

This week we have enjoyed exploring persuasive texts and discussed balanced arguments and debates in literacy. We have consolidated our knowledge of place value through reasoning activities in maths and in science we have been exploring the organs within the human body, their functions and how they may have a role in the digestive system.

Homework

The homework handed in this week is extremely impressive. Could we remind children to hand this in on a Friday. The children can then show their work to earn class rewards and to have it marked.

Times table practice

Now that we have the new Homework Books children will be completing their times table tests in the back so please feel free to write a comment on their mark!

Weekly spellings

Spellings will be coming home this week. We are still assessing the spelling level of each child so please bear with us.

Steve Cole - Visiting Author - Monday, 9th October

Steve Cole, author of *Astrosaurs* and *Secret Agent Mummy* will be visiting Orchard Vale on Monday. He will be giving a lively and fun assembly explaining his inspiration for becoming an author. Steve will be selling autographed books after the assembly. If your child would like to buy a book they will cost £5 - please send this in an envelope with your child's name and class on to their class teacher.

Friends of Orchard Vale - School Discos - Thursday, 12th October - Letters have been sent home with details of the disco. Tickets will cost **£2 per child**, which includes a drink. See our website for more information.

School photos - Friday, 13th October

The Tempest photographer will be visiting us on Friday in the school hall. 8am - Family Groups only, first come first served. Photos of siblings attending Orchard Vale, individual and class photos will be taken during the day. You should receive proofs of sibling and family photos on the day. The individual and class photos will be sent home at a later date.

Watermouth Castle trip - Tuesday, 17th October

Thank you to everyone who has returned their permission slip and payment. We still have one or two to come in. As you will all know, the funding we receive from the Government has been severely cut and we currently have no spare funds in school to cover any payments not made, which may mean having to cancel the trip if all contributions are not received.

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

We still have a couple of places available for this residential. If you have not already expressed an interest and would like your child to attend this residential please let your class teacher know.

Harvest Heroes Appeal - We are 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.

Thur, 19th and Fri, 20th Oct - Non-Pupil Days

Mon, 23rd to Fri, 27th Oct - Half Term.

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

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

Have a fun weekend.

Miss Gulliford

Mrs Grimwood

Mrs Johnson

Mr Luttmann