



The  
Orchards

BRIGHT FUTURES EDUCATIONAL TRUST

# Newsletter

26th November 2021

## COVID UPDATE:

Thank you so much to all our families and staff who have worked with us over the past few weeks to bring the COVID outbreak under control. As you are aware we are still feeling the effects of the outbreak in terms of staffing but we have not had a new confirmed case for a week. We continue to be very vigilant and ask that families do the same. The local infection rates are still high, and particularly so in 5 - 11's.

## CHRISTMAS:

We love to celebrate the magic of this time of year with glitter and fun! We have some exciting experiences lined up for the children ...

**1st December:** Staff decorate school ready for Christmas - any donations of good quality Christmas decorations are gratefully received.

**3rd December:** M & M Christmas Production of The Christmas Carol / Toy drop in school

**10th December:** Winter Wonderland Theme Day. The children should wear Christmas Jumpers and be ready for a day of festive fun - including Christmas Dinner

**17th December:** Christmas Party Day - Children can wear Christmas Jumpers or Christmas Party clothes and be ready to PARTY!

There will be no formal Christmas Play this year as we do not have staffing capacity and the risks of COVID prohibit this. However we will make sure that videos / photos are uploaded to Marvellous me and sent home to be shared of the children singing, playing and generally enjoying festive fun.



The Orchard's welcomes the next generation of teachers

We have recently been welcoming some of the future generation of teachers into school - another visit planned for next Tuesday.

They have been joining us from Bright Futures. I thought you would like to see what they said about your amazing children and our fabulous staff team.

*"The kids were amazing and the staff were so welcoming"*

*"Such a lovely school"*

*"Such a great learning experience and a wonderful school...so much to research and reflect on"*

*"The children were fantastic and I learned so much."*



## Diary Dates

Please see below lots of upcoming dates for your diaries. Some of these will be subject to change due to COVID but we will let you know this as much in advance as we can.

02/12/2021 - 9am till 10am SALT Sensory Feeding Workshop

03/12/2021 - 9am Parent Coffee Morning with our Family Support Team

10/12/2021 - Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner day for all children



## Family Support

Our family team continue to be available to support families with a variety of different things from housing to DLA to sleep tight referrals.

If you would like to make an appointment or to speak to one of the team please give the school office a call.



## Christmas Dinner Day

Christmas Dinner Day is on Friday 10th December. if your child doesn't usually have a dinner in school but would like one on this day please call the school office.

## Class Awards



**Brambles 1** - Am - Abdur for great use of language.

Pm - Ahmed for having the confidence to explore the shared areas.

**Brambles 2** - Suhayl for being happy and playing nicely with his friends.

**Brambles 3** - Anayah for being happy, settled and managing a longer day in school.

**Meadows 1** - Whole class for staying safe and well while learning from home.

**Meadows 2** - Willian for using symbols to build sentences independently.

**Meadows 3** - Aiden for confidently using his schedule when transitioning around school.

**Riverside 1** - Tobias for using his picture schedule for the day ahead.

**Riverside 2** - Uluf for following instructions when tidying up

**Woodland 1** - Roya for taking part and trying her best in all activities including communicating.

**Woodland 2** - Hadi for requesting to use the bathroom independently.

**Woodland 3** - Buddy for a great attitude towards his learning and brilliant independent work

**Woodland 4** - Ismail for engaging in all his maths sessions this week and doing fantastic counting and matching.

**Woodland 5** - Aaron for amazing letter and sound recognition in your reading. You have given 100% in your reading. Well done

**Hilltop** - Ambika for fantastic engagement and responding to Canaan Barrie Sign Language!

**Head Award** - Lenard Lar Thomas for being such a happy boy in school and sharing the swing nicely with his friends this week.

## Sign of the week

Each week the children will focus on learning a new 'core' sign. We will share these with you in the school newsletter and Marvellous Me.

This weeks signs is ... **'AFTERNOON'**



Working 'N' hand (palm back, pointing in / up) touches chin and twists down to palm down, pointing forward.

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