

Dear Families

15th February 2019

Thank you for your generous donations to 'Pitch in a Pound', raising much needed funds for the North Devon Hospice. Once we have counted the coins we will put the total on our website.

This week the children have enjoyed learning about the Highway Rat. The children have been busy creating their own storybooks and wanted posters for the Rat. The children have also enjoyed creating collages and building lots of caves for the Rat to live in.

In phonics this week we have learned the sounds:

**igh oa oo**

Please practise these at home. Please remember to let your class teacher know when your child is confident with reading all of their teddy/ fish or boat words etc.

We have attached some phonics resources to this letter, if you would like you could use them to practice your sounds over the half term. The children have worked their way through phase 2 and have worked to the sound **oo** in phase 3. There is also a list of helpful websites, the jolly phonics video on You Tube is a great place to hear all the sounds and actions that we do.

**Forest School** - These will start again on the week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> March. Miss Cawthorne class will continue to be on a Tuesday and Miss Boundy class on a Thursday, please bring your wellies on these days.

**Wanted** - After half term we are hoping to do some junk modelling with the children. If you have any empty boxes, bottles, kitchen/ toilet roll tubes then we would really appreciate them.

**Lost shoes** - A boy in Miss Cawthorne's class managed to swap his shoes during P.E. on Monday. Could we ask parents of boys to double check their shoes. The ones we are looking for are Clarks Velcro, size 11. They are plain black with two straps, we have a pair of Clarks size 10 here ready to be swapped.

Our book after half term is 'Tabby McTat'.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY NOTICE - School Grounds Closed - 15<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> February**

Please note the school grounds will be closed to the public from the end of school on Friday, 15th February, through the half term week, for essential maintenance work to be carried out.

It will be reopened, ready for our return to school, on Monday, 25th February.

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**Public Health England (PHE) – Dental Health Survey – Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> February**

PHE have sent requests to parents of 5 year old children to allow their child to be part of its national survey. PHE are collecting information about whether dental health is improving in this age group, to allow them to compare different areas of the country and to plan improvements in the dental health services. The examination will be carried out in school with staff members present and is purely a survey with no treatment being involved. If you have received a letter please could you return this to your class teacher whether you are giving or withdrawing your permission.

**World Book Day – Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March – Dress as your favourite book character**

To celebrate World Book Day 2019 we would like the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character and bring the book to school to share with their friends. During the day we will be taking part in various fun activities.

**Non-Uniform Day – Red Nose Day – Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March**

The School Council have organised a non-uniform day to celebrate Red Nose Day 2019. They will be selling Red Noses in classrooms from Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> to Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March at £1.25 each.

**Wanted** – After half term we will be making rockets and would be grateful for any junk modelling items suitable for making our crafts. Please hand these to your class teacher.

**Labelling** – We have had several pieces of uniform and PE kit being mixed up or lost recently. Please could we ask you to ensure all of your child's clothing is clearly labelled with their name to help them locate their own possessions.

**Lunch menu for next week is 'Week Three'.**

**Diary Dates** (don't forget to check the school website, [www.ovschool.co.uk](http://www.ovschool.co.uk) for up to date information)

**Mon, 18<sup>th</sup> to Fri, 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb – HALF TERM**

**Mon, 25<sup>th</sup> Feb – back to school.**









**Tue, 5<sup>th</sup> Mar – FoOV Tuck shop**

**Thur, 14<sup>th</sup> Fri, 15<sup>th</sup>, Mon, 18<sup>th</sup> and Tue, 19<sup>th</sup> March – Book Fair**

Thank you for all of your support and we hope you all have a fantastic half term.

The Reception Team.


# Phase 2 Sounds

s 	a 	t 	p 	i 	n 	m 	d 
g 	o 	c 	k 	ck 	e 	u 	r 
h 	b 	f 	ff 	l 	ll 	ss 	

www.communication4all.co.uk



## Phase 3 Sound Mat

 j	 v	 w	 x	 y	 z	 zz	 qu	 ch	 sh
 th	 ng	 ai	 ee	 igh	 oa	 oo	 oo	 ar	
 or	 ur	 ow	 oi	 ear	 air	 ure	 er		

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## Phonics websites

You Tube- Jolly Phonics Sounds and actions.

Video of all the sounds with actions.

[www.firstschoolyears.com](http://www.firstschoolyears.com)

A good selection of resources including worksheets and some interactive games. Covers-

- Phase 3 and 5 sounds
- Phase 6 work such as prefixes and suffixes, plurals and tense worksheets.
- extensive list of long vowel worksheets and games such as hangman.

[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/wordsandpictures/phonics/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/wordsandpictures/phonics/)

A mix of very good interactive games and worksheets covering most phonic phases. Recommend Sandcastle quiz for phase 3 and 5.

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk)

A selection of interactive games for all phonic phases. Mostly simple games.

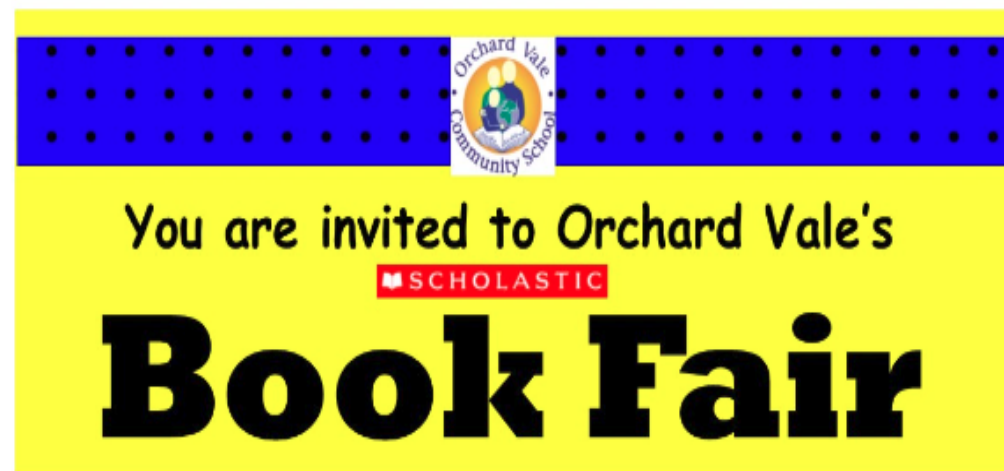
<http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/question/index/3>

Lots of information and guidance for parents/carers



# Get ready for Red Nose Day 15<sup>th</sup> March

Red nose day glasses £2 from Specsavers in  
Sainsburys Barnstaple.



Roll up, roll up! The Book Fair is on its way to Orchard Vale.  
Please come and join us on

**Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> March - Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> March - Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March**

At

**8.30am to 9am and 3.15pm to 3.45pm**

**In the  
School Hall**

There are over 200 titles with prices starting at £2.99.  
Something for everyone to enjoy!  
Every book you buy helps get FREE BOOKS for our school.

The more we sell the more commission we have to spend on books for the  
class book corners and the school Library.

**Payment methods**

Cash or Phone Payments