

It was lovely to see some of you during our informal class welcome mornings on Monday and Tuesday. We hope you found it useful. Well done, to the children who took part in the cross country competition today at Park Community School; they were such positive representatives of Orchard Vale. In each category there were approximately 90 competitors so a special well done to: **6<sup>th</sup>** place Khloe, Flynn and Sophie; **7<sup>th</sup>** place Will P; **8<sup>th</sup>** place Jay; **9<sup>th</sup>** place Riley and **10<sup>th</sup>** place Penny and Violet.

In class this week, we have enjoyed learning key words relating to classroom activities in Spanish; in literacy we finished our traditional tales with a twist - why not come and have a look on Monday and we have consolidated our place value knowledge and started to explore the different strategies for addition and subtraction in maths. Some of us had our first class violin lesson on Wednesday, which was actually quite tuneful.

### **Heatree Activity Centre Residential - 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

Children should have brought home a letter on Tuesday with details of the Years 3 and 4 residential at Heatree Activity Centre. If your child is interested in gaining a place please could you register your interest by **Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October**. You will be advised before half term if your child has gained a place.

### **New Homework Wallets**

We have been looking at ways to assist children in completing their homework and reading at home. The children will each be given a plastic wallet, labelled with their name, which will contain their Homework Book, reading book and any letters/notice to be sent home. When your child has completed a reading book their class teacher will hand them a book review to complete to be stuck into their Homework Books.

**Weekly spellings and times table tests** can be practiced at home in the Homework Books. We will test the children on Friday and the results will be shared with you in the Homework Book home that day.

We have received some fantastic homework so far so - well done! We are happy for children to complete homework tasks in their Homework Books or to complete it on a separate piece of paper and hand it.

**Friday will now be the day that all homework should be handed in.**

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

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

**Friends of Orchard Vale - School Discos - Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October** - The next FoOV Discos are scheduled for Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> 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, 13<sup>th</sup> Oct - Tempest photographer (individual and family photos)

Thur, 19<sup>th</sup> and Fri, 20<sup>th</sup> Oct - Non-Pupil Days

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

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

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

Have a fun weekend.

Miss Gulliford

Mrs Grimwood

Mrs Johnson

Mr Luttman