9th February 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

It was lovely to see so many children cycling and scootering to school yesterday; our visitor from SUSTRANS was very impressed with the turnout. Let's see if we can continue our healthy journeys to school after half term.

We were all very comfortable in our PJ's and everyone enjoyed tucking into the scrumptious breakfast provided by the School Council. With your help the School Council have raised £102.33 which they will use to arrange another fun event next term. We hope the children enjoyed the disco last night and thank the Friends of Orchard Vale for organising another fun event.

In class this week, we had a go at creating captions, explored alliterations, orientations and quotes within a newspaper. In maths, we used bus stop and number lines to help in our work on division. Continuing our Chinese New Year work we made Chinese masks, learned the numbers 0 to 10 in Mandarin and practiced writing them.

Wanted

We are still looking for donations of clean, 500ml plastic water bottles and unwanted newspapers to use next half term.

Informal Class Drop-ins - Monday, 19th, Tuesday, 20th and Wednesday, 21st February We would like to invite parents to join us from 8.30am to 9am, in class, for an informal chat, to work alongside your child and to see the work they have completed so far this year.

Swimming Lessons

Our class swimming lessons will be starting on Monday and Tuesdays for 6 weeks when we return after half term; reminders will be sent home. Thank you all for returning your permission slips and contributions.

Heatree Activity Centre Residential - 23rd to 25th April 2018

We will shortly be making the final arrangements for our residential. If your child is interested in a last minute place please let us know by Monday, 19^{th} February at the latest. We will be arranging a parent/pupil briefing next half term.

Lunch menu for next week is 'Week Two".

Diary Dates

Have you visited our website lately for the school calendars 2017/18 news of school events $\underline{\text{www.ovschool.co.uk}}$. Mon, 12^{th} to Fri, 16^{th} Feb - Half Term.

Thur, 8th, Fri, 9th, Mon, 12th and Tue, 13th March - Book Fair.

Thur, 29th March - Last day

Fri, 30th March to Fri, 13th April - Easter holidays.

Have a wonderful break next week and see you on Monday, 19th February.

Miss Gulliford Mrs Grimwood Mr Luttman Mr Huggins