Dear Parents/Carers 1st December 2017

We have enjoyed a Christmas assembly with the local churches learning about the importance of Christmas and have been practicing our Christmas carols for our festive celebration on Tuesday,  $12^{th}$  December. We hope you will be able to come along and watch us.

In class, we explored measurement and multiplications methods and started to look into shapes, focussing on 2D shapes in maths. The children continued to refine our instructional writing in literacy. We saw some great pair work in class this week.

## Spellings / Comprehension extension

A spelling sheet is in your child's homework book for them to learn for next Friday. For those children who would like a challenge we have included a comprehension extension sheet.

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

We have places available for this residential, if you are interested in taking this place please contact the school office for details.

## Friends of Orchard Vale - Tuck Shop - Tuesday, 5th December

The Friends of Orchard Vale will be holding their monthly tuck shop on in the Food Technology Room. Children can bring in up to 50p to spend on a teat.

# Whole School Christmas Dinner - Wednesday, 6th December

The whole school will be enjoying dinner together on Wednesday. If you have booked and paid, in advance, for a Christmas dinner this will be provided for them. Children having a packed lunch on the day will also be able to join in the fun.

# Friends of Orchard Vale - Polar Express - Thursday, 14th December - 3.30-5.30pm

The Friends of Orchard Vale will be selling tickets, on a first come, first served basis on Monday,  $4^{th}$ , Tuesday,  $5^{th}$  and Wednesday  $6^{th}$  December in the playground. Tickets are £2 - children will be given hot chocolate and cookies during the evening.

## Use of children's toilets

In order to comply with our Safeguarding policy the use of the toilets within the school are for the use of pupils only. Adults and younger siblings should use the disabled toilet next to the School Office.

### A greener Christmas

Would you like to help us be a little greener this Christmas? Instead of buying a box of cards for your child to give out in class we would like to suggest you donate this money to their Class Christmas Jar. The children can write a message to their classmates on the Christmas Board in their class. We plan to use the money to buy fruit trees and vegetable seeds for our allotment in the Forest School area.

#### Lunch menu for next week is 'Week Three'.

## **Diary Dates**

Have you visited our website lately for the school calendars 2017/18 news of school events www.ovschool.co.uk.

Tue, 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – KS1 Christmas celebration – 6pm to 7.30pm – School Hall

Thur, 14th Dec - Xmas Jumper day

Thur, 14th Dec - Friends of Orchard Vale - Polar Express evening

Fri, 15<sup>th</sup> Dec - Last day of term.

Mon,  $18^{th}$  Dec to Tue  $2^{nd}$  Jan - Christmas Holidays

Stay warm this weekend.