Dear Parents/Carers 13th October 2017

The children all enjoyed the dynamic assembly with our visiting author, Steve Cole, on Monday. He had the children buzzing with enthusiasm after he had left us.

In class this week, we have been counting in Spanish, exploring addition and a range of methods in maths and looking at digestion in science. We have been researching the history of Watermouth Castle and some of us wrote a letter to Mrs Pearce to persuade her to let us visit. Mrs Grimwood's class discussed how to persuade our parents to get us a mobile phone! We have explored a new programme on the Ipads called Scratch Junior during computing sessions. In art, we looked at the artist Paul Klee's 'Castle and the Sun' for inspiration to create our own versions using a range of media. Our outdoor learning sessions were linked to the following subjects Mrs Grimwood/Mrs Johnson's class - maths, Miss Gulliford's class - RE and Mr Luttman's class - team skills.

Times table practice

The children have a 6 times table worksheet to practice this week.

Watermouth Castle trip - Tuesday, 17th October

We are excited about our visit to Watermouth Castle on Tuesday and to following this up with some inspired work in class.

Non-Pupil Days - Thursday, 19th and Friday, 20th October

Please note that Thursday and Friday next week are non-pupil days.

School Council - Design a pumpkin competition

Letters will be coming home today inviting the children to take part in a design a pumpkin competition. Please hand all entries in by Tuesday, 31st October.

Parent/Pupil/Teacher interviews - 7th and 8th November

Thank you for returning your slips requesting a time slot with us for the Parent/Pupil/Teacher interviews. If you have not done so already, please return these by Monday, 16th October. We will be sending home slips confirming your interview time on Wednesday, 1st November.

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

Those children who expressed an interest in attending the Heatree Activity Centre residential next April will be bringing home letters today confirming their place and requesting that deposits be paid by 1^{st} November.

Harvest Heroes Appeal – We are still collecting non-perishable food (tins, dried milk, biscuits, pasta or rice) to donate to the Harvest Heroes Appeal. This is a food bank specifically for people in North Devon. Each client receives a carefully designed food parcel containing 3 days' worth of nutritionally balanced food. All donations gratefully accepted. Please bring these into your class teacher before Wednesday, 18th October.

Diary Dates

Have you visited our website lately for the school calendars 2017/18/news of school events www.ovschool.co.uk. Mon, 23^{rd} to Fri, 27^{th} Oct - Half Term.

Tue, 31st Oct - Flu Vaccinations - Reception, Years 1,2,3 and 4.

6th to 10th Nov - Poppy appeal week

 13^{th} to 17^{th} Nov - Children in Need week at OV - School Council

Mon, 18th Dec to Tue 2nd Jan - Christmas Holidays

Have a fun weekend.

Miss Gulliford Mrs Grimwood Mrs Johnson Mr Luttman Mr Huggins