



Orchard Manor School News

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""Anyone who thinks fallen leaves are dead has never watched them dancing on a windy day."

— Shira Tamir

Hello everyone

We are extremely close to the last few weeks of term and we are starting to get ready to celebrate Christmas. Next Friday we will be holding our third Christmas Cracker Concert and Craft Fair—we have a fantastic programme planned for the evening, starting promptly at 4:30 with a christmassy performance from some of the children and staff. Then we have singing and playing from a local duo - Caitlin and Patrick which will fill the rooms with Christmas cheer. Our fantastic kitchen will be selling delicious Christmas baps and there will be a chance to enjoy (non-alcoholic) mulled wine and a mince pie too. We have had a fantastic response to our request for craft stalls and there promises to be a vast array of lovely things to buy as presents.



The Grand Prize Draw has some amazing prizes too and it will be well worth spending a pound or two on tickets. Just to tempt you, we have a £50 Miller and Carter Voucher, Sunday Lunch and Swim at the Langstone Cliff Hotel and Exeter Chief's tickets and more! All the students will be bringing back some raffle tickets today to sell to friends and relatives—please have a look in their bags! If you would like any more just contact reception.

All in all I think everyone will have a fantastic time. This is one of our biggest fundraisers in the year, and as you know all monies raised will be going straight back into the school via the PSFA (Parents Staff and Friends Association) and will be used to support the wide range of needs that our students have. I believe the next thing on their list is playground equipment.



Our Children in need day was a great hit! The pupils were amazing, great 'dressing-up' and very generous in their donations. A huge thanks to Amanda and team and pupils for the mountain of delicious cakes and the fantastic efforts of the cake sellers. The PE dept excelled themselves with the sporting fun, the Catering team made fantastic special 'puddings' and the Year 9's did a great job around school selling the 'merch' and the prize square game. There are many others to thank for the day, but suffice to say it was a great OMS team effort once again helped by all the parents donations. A

record amount has been gathered— £371 and this will be sent off to help children all over the UK. Thankyou everyone!

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