

We have been making the most of this wonderful autumn weather in the forest school area this week developing our fire lighting skills using flint, steel and cotton wool to make an open fire. The children also enjoyed their biscuits and marshmallows - yum.

In class, our measuring exercises have been a real success. All the children enjoyed completing lots of practical hands on tasks. In literacy, we have continued with the text 'What do you do with a tail like this?' The children have written some fabulous sentences using lots of descriptions based on a variety of interesting animals.

In our topic work we have been exploring paint, pastels and water colour to create new effects.

Friends of Orchard Vale - Tuck Shop - Tuesday, 2nd October

Children can bring in up to 50p to spend on a treat during morning break. All funds raised are used to help subsidise trips, events and equipment across the school.

Paignton Zoo Trip - Thursday, 4th October

The children are very excited about our trip next week. Thank you for returning your permission slips and payments.

Road Closure - A361 River Taw - Barnstaple (Rumsam Bridge Repairs)

Please be advised that, circumstances and weather permitting, SWH will be undertaking essential highway maintenance works on behalf of Devon County Council for 1 night, on Monday, 1st October. Additional repairs to the bridge will continue throughout the week under temporary traffic lights. The works will involve essential bridge repair work. In order to carry out these works, a road closure and diversion will be in place, generally between the hours of 19:00 and 07:00, although these times may vary. Please allow yourself extra time to get to school.

School Council Bonfire Night - Friday, 2nd November

The School Council are organising a bonfire night treat in the forest school area and school field. Letters have been sent home with the children today with information about how to buy tickets.

Christmas card designs

Thank you for returning your orders for the Christmas cards the children have designed. We have sent these off and understand that orders should be delivered at the beginning of December.

Labelling clothing

Please could we ask parents to clearly label **ALL** of your children's clothing, PE kits, coats, trainers etc. We encourage children to dress and undress independently for PE sessions and it can be very distressing to them when they are unable to find their own items.

Diary Dates (don't forget to check the school website, www.ovschool.co.uk for up to date information)

Thur, 11th October - Friends of Orchard Vale - School Disco (more details to come)

Thur, 18th October - School photos (more details to come)

Fri, 19th October - Non Pupil Day

Mon, 22nd to Fri, 26th October - Half Term