



The Orchard School

Weekly Bulletin

Friday 8th November 2024

Dates for your diary

Monday 11 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 12 th November	Odd Socks Day Parent Support Group
Tuesday 19 th November	School Photos
Wednesday 20 th November	School Photos
Wednesday 11 th December	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
Friday 13 th December	Parents Activity Morning

Anti-Bullying Week

I hope you all had a good half term. We have a busy and exciting half term coming up. Next week is anti-bullying week, the theme for the week is Respect. You will have received a letter about the activities taking place, the key points to note are:

- Monday 11th November - Act of Remembrance for Remembrance Day.
- Tuesday 12th November – Odd socks day to celebrate all the amazing ways in which people are different. We are encouraging your child to come into school wearing odd socks and if families would like to participate, please send in photos of you wearing odd socks on this day.
- Poster competition – an opportunity for families to participate through our ‘RESPECT’ poster competition. Please send in completed posters with your child.

Attendance Matters

**The whole school attendance so far for this academic year is 87.4%.
Last week’s whole school attendance was 85.3%.**

Remember, if your child is unwell and therefore unable to attend school you should call us by 8am and leave a message to report their non-attendance and advise us of what is wrong. If you do not contact the school the office will contact, you via text in the first instance, followed by a phone call if we have no response to find out why your child is not in school.

If we have no contact with you our attendance team will complete a safe and well check as part of our safeguarding first approach.



Change of Date

Unfortunately, we have had to change the date of the Christmas parent activity morning. This will now take place on **Friday 13th December**.

I apologise that we have had to make this change but hope with the advance notice you will still be able to attend this activity.



Children in Need

As a school we feel it is important that the pupils have the opportunity to have their views heard. This week class 15 have been running a ballot on what the pupils across school would like to wear for Children in Need next Friday 15th November.

They are completing their ballot today and counting all the votes. They will be informing you at the beginning of next week of the result and how you can donate money for Children in Need.

Watch this space for further information!



Swimming Kit

As you are aware swimming is an important part of your child's curriculum. Can I remind you to send in your child's swimming kit on their allocated day, to ensure your child is able to participate in their swimming lesson.

If you are unsure which day your child has their swimming lesson, please ask the class staff and they will be able to let you know.