

# Orchard's C of E Academy

## Weekly Parent Bulletin

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Our Christian Value for this Half Term is **Thoughtfulness**

### Dates for the Diary

**21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> November** Year 4, 5 and 6 Residential Visit to Norfolk Lakes

**22<sup>nd</sup> November** SEND Coffee Morning – 8:45am

**6<sup>th</sup> December** Power Maths morning – 9:00am

**7<sup>th</sup> December** Year 4 educational visit to the Imperial War Museum in Duxford

**10<sup>th</sup> December** Tea with Father Christmas – 4:00-5:00pm and 5:30-6:30pm

**13<sup>th</sup> December** Church Services for Years 2-6

**13<sup>th</sup> December** Reception Nativity performance – 2:00pm

**14<sup>th</sup> December** Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children

**19<sup>th</sup> December** End of Term

### School Council

On Wednesday afternoon, our School Council, School Captains and Vice Captains were awarded their badges in a very special assembly delivered by the Mayor and Mayoress of Wisbech. After handing out the badges, the Mayor spoke to the whole school about the British Value of democracy, and how important it is. Mrs Claxton spoke about how different life would be if we lived in a country which wasn't a democracy.



### Tea with Father Christmas

Orchards Academy PTA proudly presents 'Tea with Father Christmas' on Monday 10th December. Two sessions will be held between 4:00 and 5:00pm and between 5:30 and 6:30pm.

Come and enjoy a buffet tea with Father Christmas and receive a gift too. Spaces are limited to first come first served, so be quick! Tickets available from the school office or the PTA at a cost of £3 per child.

### Reception Maths Café

We would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who attended the maths cafe on Thursday afternoon - 20 parents attended, which is brilliant! Miss Harrison went through the Early Years and Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum and what children need to learn by the end of Reception. Many parents commented how useful it was as they had no idea the children had so much to learn! We gave parents some ideas of how they can help their children learn maths at home without even realising it – for example, asking them to fetch four tins of beans when out shopping or working out how many cups fill the jug when in the bath. We hope to see you all again at the next cafe.

### Remembrance Assembly



Many thanks to all of you who were able to come along to our assembly of Remembrance last Friday, delivered by the children in Oak class to mark the 100 year anniversary of the end of World War I. The children spoke very well and the assembly was a moving tribute to those that lost their lives in conflict. During the minute of silence, all of our pupils were amazing – including the Reception classes who came into assembly for the first time.

At the end of the assembly, Father Bradbury said a remembrance prayer for the whole school.

## **SEND Coffee Morning**

The next SEND coffee morning is on Thursday 22nd November 8:45-9:45. You are invited to join us for coffee and cake whilst you meet with some members of staff who can support you with your child/children's learning and/or concerns. Have a coffee and a friendly chat with Mrs Horlock (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator), Mrs Carlile (Family Support Worker) and Debbie Graveling (Wellbeing Team).

## **Power Maths Morning (with Mince Pies)**

We have recently introduced a new way of teaching maths across the school, based on the mastery approach to teaching mathematics – it is called Power Maths, and is being used daily in classes from Year 1 to Year 6.

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December, we would like to invite you into school to see Power Maths in action.

Mrs Claxton and Mr Steeden will give a short presentation at 9:00am in the CDT room, and you will then be free to look in classes throughout the school to see the impact it is having on our children.

Although Power Maths is not being used in Reception, those parents are more than welcome to come into school as well.

As we will be well into December by then, please join us for a mince pie afterwards.

## **Beech Class Assembly**

Beech Class will be performing their assembly at 1:10pm on the afternoon of Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. We would be delighted to welcome parents of children in Beech class to come along and support them.

## **Stars of the Week**

Well done to all the children for their hard work this week. The following children were particularly celebrated this week for their behaviour and achievement in class.

**Early Years** – Jacob in Apple; Sara in Cherry.

**Key Stage 1** – Lacey-May in Willow; Amelia in Walnut; Zyllyn in Beech; Robert C in Hazel; Erikas in Maple.

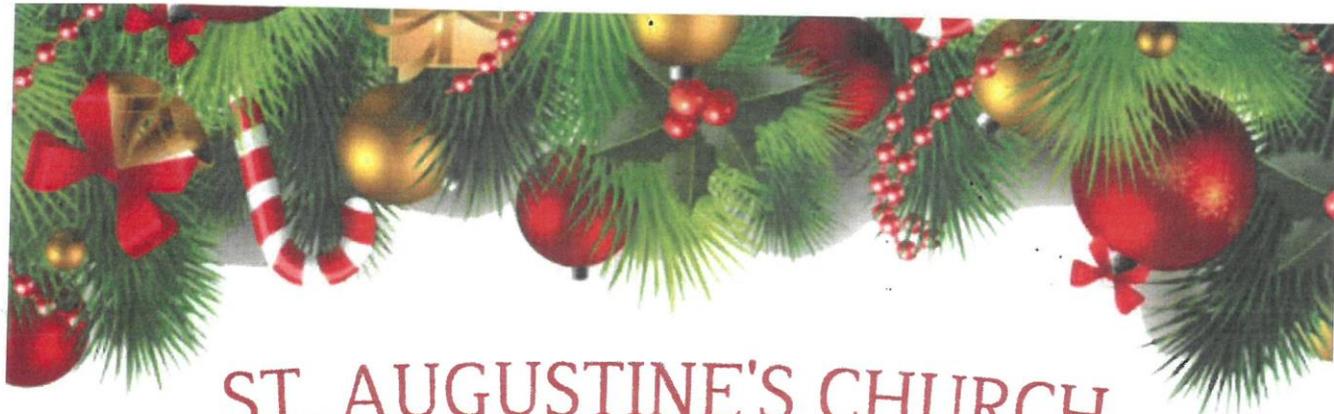
**Key Stage 2** – Nika in Hawthorn; Nikola in Laburnum; Toni, Summer, Wiktorija, Milena and Jaiden in Holly; Vivien in Rowan; Ksenija in Cedar; Charlie in Chestnut; Rafael in Elm; Aleksander in Oak.

## **And Finally...**

As parents from Walnut class will already know, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Barrington this Friday, as she is moving on to a position closer to her home. We thank her very much for all of her hard work and the support she has given to the children of our school throughout this year.

Thank you for all the support you provide for the children and our academy!





ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH  
**CHRISTMAS TREE  
FESTIVAL**  
DECEMBER 8TH & 9TH, 10-4PM



DECORATED TREES  
VISIT FATHER CHRISTMAS SAT 8TH 12-4PM  
STALLS  
REFRESHMENTS

St. Augustine's Church, St Augustine's Road, Wisbech, PE13 3AH

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