

Dear Parents/Carers,

13<sup>th</sup> October 2017

This week in Year 5/6, children have been carrying out a range of investigations and challenges linked to decimals. These have ranged from multiplying decimals and thinking about place value to rounding decimals to 3 decimal places. In Science, the children have been looking at the digestive system, labelling the organs involved and identifying their key functions.

**Hampton Court trip - Friday, 3rd November**

Our day trip to Hampton Court is now full. Any children staying at Orchard Vale will be taking place in a Hampton Court day with lots of fun activities planned.

**Non-Pupil Days - Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October**

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

**Cross Country - 31<sup>st</sup> October**

All children in Year 5/6 will be taking part in a cross country event at park school, apart from those children involved in the Shakespeare Schools Festival. The children will be walking to and from the event and competing against other local schools. Letters will be given to all children next week.

**School Council - Design a pumpkin competition**

Letters will be coming home today inviting the children to take part in a design a pumpkin competition. All entries must be handed in by Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

**Parent/Pupil/Teacher interviews - 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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, 16<sup>th</sup> October. We will be sending home slips confirming your interview time on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November.

**Nethercott Farm residential - 6th to 13th July 2018**

Those children who expressed an interest in attending the Nethercott Farm residential next July, will be bringing home letters today confirming their place and requesting the deposits be paid by 1<sup>st</sup> November. There is still 1 place available for this residential.

**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, 18<sup>th</sup> October.

**Diary Dates**

Have you visited our website lately for the school calendars 2017/18/news of school events [www.ovschool.co.uk](http://www.ovschool.co.uk).

Mon, 23<sup>rd</sup> to Fri, 27<sup>th</sup> Oct - Half Term.

6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Nov - Poppy appeal week

13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> Nov - Children in Need week at OV - School Council

Mon, 18<sup>th</sup> Dec to Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan - Christmas Holidays