

Dear Parents/Carers

29th September 2017

This week we have continued our work on Shakespeare, looking at the play Romeo and Juliet. Children have been acting out parts of the play, creating freeze frames of important scenes and writing summaries of the play itself. In maths children have been consolidating their understanding of rounding through a range of problem solving and reasoning tasks.

Uniform

Just as reminder that children must wear smart black shoes to school as well as school navy jumpers. These should not be hoodies or zip up jackets.

Homework

All homework will be posted on the school website again for this week. This consists of the children's times tables challenge, weekly spellings and grammar homework. All children are expected to practise their times tables and spellings weekly, as well as complete one other piece of homework. This can be the activity from the website or a piece from the topic list.

Nethercott Farm Residential - 6th to 13th July 2018

Children should have brought home a letter on Tuesday with details of the Years 5 and 6 residential at Nethercott Farm. If your child is interested in gaining a place please could you register your interested by **Monday, 2nd October**. You will be advised before half term if your child has gained a place.

Lost property - If your child has lost any items of clothing this term, please could you check the Lost Property area. The Friends of Orchard Vale will be sorting through these items on Saturday and will place any unnamed/unclaimed items into their New-2-U store.

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.

Friends of Orchard Vale (FoOV) - Tuck Shop - Tuesday, 3rd October. Children can bring in up to 50p to spend on a treat at morning break.

Friends of Orchard Vale - School Discos - Thursday, 12th October - The next FoOV Discos are scheduled for Thurs 12th October. Tickets will cost **£2 per child**, which includes a drink.

Letters will be coming home shortly for you to book your child a place.

The 3 time slots are: 3.30pm to 4.30pm - Little seeds, Nursery and Reception

6pm to 7pm - Key Stage 1 and 7.30pm to 8.30pm - Key Stage 2.

Diary Dates

Have you visited our website lately for the school calendars 2017/18 and news of school events?

Fri, 13th Oct - Tempest photographer (individual and family photos)

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

Mrs Lavictoire Mrs Squire Mr Whapham Mrs Johnson