

Dear Parents/Carers

22nd March 2019

Thank you for supporting the Book Fair this year. With your help we have raised £512.45 which we are able to spend on books from Scholastics for the school library and book corners - thank you all! It was good to see the children supporting the Down Syndrome Awareness Day yesterday by wearing their odd socks.

In class this week, we have continued to work on changing parts of the No Bot story and on Thursday we completed our final write with our own ideas.

In maths, we have continued with all sorts of fractions - halves, quarters, thirds, looking at this in shapes and amounts. We looked at some of the firsts in space travel - first animal in space, first man on the moon etc.

Year 2 - Staying Safe Presentation - Thursday, 28th March

On Thursday next week our year 2 children will be attending a Staying Safe presentation by the Devon and Somerset Fire & Rescue Service. If you do not wish your child to be part of this presentation please complete and return the tear-off slip on the letter sent home today.

School Angel - Fundraising initiative

If you shop with your favourite brands online through Orchard Vale's School angel link the retailers will make a donation to the school. Please see the poster on the attached sheet for details of which retailers take part in this initiative.

Lunch menu for next week is 'Week One'.

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

Tue, 2nd April - FoOV Tuck Shop

Fri, 5th April - FoOV Family Bingo evening

Fri, 5th - Last day of school before Easter

Mon, 8th to Mon 22nd April - Easter holidays.

Tues, 23rd April - Back to school after Easter

Wed, 24th April - Year 2 Tennis Festival

Have a wonderful weekend; stay dry and warm.

KS1 Team

PARKING AND SPEED LIMITS AROUND ORCHARD VALE

Like many schools the safety of our pupils and families is paramount to us as is being respectful of the inconvenience caused to our neighbours during morning drop off and afternoon pick up.

Despite your support we have recently received concerns from parents and neighbours about dangerous parking and abusive behaviour. The bus companies and council waste collection trucks have also found they are unable to park due to inconsiderate parking.

Please could parents/carers help us keep our children safe and maintain the good relationship we have with our neighbours by.



- Noting the maximum speed limit, when warning lights are on, approaching Orchard Vale - 20mph.
Please do not exceed this.



- Parking in the designated area available either side of the road just past Kingfisher Road.
(Parking restrictions are enforced outside school drop off and pick up hours).



- Please do not park in, opposite or obstruct the bus stop on either side of the road.



- If you have to park in the residential roads around the school, please park respectfully and sensibly by not blocking driveways, junctions or mounting pavements.

Thank you for your cooperation.
Fiona Pearce—Head Teacher



Support Your School
schoolangel

If you shop with your favourite brands through Orchard Vale's Angel link the retailers below will make a donation to the school.

Before starting any online shopping:

1. Please go to www.ovschool.co.uk.
2. Click on the School Angel link.
3. Select your required retailer.



Generate a free donation when you take out a free trial

Take out a free Amazon premium trial for 30 days with no obligation to continue and as a thank you Amazon will make a donation ranging from £3 to £5. Click on the logo's to find out more . . .



General shopping... ☺



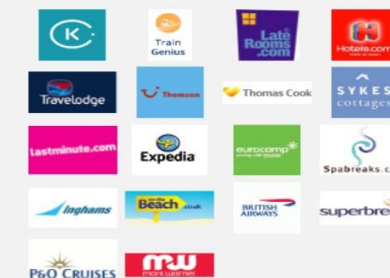
Practical shopping... ☺



Shops for the girls... ♥



Travel, hotels & holidays... ☺



Years 2 Children only



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KS1/2 - PARENT/GUARDIAN OPT-OUT OPTION

Dear Head Teacher

As part of our commitment to keep all young people in Devon and Somerset safer from fire and other dangers, members of the Fire & Rescue Service visit schools to educate pupils to promote safe practices and highlight the consequences of unsafe behaviour at home, in the school and within the community.

These sessions are designed to be delivered to pupils in the Foundation Stage / Key Stages 1 & 2. Within each session pupils learn about:

- The role of the Fire Service
- How to identify hot & cold items
- The dangers of matches, lighters and candles
- How to make an emergency 999 call and the consequences of hoax calls
- How to plan a safe escape route from your home in case of fire
- The value and importance of smoke alarms
- How to adopt the stop, drop and roll method if clothing became involved in fire

Whilst Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service would value the opportunity to engage with all the pupils in your school we understand that some parents/guardians may wish to withdraw their child from these sessions. If this is necessary please forward this form the parent/guardian for completion.

Yours sincerely

Lindsey Brading

Education Advocate

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PARENT/GUARDIAN OPT-OUT REQUEST

I do not wish my child to be part of the 'Staying Safe' presentation which is due to be delivered by personnel from Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service.

School Name:	<input type="text"/>		
Head Teacher:	<input type="text"/>	Child's Name & Class:	<input type="text"/>
Reason for Opt Out: (optional)	<input type="text"/>		
<small>We value your reason(s) for opting out as this will assist us with future communications and developments.</small>			
Parent/Guardian Signature:	<input type="text"/>	Date:	<input type="text"/>