



Orchard Manor School News

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"We shall defend our island, whatever the cost may be, we shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender." Sir Winston Churchill

Hello everyone!

Welcome back! It is good to see you all after half term. I hope you enjoyed the fireworks if you had them and the chance to relax and be with your family.

We are just a few days away from Armistice Day. This is the day that celebrates the agreement to end the fighting of the First World War as a prelude to peace negotiations. It began at 11am on 11 November 1918. Armistice is Latin for to stand (still) arms. To this day we still mark Armistice Day around the United Kingdom with a Two Minute Silence at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month. There will be lots of Remembrance Day parades and services around the country this Sunday, and people will be wearing their poppies as the symbol of remembrance. The two minute silence gives us time to pause and pay our respects to our Armed Forces community, past and present.



We are on the run up to Christmas—already! We will be having our most excellent Christmas Cracker and Craft Fair on Friday 6 December between 4:30 and 6:30pm. If you or anyone you know would like a table to sell their products, do get in touch. We have had some superb items donated for the Christmas Cracker Prize Draw—so be sure to get your raffle tickets. They will be sent out soon!

Next week is the start of Anti-Bullying Week and there will be a number of

activities running through the week following this theme. The first of which is Odd Sock Day on Tuesday 12th —so please come to school in odd socks!



On the Friday 15th next week we are having a Cake Sale and all proceeds will go to Children in Need. Its going to be a busy week! Our fabulous Amanda— Our Home Cooking leader will be making over 200 cakes to sell at £1 each, so there will be one for every child—and she has taken into consideration allergies etc too. Marvellous. I'm not sure there will be enough for the staff though!

We will be sending out a Parent Questionnaire next week so keep an eye out for the link to that in your inboxes. We would really appreciate it if you would take time to fill it out. It won't take long and it will give us a true insight as to

what you all think of our school.

So! We have a lot to look forward to over the next couple of weeks. Christmas is only 44 sleeps away! Time is flying! Have a great weekend all, welcome back again! See you on Monday!

Nicola Jones, Headteacher

