

# TOGETHER

## THE ORCHARDS NEWSLETTER



Friday 1st March 2019

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### PARENT VOICE

Many thanks to parents who have completed the parent survey. This was overwhelmingly positive.

One comment was made about access to Senior Leadership of the school so I am including my email address today so that you are able to email me directly should you have any concerns. It is [hos@theorchards.trafford.sch.uk](mailto:hos@theorchards.trafford.sch.uk)

### SCHOOL PHONES

We are aware that with the increase in pupil numbers one phone line is no longer enough. We have ordered an additional line and this should be fitted next week, however if you need to contact school and can not get through please use the school mobile number which is 07396276222.

### WORLD BOOK WEEK

World book week will be running **Monday 4th March - Friday 8th March.**

The children will be enjoying all sorts of exciting and creative activities which celebrate their love of books. We have chosen the theme animals and each class will be choosing a book based on an animal theme.

On **Thursday 7th March** we will be holding an animal parade. Children (and staff) can come dressed as their favourite animal. Children who do wish to take part may wear their uniform or own clothes on that day.

### MOMO CHALLENGE

We have become increasingly aware of highly inappropriate videos circulating online and are being viewed by children. These video clips are appearing on many social media sites and YouTube (including Kids YouTube). One of the videos starts innocently, like the start of a Peppa Pig episode for example, but quickly turn into an altered version with violence and offensive language. Examples we have heard in school include asking the children to turn the gas on or to find and take tablets. As you can imagine, this is highly distressing for the children to view. We encourage you to be vigilant when your child is using any device or watching any clips (please see back of newsletter for more information).

### SPECIAL MENTIONS

#### Woodland 1

**Farhan** for counting and recognising numbers.

#### Woodland 2

**Benji** for settling in school really well.

#### Woodland 3

**Jenson** for sharing many ideas about the new room.

#### Riverside

**Dante** for doing his best in all his lessons and using PODD sheet at snack time.

#### Brambles & Meadows 1

All received a certificate for good learning and playing with new friends.

#### Meadows 2

**Federico** for engaging well in the sensory gym.

### DIARY DATES

06.03.19	Parent Forum
07.03.2019	World Book Day
19.03.19	Commando Joe to begin in school
28.03.19 @ 2pm	Thank you assembly (Woodland 2, Woodland 3, Meadows 2, Riverside)
29.03.19 @ 2pm	Thank you assembly (Brambles, Meadows 1, Woodland 1)
04.04.19	Easter Bonnet Parade
05.04.19	Spectrum non uniform day



**Together we will**  
Challenge the ordinary  
Promote individuality  
Be advocates for change

