Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to everyone for supporting the School Council's Children in Need fundraising this week. You have helped us raise brilliant £340.30. The KS1 winners of the colouring competition were: 1st - Lexi-Mae (GQ), 2nd - Mahasuin (SW) and 3rd - Jorja (GQ).

Another worthy cause you have supported this week is Operation Christmas Child. The school delivered an astonishing 50 wonderful shoeboxes filled with goodies to Grosvenor Church today ready for distribution.

This week in class, we have continued to work with money, adding coins. Please look for any opportunities for children to handle real money and spend (small amounts!!). In literacy, we wrote descriptions of the moon and came up with some lovely adjectives. We have also researched British birds – perhaps the children could name some for you.

Common Exception Words and Key Words

During the children's time in Key Stage 1 they will be learning the Common Exception and Key Words. These will be sent home in your child's Home School Link books and a copy can be found on our website www.ovschool.co.uk/parentinformation/years1&2.

School security

As we are sure you appreciate the safety of our children is of upmost importance and with this in mind we will be enforcing the locking of the playground gates at 8.50am every morning. Please could we ask you to ensure your child is in class before 8.45am for the register. All parents must leave the class/playground by this time. If you arrive after this time please enter via the school office.

FRIENDS OF ORCHARD VALE NEED YOU! - Christmas Fayre - Sat,24th November 1pm-5pm

The Friends of Orchard Vale are in need of more volunteers to help this fundraising event run smoothly. As you know funding to schools has been dramatically cut and the monies our super Friends of Orchard Vale raise enables us to provide your children with wonderful experiences and equipment which might otherwise not be possible. Any amount of time you are able to offer would be wonderful. Please contact Claire Knight in person or through the school office.

Coats

The children enjoy going outside in most weathers which we actively encourage for break, lunch times and forest school sessions. As the weather is more unpredictable it is important the children have a suitable coat in school every day.

Wanted aqua board

Miss Felgate is leading a forest school mosaic/tiling project and would like to ask anyone with a connection to the building trade whether they have off cuts of aqua board. If you are able to help please contact Miss Felgate via the school office. Thank you.

Violin Lessons

Our visiting Violin Teacher has spaces for children from Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 to take Violin Lessons. These are held on a Tuesday morning in the Music Room. Cost is currently £56 per term with ten lessons during the term. Individual lessons last 15 minutes. Please contact the school office for more information.

Lunch menu for next week is 'Week One"

Diary Dates (don't forget to check the school website, <u>www.ovschool.co.uk</u> for up to date information) Mon, 26th Nov - Flu Vaccinations

Have a great weekend. KS1 Team



Starting your Christmas Shopping?

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.



A big thank you for your support.

