

Dear Parents/Carers

9th November 2018

It was lovely to see you at our Parent/Pupil/Teacher interviews this week.

Miss Williams - Parent/pupil/teacher rescheduled interviews

Unfortunately, Miss Williams had to cancel her parent/pupil/teacher due to illness. She has set aside dates for next week, Monday to Friday - 1 slot each day at 8.15am / Monday - 3.20pm to 4.30pm / Tuesday - 3.20pm to 5pm / Wednesday - 3.20pm to 5.30pm. Please do speak to Miss Williams to arrange a suitable time for you.

Today whole school took part in the Service of Remembrance 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. Thank you to Mr Magson who joined the Happy Dreamers to talk about Remembrance Day and his time in the marines. Every child has made a poppy which they have placed on the turning circles outside the school as a sign of our respect.

This week we have been looking at noun phrases in literacy and writing our own sentences with colourful adjectives. In maths, we started playing with money; getting used to counting out amounts, realising there are no 3p coins!! At home, any opportunities to count money or spend some pennies would be marvellous.

In forest school some of were able to make pizza in the pizza oven and followed this up with some lovely writing.

Reminder - please could the children remember to bring in their Home School Link books on Thursday in order for the teachers to change reading books.

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.

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)

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

Mon, 26th Nov - Flu Vaccinations

Have a great 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

