

It is lovely to see you all back from the half term break and to hear everyone's news. It was wonderful to see so many children cycling and scootering to school on Thursday; they were all entered into a Sustrans raffle. Congratulations to the winners.

On Wednesday, we were visited by Kim, the Oral Health Educator from Torrington Dental Practice. She spoke to the children about the importance of brushing their teeth correctly. Some of the children were able to use disclosing tablets, which was good fun. This showed us which teeth we had missed when we brushed our teeth. We used our toothbrushes to practice the method Kim showed us to remove the purple stain.

In class, we have enjoyed our new book 'Mole's Sunrise'. We talked about special places and drew pictures of them. In maths we have started adding on a number line. Perhaps the children can show you how it is done.

School Council Bonfire Night - Friday, 2nd November

We hope you are all looking forward to the bonfire night tonight. The School Council would like to thank everyone who has bought a ticket. Tickets are still available on the door £1 per adult and £1.50 per child. Please note that during this event parents will be responsible for their own children. **You might like to bring a torch and wear wellies as it will be dark and may be wet.**

The School Council non-uniform day raised £95 - thank you all for your donations.

British Legion Poppy Appeal

Next week we will be selling poppies and merchandise for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. These will be brought around the classes first thing in the morning for children to buy.

Tuck Shop - Tuesday, 6th November

The Friends of Orchard Vale will be running a tuck shop on Tuesday next week. Children can bring in up to 50p to spend on a treat.

Parent/Pupil/Teacher interviews - Tuesday, 6th and Wednesday, 7th November

The children should have brought home slips confirming your Parent/Pupil/Teacher interview time slot for next week. We look forward to seeing you then.

Lunch menu for next week is 'Week Two'

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

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

Mon, 26th Nov - Flu Vaccinations

Have a lovely weekend.

KS1 Team



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

