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Dear families and friends of Orchard Head School,

We are in the process of compiling a list of people from within our community who we would like to invite into our school. It is important that at school children learn more than just the National Curriculum and we want to do everything we can to prepare our children for life in modern Britain and the wider world. Over the past few years, we have worked hard to build up a calendar of events that help to embed the children's learning of the world around them and develop their 'cultural capital.' Cultural capital is the term we use to describe children gaining knowledge of and valuing culture and the wider world.

These events cover our religious celebration days, trips and visitors. It also covers our awareness days such as Safer Internet Day, Earth Day, International Women's Day and our fundraising opportunities too! We would now like to create even more opportunities for children to be able to embed and deepen their understanding of PSHE and other areas of the curriculum and prepare them for their life in modern Britain. We would love it if you could help us with this. We are hoping to hear from people in our community from a range of occupations. This would include, but is not limited to, key workers and people in jobs that may, or may not, link in some way to our curriculum.

We hope to create a bank of contacts that are willing to pop into school for perhaps a day, an afternoon or even an assembly to talk to the children and answer some questions. We know from experience, that first hand experiences make learning more memorable and often more enjoyable too!

Please don't be reluctant to put your name forward. We believe that everyone has something to offer and how we link with you can be as 'low key' as you like. Perhaps just even talking to small groups of children if this would work better for you.

If this is something you would be interested in, please fill out your details on the Google form here: and we will contact you directly.

<https://forms.gle/VQs99n4xckLLWzKn7>

We look forward to creating more bonds within our local community and working together to create an education for our pupils that encourages a sense of belonging, tolerance for others and respect for the world of work.

Sincerely,

Miss Starkey, PSHE Lead