

School Update

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PTFA News

Non-uniform day on 24 November 2023 in aid of our 'Elfridges Stall at this year's Village Light Switch On'. Please send in Christmas themed donations to help us at our Elfridges Stall to raise funds for the PTFA to support enhancements in school.

Summer Festival

We know summer feels an age away but the PTFA have started making plans for next years Summer Festival!! We are asking for expressions of interest from stall holders and local community groups to be part of this great event!! All enquiries can be sent to ptfa@hall-orchard.leics.sch.uk

Christmas Shopping and [easyfundraising](#)

Please remember to use #easyfundraising when you do your Christmas shopping. Over 7,500 brands will donate to Hall Orchard CE Primary School PTFA at no extra cost to you - so you can raise donations when you buy gifts, decorations, your festive food shopping or anything else! [Please sign up and help us raise more.](#) #MakeltCount

Christmas Disco

Details including how to buy tickets will be shared w/c 27 November via the newsletter, Facebook and posters around school. For more info visit our [Facebook](#) page.

Kate Moffett-Ranson
PTFA Secretary

Autumn Term 2023

November 2023

Fri 24th Miss Burton's Assembly—9am
PTFA Non-uniform day—prize donations!

December 2023

Fri 1st Christmas Tree Festival
Sat 2nd Village Christmas Lights switch-on
Tues 5th Seasonal flu vaccination, R to Year 6
Fri 8th Mrs Bird's Assembly—9am
Fri 15th Reception/Pre-school Nativity 9.30/11am
Tues 19th Christmas Dinner/ Christmas Jumper Day!
Wed 20th & Thur 21st KS1 Christmas Performances 2pm
Thur 21st PTFA Christmas Disco—details to follow
Fri 22nd KS2 Lessons & Carols 9.00/10.00/11.00am
Fri 22nd Last day of term

Spring Term 2024

January 2023

Mon 8th School opens for Spring Term

Thank you!

Pudsey-mania took over the school today, with spots and bear ears seemingly everywhere.

An amazing £450 was raised by the end of the school day - donations can still be made online via our Just Giving page if you would like to support this amazing charity. All donations go to support the work of Children in Need and benefit children and young people living in the UK.



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HOPS High 5

This week our whole-school reward system called **HOPS High 5**—based on our 5 core values was again celebrated. We've linked our school rules to these values so the children are rewarded for living them through their positive behaviours. They earn value points each time they demonstrate one of these values, with the overall aim of achieving enough points to receive a values badge. Interim certificates will be issued at regular milestones and weekly **Values Awards** are given out to children showing their commitment to the **value of the week**.



More **Bronze Award** winners were announced in assembly this week — again, all from Year 6! These children have each collected at least 20 points of one or more of our 5 key values. Some of these have now collected two Bronze Awards for different values! Amazing stuff!



We were delighted to award our **Values Awards** in assembly this week, with children from across the school receiving them for demonstrating our Core Values. Our theme in CoWo this week was **Friendship** which made us think about what we can do for others.

Our Mental Health Champions performed in Monday's assembly sharing ideas and strategies on supporting our friends. We ended the week thinking about what we can do to help Children in Need.

FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2023

PTFA Non Uniform Day

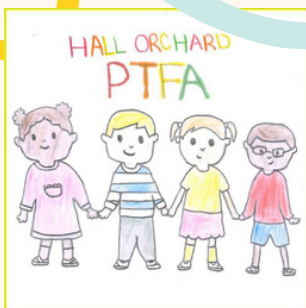
A non uniform day in exchange for Christmas themed donations

The donations will be sold at the PTFA's 'Elfridges Stall at this years
'**Light Switch On**'
on
2nd December 2023

'Donation Stations' will be set up in the KS1 Playground and by the Church Street entrance gate

Any questions please contact
ptfa@hall-orchard.leics.sch.uk

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Leicestershire Libraries Newsletter

December 2023

Winter Mini Challenge!

The Winter Mini Challenge is back! This online challenge invites children, aged 4 - 11 to read three books or more, to earn digital rewards. Join between 1 December 2023 and 14 February 2024.

Taking part is easy.

- Sign up at www.wintermini.org.uk to create an online profile
- Read at least 3 books over the holidays.
- Unlock virtual rewards including a certificate

We have all the information on our website www.leicestershire.gov.uk/winter-mini and links to our library eBooks and eAudio which can be used as part of the challenge. Have fun!

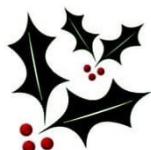
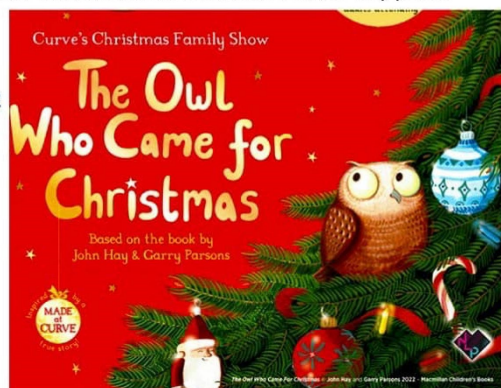


The Owl Who Came for Christmas

Join the storytelling workshop for 'The Owl Who Came for Christmas!'

Come and meet Chandni Mistry, the writer who has adapted the book The Owl Who came for Christmas into a play which will be on at Curve Theatre over Christmas. Hear the book read in a way you've never heard before!

Suitable for children 3-8 years a relaxed family friendly workshop. Tickets available on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk) or ask staff at Oadby and Wigston Libraries for more detail.



Creative Expression in Libraries

As part of our amazing Cultural expression in libraries project we have some events and activities coming up at Melton Library, Oadby Library, Shepshed Library and Birstall Library. A great chance opportunity for children and young people to take part in creative activities at their local library. Look out on our Facebook page for more information. You can also take a look on the [Culture Leicestershire Website](https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/culture) #getinvolved #creative



Fantastic Reads for Christmas and New Year

We have lots of great new titles to read over the festive period. Try something new, read your favourites and curl up with a good book. Browse the [library catalogue](https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/library-catalogue) for more great titles and your Christmas inspiration!



Coming up in the new year!

Holocaust Memorial Day—27th Jan 2024
National Storytelling Week—27th Jan - 4th Feb 2024
Chinese New Year— 10th February 2024

Look out at your local library for activities, displays and new books to showcase these calendar dates.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from

