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Dear Parents/Carers

What a busy start to half term we have had. It has been lovely over the last 2 weeks to welcome families into school for the parent activity morning and parents evening. For those of you who have attended I hope you have enjoyed seeing you child in the classroom and hearing how they have settled in this year. Donations we received for harvest have been shared between St Mary's church in Bearwood for their pantry and Black Country food bank, thank you for supporting this.

As we break up for Half Term today. I hope you all have a wonderful week and we look forward to seeing the pupils back in school on Monday 3rd November.

## Home School Agreement

Thank you to those parent who have completed the home school agreement. If you haven't can I ask that you click on the following link or scan the QR code to complete the agreement. If you struggle to complete the agreement online, please contact the office for a paper copy.

Please click on the link to access the agreement or scan the QR code: [The Orchard School Home-School Agreement 2025-2026 – Fill in form](#)



## Parent Council

Thank you to the parent who attended the parent council meeting, we had a productive meeting discussing communication between home and school. I will be sharing the minutes of the meeting after half term, along with ways you can share your views with the members of the council.

## A message from the Community Nurses

If your child is enterally fed in school, we will require their spare enteral feeding device such as a Gastrostomy Tube, Mickey button, Mini button or nasogastric tube in school. If there is an emergency and the enteral feeding device becomes dislodged we can replace this with their own enteral feeding device. It is your responsibility as parents to ensure the device is in date.

## Autumn Fayre

We are holding an Autumn craft Fayre on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November at the school from 10am until 2pm, it would be lovely to see you here, please share the event with family and friends. During the fayre there will be a raffle to win a signed Wolves football shirt.



If you have any unwanted gifts we would appreciate them for the tombola stall, they can be sent in with your child by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.



### Upcoming Dates

- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Pupils return to school
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Anti Bullying Day – wear odd socks to school
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November – School photographs
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Children In Need
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Parent Activity Morning
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Break up for Christmas Holiday
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Pupils return to school

Yours sincerely,

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