



Orchard Manor School News

# OMS Bulletin

## School Updates and Communications

### 16 December 2022



*"Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house  
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse." ... Clement Moor 1822*

Hello everyone!

As this term, and indeed this year, draws to a close, I look back on all the things our wonderful children have achieved, the places they have been, the knowledge they have gained and the friendships they have made, and I feel proud to be the headteacher of such a fantastic school. Of course a huge thank you goes to all the wonderful people who work with the children, in and out of their classrooms, their dedication to our students is second to none, and this is the foundation to our success. I am sure our parents and carers would stand with me in saying a big thank you, to all of you, for your hard work and dedication to our young people. And we must not forget those who work behind the scenes - the Maintenance Team, the Kitchen Team and the Admin Team. Thank you for all your hard work this year too! We couldn't do it without you.



Thinking along these lines, those of you who haven't done so already, please would you take a moment to complete a short on-line parent survey - We are collating this information in order to ensure that your child is happy at our school and to ensure that Orchard Manor School is the best it can be. Your opinions are, as always, extremely important to us. Once we have collated the information, we will share the results with you next term. <https://forms.office.com/e/GGRmuwujdz>

The last few weeks have been filled with Christmas cheer and festive frivolities. We have decorated classes, cakes and Christmas trees to the nth degree, eaten Christmas deliciousness made in the kitchens and in our home economics classes - anything and everything from cookies to Christmas Lunches and its still not Christmas yet! But what fun we have had preparing for it!

Our Lower Campus production was superb as always - this year we had a variety of acts which included singing, Makaton signing and dancing. The whole thing was a great success and enjoyed by all the parents who came to see it. The children were amazing and everyone looked like they had a super time.

The Merit shop on upper site has been a great success and a record number of children earned the privilege of choosing their gifts—many of them Christmas themed. Well done all of you!

Our newly elected prefects are getting on very well with their new positions too, and our Sports Leaders are just brilliant at helping out the PE Staff Team and have excelled at helping the younger students get into sports. Both groups have taken to their new responsibilities with ease and confidence and can be seen around the school embracing their new roles. Well done!

With one end of term, another is always around the corner, and it is sometimes the time we say goodbye to some colleagues and friends and welcome others. We would like to wish the amazing Alex S every success as she goes to one of the other Special Partnership Trust Schools. Pam one of our lovely cleaning team is also leaving us and we wish her time to relax and enjoy her retirement. Finally we say goodbye to Abi, my fabulous PA and Office Manager - we wish you well in your new position. Thank you all for your hard work and good luck! We will miss you all!

May I take this moment to wish you all a wonderful holiday, filled with love and laughter! Have a super Christmas and we will see **you back at school on the 3rd of January 2023 at 9:10am.**

Best wishes **Nicola Jones, Headteacher**