ORCHARD VALE SPEEDING PROJECT

Yesterday between 1.45pm – 2.45pm the new OV Active Travel Team took part in a speeding project which involved working alongside our local PCSO's. The aim of the project was to discover how many people drive over the 30mph speed limit through Whiddon Valley and the 20mph limit approaching Orchard Vale.

The team split into two groups (one group each side of the road) and assisted by PCSO's and OV staff individually held the speed gun whilst another child recorded the speed of vehicles approaching the

school. If a vehicle was speeding, the PCSO would pull the car over and speak with the driver. If appropriate the children would then take in turns to ask the driver questions.

For example,

Do you know you are speeding?

Why are you speeding?

Do you know the speed limit approaching our school?

Do you think we need more signage informing drivers they are approaching a school?

How would you feel if your car hit a child?

The project was a huge success and the children who took part enjoyed tackling an important issue and being part of finding a solution. Due to its success we are delighted to inform you the Police would like to support us again by running more speeding projects at Orchard Vale.

In the next newsletter the Travel Team will reveal the results from the project and what their next plan of action is!

DOGS

We have many children and parents who are frightened and nervous of dogs. Please do not tie your dog to the school fence. Thank you.

STAFF CAR PARK

Please do not allow your child/ren to cut through the staff car park on their way to and from school. The car park is a busy place and is not a safe area for children to walk though.

HARVEST AUCTION

Although we are a little later than normal this year, we will be celebrating harvest with our very popular Harvest Auction on Friday 21ˢᵗ Oct 3.30pm – 4.30pm in the school hall. If you would like to contribute to the table or bid on one of our many scrumptious cakes, please do come and join us.

Please see the official flyer for more information.

QUEENS THEATRE – OPENING OF BARNSTAPLE FAYRE

A huge well done to the year 6 children who performed in the 'Opening of Barnstaple Fayre' at the Queens theatre on the evening of Monday 12ᵗʰ September. I interviewed Isabella May who explained what happened on the evening…

"Orchard Vale opened the show with a performance of rap, dance and Taiko drums. We also performed a play set in 1853 about a farmer and his 2 daughters who went to the fayre to sell their cattle and to buy a chair for their mother. A big part of our play was about a runaway bullock!
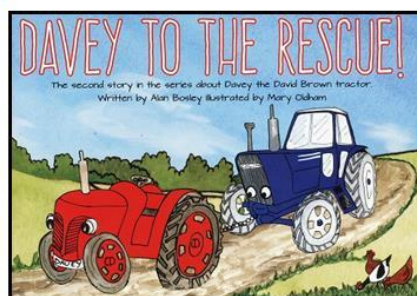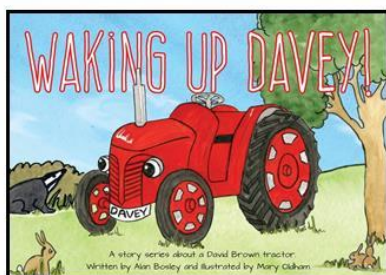
Miss Pirrie stood in wings and played her flute, Mrs Baker came and watched us. There were lots of people in the audience including the Barnstaple Mayor. We had such a great time and everyone really enjoyed it. Thank you Miss Pirrie for all your hard work".

Meet Davey the Tractor!

Come along and meet Alan Bosley, author of the Davey the Tractor books.

Barnstaple Library
Thursday 27th October
10.00-2.00pm

Children and adults may sit on Davey for photographs.
Children remain the responsibility of the accompanying adult at all times.

Copies of the books will be available to purchase on the day.

Bideford– October Half Term Courses

Area	Venue	Date	Time	Ages	Facility/ Surface	Cost
Bideford	Kingsley School, EX39 3LY	Thursday 27th October	10am-12pm	Boys and Girls aged 5-7	Sports Hall	£2
Bideford	Kingsley School, EX39 3LY	Thursday 27th October	1pm-3pm	Boys and girls aged 8-11	Sports Hall	£2

FREE GIRLS ONLY SESSIONS

Area	Venue	Date	Time	Ages	Facility/ Surface	Cost
Bideford	Kingsley School, EX39 3LY	Tuesday 25th October	10am-2pm	Girls only aged 7-11	Sports Hall	FREE

Book early to avoid disappointment

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