



Orchard Manor School News

# OMS Bulletin

## School Updates and Communications

### 10 March 2023



*"" Spring is the time of plans and projects." — Leo Tolstoy, Russian novelist*

Hello everyone!

The last couple of weeks seem to have gone by in a flash. We have been very busy in school with our recruitment and interviews have taken place for a number of staff. However, we are still looking for people to join the admin team, who are one of the parts of the backbone of our school. They, together with the Maintenance Team, the Cleaners and the Cooks, we couldn't do without, so if you feel you would like to come and work with a great team, or you know someone who would, do get in touch. Our jobs are out on <https://www.devonjobs.gov.uk/> as well as on our [website vacancy page](#).

First of all I have to say a huge thank you to everyone who has been involved with the new Taxi system on upper site—it has gone very smoothly and can only get better the more we do it, so well done all!

As you may have seen on our social media pages, our fantastic team for 10Tors has been training hard through all sorts of weather and they have stayed overnight in hostels. They look like they are having a great time. The date of 10Tors has now changed to the 28th weekend due to the coronation of King Charles, so if you are going to support our team—put the date in your diary!



Our footballers seem to be doing extremely well too! The 4 teams who went to the Football Festival last week were superb and represented the school brilliantly—you made us very proud with both your sporting attitude and perfect behaviour. Well done everyone!

We also had a very successful Careers Evening on Tuesday, thank you to all the colleges and schools who were represented. We try to show our students what is available to

them for the next steps and this is one of the ways we can do it. So thank you to everyone who came and made the evening a success.



The grounds of the school are starting to think its time to “Spring” into action with all sorts of new growth popping up. Our horticulture area is really beginning to spring into life after the winter, especially after all the preparation Catherine has done over the past few months. We are looking forward to seeing what comes out of the fruit and veg gardens once the growing period really settles in.

#### Teachers Strike 15th and 16th of March

You may remember that there will be a 2 day teachers strike taking place on the 15th and 16th of March, which is next week. The school will be closed to most of our pupils as I have said before in my previous letter of 22 February.

As previously advised, the school will remain open for the following pupils:

- Those the school deems most vulnerable - Blue, Peach and Lilac Class.
- The children of emergency workers who are working that day. Please contact the school to confirm this.
- Residential pupils.
- The year 11 pupils taking exams this year.
- Children with safeguarding concerns – you will be contacted directly if this is the case.

Transport has been informed of our intention to close and we have provided a list of pupils we are expecting in on that day.

There are a few more dates that you may want to note down:

- **17 March** is our Red Nose Day and Whole School Wellbeing Day, so there will be lots of lovely things planned for then,
- Then we have our Parents evening on the **21 March** between 4-6pm. Booking will be open to make appointments from 6pm today and you will have received a letter stating that this afternoon.
- And then finally—can you believe it? Already? The Easter holidays start on the **31 March**!

Time flies when you are having fun! Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Best wishes **Nicola Jones, Headteacher**