

We hope you managed to make the most of the snow days last week; we have put this experience to good use in class with the children completing some informal diary entries about their snow day experiences. World Book Day this week was a great success; the children looked fantastic. We enjoyed various book day activities, teacher story times, older children sharing books with younger children, a book quiz and much more.

In forest school, Miss Gulliford's class are making a sensory scarecrow, which we hope to enter into a competition at the North Devon Show to win £100 for the school.

Our volcanos are looking fantastic, we still have a little work to do before we can carry out our volcano experiment later in the term. **WANTED** – we would be grateful for any donations of old newspapers to help us finish our volcanos.

Homework

The children have been given a subtraction word problem sheet for homework this week.

Swimming Lessons

The children have given the swimming lessons a big thumbs up. They are certainly super representatives of Orchard Vale whilst at the Leisure Centre. Don't forget your swimming costumes/trunks and towels for our lessons next week.

Extreme Reading Challenge

The winning entries for this competition will receive a £5 book voucher to spend at the Scholastics Book Fair. Children should have a picture taken of them reading a book in unusual places (please make sure it is a safe place). Print off and bring your pictures to Mrs Butler on Monday, 12th March to enter the competition.

Scholastics Book Fair – Monday, 12th and Tuesday, 13th March

We were off to a flying start with the book fair this week – thank you for your support. If you haven't already visited us we are here on Monday and Tuesday next week, in the School hall at 8.30am to 9am and 3.15pm to 3.45pm. We have lots of new books for 0 to 11 year olds. Orchard Vale are hoping to receive 50% to 60% of our sale to spend on new books for the library and book corners.

Friends of Orchard Vale – Family Bingo Night – Friday, 16th March

You are invited to join the Friends of Orchard Vale for a family bingo night. Doors open at 6.15pm, eyes down 6.45pm. Lots of cash prizes to be won, Easter treats and hamper prizes including a raffle. Refreshments available throughout the night. Please see our website News section for further details.

Heatree Residential – Parent/Child briefing evening – Tuesday, 20th March

We will be holding a parent/child briefing evening at 3.30pm in Miss Gulliford's class to run through arrangements for the residential in April. This meeting should take no longer than half an hour.

Dr Bike Visit - Free Safety Check and minor repairs – Monday, 26th April

A bike specialist from Carb Bikes and Sustrans will visit us on Monday, 26th April to provide free bicycle safety checks and minor repairs. **We have limited places available.** If you would like to book a place for your child and their bike please contact Mrs Manley.

Lunch menu for next week is 'Week Two'. Please note that Tuesday's menu has changed to jacket potato instead of risotto.

Diary Dates

Have you visited our website lately for the school calendars 2017/18 news of school events www.ovschool.co.uk.
Wed, 28th Mar – Easter Bonnet and cake competition.

Thur, 29th March – Last day

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

Have a great weekend.

Miss Gulliford Mrs Grimwood Mr Luttman Mr Huggins