



School Update

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Happy half-term

Well, time has just flown by—already at half-term! It's been busy as usual at school with class assemblies, sporting competitions and other events taking place. Looking ahead we have some great things planned. Lots to look forward to. Have a great half-term— Steve Dunn, HT

PTFA News

Non Uniform Day Thank you so much for all the brilliant donations to help us with our Rainbow Raffle. Raffle Tickets will be sent home after half term.

We have news.... The Hall Orchard PTFA are now a registered charity, our Reg Charity Number is 1206987

Summer Festival Planning is underway for the Summer Festival taking place on 29 June 2024. To make the event the best it can be we would love some parents/carers to join the planning committee, there are all sorts of roles/jobs that can be done. We appreciate we're all busy families so if you can spare some of your time we would love your help. If you would like to get involved, please get in touch via ptfa@hall-orchard.leics.sch.uk or join us at our next meeting on Tuesday 5th March 2024 at 7.00pm [location to be confirmed].

Summer Festival Stall Holders and Entertainment

Do you own or know anyone with a local business, a crafter or entertainer and want to be involved on the day, please get in touch via ptfa@hall-orchard.leics.sch.uk and we will get back in touch with details/booking form.

Planning a holiday... Register to support us on [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk), holiday companies will donate a % of your spend to the PTFA for free: [click the link to help](#)

Spring Term 2024

February 2023

Mon 19th —Fri 23rd Spring Half-term break

Tues 27th Beauty & The Beast - Year 5&6 at HP

March 2023

Fri 1st Miss Dalby—Class Assembly

Mon 4th NHS Height & Weight Check (R/Y6)

Tues 5th Romans Day—Year 4

Thur 7th World Book Day! – Bedtime Stories

Fri 8th Mr Kneafsey—Class Assembly

Fri 15th Red Nose Day!

Tues 19th School Photographer—Class Photos

Tues 19th - Thur 21st Parents' Evenings

Fri 22nd Last day of Spring Term/School closes

April 2023

Mon 8th School opens for Summer Term

Tues 16th–Thur 18th Year 3 & 4 Spring Show—details to follow



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Rear gates (Melton Road)

We've had a few issues with the automatic rear gates not opening fully at the Melton Road entrance this week. This is due to the safety mechanisms being triggered when pressure is applied to the gates. Could I ask that neither you nor your children push or lean on the gates as they start to swing as this will automatically stop them however open they are? We have already had to pay for them to be repaired twice this year and therefore would appreciate your support in this matter.

Many thanks, Matthew Harvey SBM



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**.



We were delighted to award our **Values Awards** in assembly this week, with children from across the school receiving them for showing our Core Values. Our theme this week was **Love defined as a quality or feeling of strong or constant affection for and dedication to someone**. Our class assembly today from Mrs Carr/Miss Warden illustrated how children can show this value to those they care about. Well done to all those children who received awards for demonstrating this value this week.



Bronze Award winners were announced in assembly again this week — even more of our Year 6 children are doing brilliantly well!

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. Awesome stuff!

PHOTO ROUND UP

To celebrate **Children's World Mental Health week**, our very own Mental Health Champions have been out and about promoting pupil voice and positive attitudes. The children have been learning about how to stay mentally healthy, what strategies they can use if they are feeling worried and the importance of talking. The pastoral team have been working with the children in years 1 and 2, learning more about the Zones of Regulation and designing their own worry monsters. The Mental Health Champions have been supporting children on the playground, handing out affirmation



bookmarks and promoting good mental health and positive mindset. Children in KS2 completed activities in class and had the opportunity every afternoon, to drop into The Hive to talk about their worries, concerns or problems, with the pastoral team.
Mrs Harrison, Pastoral Lead



Drumming performances for KS1 and KS2 children took place this week showcasing the learning that has taken place in their lessons. The hall was packed with parents who provided an appreciative audience for our young musicians. Well done to all those who took part.
Miss Burton, Music Lead



Sportshall Athletics Our Year 5/6 team came third (of 12 schools) at Charnwood College. They demonstrated sporting excellence as well as our core values.



Mr Hanford, Sports Coach