

Should you need to purchase any items of uniform, please contact the school office.

Sweatshirts: £11.50

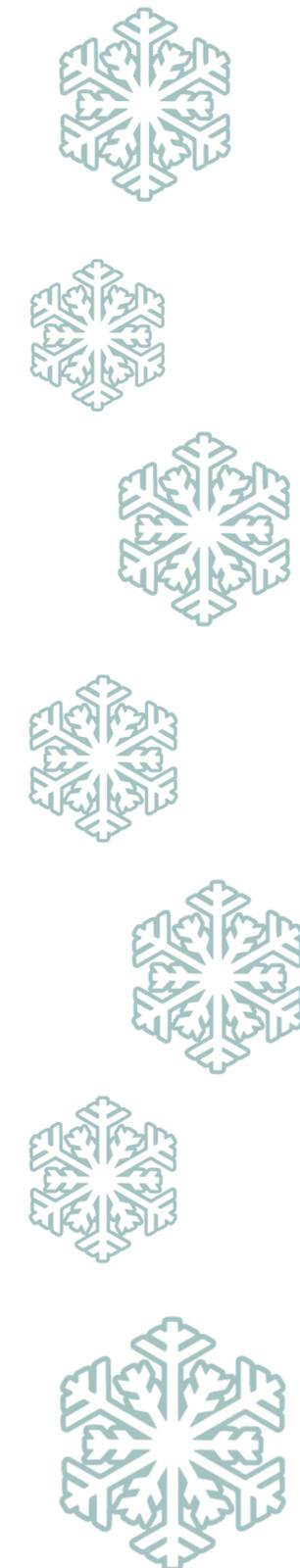
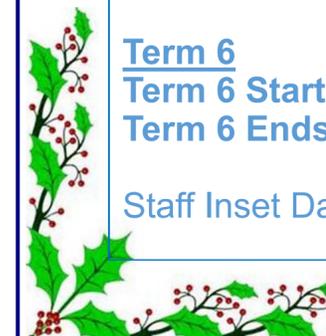
Polo shirts : £6.50

Fleece: £20 (ordered directly from supplier via school)



TERM DATES

Term 4	
Term 4 Starts:	Monday 25th February
2019	
Term 4 Ends:	Friday 5th April 2019
Half term break:	6th April 2019 – 22nd April
2019	
Term 5	
Term 5 Starts:	Tuesday 23rd April 2019
Term 5 Ends:	Friday 24th May 2019
Staff Inset Day:	Tuesday 23rd April 2019
Half term break:	25^h May 2019 – 2nd June
2019	
Term 6	
Term 6 Starts:	Monday 3rd June 2019
Term 6 Ends:	Tuesday 23rd July 2019
Staff Inset Day:	Tuesday 23rd July 2019



Overheard at The Orchard ~Christmas Short Story Competition~



This term we held a Christmas short story competition: pupils were asked to write a Christmas story using no more than 100 words.

The winner was presented with a £10 Waterstones voucher, in the end of term assembly

We had some spectacular entries and we are pleased to announce our winner, Romanlee from Stingrays class. WELL DONE to everyone who took part!

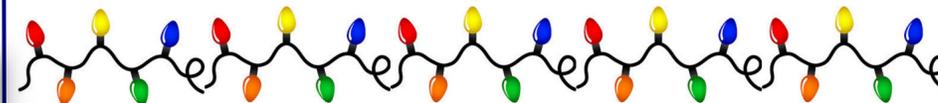
A Christmas Story by Romanlee .C

It was Christmas eve and Santa was trying to deliver presents, but the houses were covered in icy snow. Using his magic Santa swept away all the snow and, delivered the presents. But then disaster struck! A little girl named Polly heard jingle bells, she jumped out of bed and ran down stairs, she caught Santa eating a cookie. Santa said "Shh!" He shot back up the chimney and got stuck.

He called for help she pushed him back up the chimney with a broom. He shouted out thank you Merry Christmas. When she woke up she saw shiny presents under the tree.

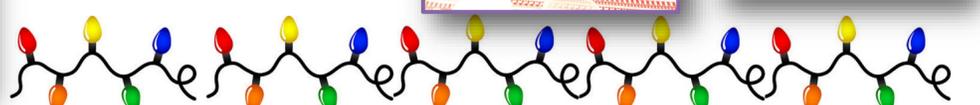


Overheard at The Orchard ~Christmas Bazaar ~



Once again it was fantastic to see so many of pupil's family members at our Christmas Bazaar. The day was a great success and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We managed to raise over £350 which was used to support the charity Catching Lives. Many thanks to all the staff and pupils who made this happen and special thanks to all of the parent/carers and extended family members who participated.

Here are some photos of the event...



Overheard at The Orchard ~Student Council~



Student Council

What a busy term our Student Council Leaders have had. Here is a 'Snapshot' of their contribution... They have again supported the new Agenda that every class and teacher discussed, bringing forward the Brainstorm of ideas and requests to Mrs Lilley.

The Student Council Leaders wrote letters to specific staff, with the following requests:

Miss Creaser – Can we have a Talent Show?

Mr Pritchard – Can we have a Focus Morning on Maths and Science?

Mrs Rowden – Please send a text to Parents and Carers for donations for The Food Bank Project.

Mrs Harvey – Could you please set up two football teams?

There was another opportunity for the Leaders to question and interview candidates for a new teacher to join the school. Mrs Gale was successfully appointed.

On Monday 3rd December the Leaders with the PSO's met the Headteacher's from St. Anthony's and The Elms for The Mulberry Bush Peer Review who were visiting us to look at our Ethos and Values across our community.

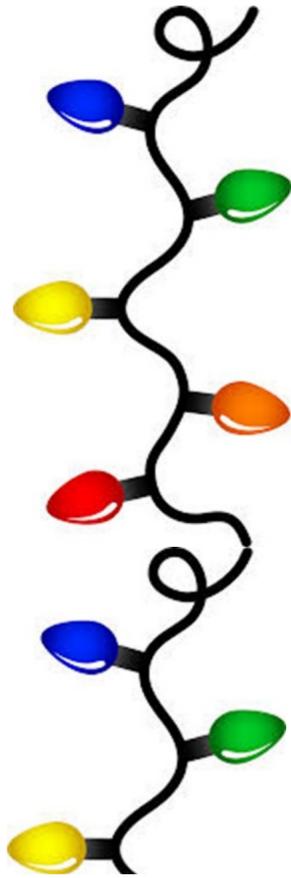
They were very impressed with the Student Council Leaders opinions and representation of the school.

The Food Bank Project has been an amazing success from start to finish. Here is our story...

Many thanks to everyone who donated and supported this appeal. We were able to donate to Catching Lives – Canterbury

Food Bank – Chestfield Collection Point

Food bank donations to the Chestfield Collection Point



Community



Learning



Sport

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Food bank donations to Catching Lives, Canterbury



Canterbury
Community
Shelter



Community



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