

Orchards Junior School

The Sparkle Multi Academy Trust 



Autumn Newsletter 1 2017 – First half term review

We are delighted with how this academic year has started – the children **new to the school** have settled in so well and we have already enjoyed some great achievements this year including a great start to our sporting fixtures. Once again we have been able to put on a vast range of **after school clubs** for free and I am so grateful to the staff for giving up their time to make this happen. I know a lot of schools are charging for their clubs but I am delighted that through the goodwill and commitment of our team that we can continue to provide such an enjoyable end to the school days for the children. The children's **uniform** has been very smart and we appreciate the co-operation and support of parents on this. Please ensure that this continues throughout the year as being prepared well for school correlates very closely to doing well in school. Neither leggings or trainers are part of our uniform.

We have selected our prefects for Year 6 and they are:

Head Boy	Jack Trelfa	Head Girl	Tamsin Brazier		
Deputy	Shearn Pui	Deputy	Gayatri Menon		
Prefects	Jack Mujik	Mia Brown	Lilly Stanbridge	Matthew Trytko	Mia Bailey
	Karan Marwaha	James Long	Amy Martin	Oliver Mangoro	Samia Hussain

We received a visit from the **Regional Schools Commission** as part of their monitoring of academies last week and are delighted with the outcomes from this visit. It was good to put the school under scrutiny and come out positively – well done to everyone, particularly the children who talked to the Inspector – he was blown away by their enthusiasm and understanding.

We have been reviewing our protocol at the beginning and end of the day and decided that we will open the gates at **08:25** each morning, so it would be helpful if children do not arrive before that time unless they have a morning club when they will enter through the office. Parents who wish to see staff other than those on gate duty should go via the front office rather than just wander into school please. I am sure you can understand why this is necessary.

I would also like to add that we put on a number of activities for the children, most of which is funded by us such as cookery, clubs, theatre groups, fixtures, swimming, music, t-shirts for PE, ties etc. so if we have to charge for day visits then it would be helpful to receive support from the parents. We are aware of families with difficulties finding the funds and of those in receipt of pupil premium but we have had instances of non-payment for a £10 trip and the child having £20 for the gift shop. Our approach is to provide as many opportunities for the children at the least cost possible and we compare very well with other schools on this but we do need the co-operation of all parents to be able to continue with this wonderful provision.

Dates for your diary

18th & 19th October

Year 6 Health & Fitness Days

20th October

School Closed for Inset

23rd to 27th October

Half Term Holiday

30th October

Back to school

3rd November

Year 5 to Butser Farm

23rd November

Open Evening for Prospective New Parents 6:00 – 8:00p.m.

20th to 24th November

Year 6 Visits to Preston Manor

30th November & 1st December

Year 4 World War II Days

4th December -15th December

Year 6 Cycling Proficiency

14th December

Christmas Concert

19th December

Staff Pantomime

20th December

Last Day of term

4th January 2018

School Closed for Inset

5th January 2018

Back to school



Sparkle @ The Orchards