

The Apple Press Orchard Manor School Updates and Communications

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Autumn, the year's last, loveliest smile.

William C. Bryant

Hello everyone!

I cannot believe we are half way through the first half of this term already—it seems the weeks have just flown by. Walking around the campus I am very pleased to see how well our students have been settling in to their new classes and for some, their new school. Many of them have had lots of new experiences this term especially with our outdoor team of experts who have been on hand to take our children out paddleboarding, barrel boating and climbing—the first two taking advantage of our still warm and sunny Autumnal days. You can follow all their adventures on our social media pages.

I must say how incredibly proud I am of all our students for looking so very smart in their school uniform - It really makes a difference. Well done all of you. Keep it up!

We have several events planned for the coming month—the first one is our Parents Evening. This will take place on Tuesday 17 October. Upper Campus parents will receive invitations to book slots with teachers either online or in person, and Lower Campus is offering an open afternoon and parents evening appointments with a parent's workshop about reading, with our lovely Read Write Inc consultant, Katie Kerr-Brown. Post 16 parents will be contacted by the Post 16 team directly. More information about all events will be forwarded soon. For those of you who would like to chat to the Residential Team, they will be on site for that afternoon too.

On Thursday 19 October we have a Careers Southwest Event—for our Years 8 and above. Grown ups are very welcome to come too! We will have a number of representatives from schools, colleges and further education establishments for you to chat to and ask any questions you may have regarding the options available to your children in the future.

After half term we will be holding various activities for Children in Need Day which is on Friday 17 November and there will be a some form of dressing up, a cake stall and Pudsey bits and pieces to buy. I think the sports team have something planned too, but more of that later.

Our next big event is of course our Christmas Cracker Concert and Craft fair. This will be held on Upper Campus on Friday 1 December. We will be looking for stallholders so if you know of anyone who would like a table, please call Maranda on 01626 862363 x 255.

In school, we are currently on the look out for our new school prefects — so if you know your son or daughter may be up to the challenge, by all means, give them a nudge to fill out the application form—they can ask their teacher for the details.

Lastly, a little reminder of our Mobile Phone Policy. Thank you to those of you who support us by reminding your child about the expectations and rules. Mobile phones must be kept switched off and in bags at all times whilst in school. Failing to do this may result in the phone being confiscated.

Right, I think that's it! All that's left to say is have a great week everyone! *Nicola Jones, Headteacher*

