

It was lovely to see you at our Parent/pupil/teacher interviews this week. We hope you found them helpful.

On Wednesday, the children really enjoyed Kim, the Oral Health Educator's visit. Kim gave a fun informative assembly on oral health and then visited each classroom to show the children the best way to brush their teeth. The children were able to practice this using disclosing tablets to show any areas they might miss and then brushed their teeth with the toothbrushes kindly donated by Friends of Orchard Vale.

Remembrance Day

The whole school took part in the Service of Remembrance today at Whiddon Valley Evangelical Church which also gave us the opportunity to practice a whole school evacuation as part of our Health and Safety requirements. The children all behaved brilliantly and the service rounded off everything the children have been learning in class this week. The children have been learning about the importance of remembrance, respect and the 100 year anniversary of the end of the First World War. Every child has made a poppy which they have placed on the turning circles outside the school as a sign of our respect.

In literacy, we are encouraging the children to concentrate on presentation and handwriting. Please could we ask you to encourage the children to use joined handwriting for homework tasks! In maths we have been recalling our multiplication and division facts.

Spellings and Homework

The children have been given their spellings to learn for the Friday's test next week. They also have a comprehension sheet which links into our Oral Health visit about teeth which they should try to complete over the weekend.

Please encourage the children to log on to the maths website to help support their times tables
www.mathstest.org.

Children in Need Week - 12th to 16th November

The School Council will be selling wristbands at £1 each and furry ear headbands at £2.50 each. Our representatives will visit classes every morning to sell these. We have a limited amount of these so they will be sold on first come first served basis.

The School Council will be holding a colouring competition for KS1 and KS2 and will cost 50p entry. Prizes for the three winners (1st, 2nd, 3rd in each key stage), chosen by school council, will be given a prize.

Peter Pan - Panto tickets

This year the Queens' Theatre Panto is Peter Pan. Letters will be sent home on Wednesday, 14th November and tickets will be sold on Thursday in the school hall from 8.30am to 9am on a first come, first served basis - cash only. If you are unable to attend at this time please send your child or a nominated adult in your place. We are unable to sell or reserve tickets prior to Thursday morning.

Wanted

Extra-large cardboard boxes - Does anyone have any extra-large cardboard boxes (TV or washing machine size).

Lunch menu for next week is 'Week Three'

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

Tue, 13th Nov - Visiting Author Dan Metcalf

Thur, 15th Nov - KS2 cross country event at Bratton Fleming - selected team members.

Sat, 24th Nov - Friends of Orchard Vale - Christmas Craft Fayre - 1pm to 4pm

Mon, 26th Nov - Flu Vaccinations

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Gulliford

Mrs Johnson

Mrs Benn

Mr Whapham



This year Orchard Vale are supporting **Operation Christmas Child**.

Operation Christmas Child is a Samaritan's Purse project, a Christian international relief organisation. Their mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities. These are children outside the United Kingdom affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease.

We would like each class to fill a shoe box. Any contributions would be welcome. Please see the list of suggested gift items.

If, however, you would like to make your own shoe box any donations will be greatly received. Please hand these to your class teacher.

Please could we have all shoe box gift donations by Thursday, 15th November.

Gift Suggestions

- Toys - dolls, stuffed animal or toy, small musical instrument (such as a harmonica or recorder), small foam football or tennis ball, finger puppets, slinky, interactive toys that include push buttons, lights, noise (include extra batteries), skipping rope, Play-doh (you could add plastic cookie cutters)
- Hygiene items (combs, hairbrushes, toothbrush, toothpaste, flannel, bar of soap (packaged and/or in a container),
- Reusable containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils (Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as hair bows, bracelets, sunglasses, or flannel to make use of the space)
- School Supplies - pencils, pencil sharpeners, ruler, eraser, coloured pencils, pencil case, felt pens, colouring pads, notebooks, small adhesive tapes, watercolour paint set (finger paint, paint brushes, paper), pre-inked stampers.
- Hat/scarf/mittens
- Sunglasses (need the UV and CE mark)
- Small bag/purse
- Hair bows or clips
- Friendship bracelets (woven with yarn or embroidery thread)
- A personal note and photo

