

Thank you all for supporting the School Council at Movie Night and Friends of Orchard Vale at the Tuck Shop this week. The work they do in raising funds to enable us to provide exciting events, trips and equipment across the school is invaluable.

As it was Chinese New Year this week we will be focusing on this over the next week, exploring features of non-fiction texts in English. Some of us even learnt a dragon dance on the playground.

We have continued our space theme by learning some songs about space and about the planet Venus. The children are now experts on Earth and both its neighbours, Mars and Venus. Why not test their knowledge and ask them what they know! We have also enjoyed designing and naming our own aliens. They had some interesting characteristics. Mr Quilter's class made clay planets and are waiting for them to dry before we paint them.

In maths, we have been counting in 5s and 10s and some of us have been exploring multiplication and linking this to division. We began to explore different materials and their uses in science and will be testing absorbency next week.

Space Odyssey

Thank you to everyone who has contributed towards this wonderful experience. If you have not managed to contribute yet you can pay via Parentpay or in cash.

End of school day

We understand there is a bit of confusion about the official end of school day - Key Stage One finish at 3.10pm.

Forest School

Please note that there will be no forest school sessions until after half term. The site is quite wet and boggy at the moment and needs some time to rest.

Reminder - PE Kit and Uniform

Please could the children remember to bring in their PE kits. It is essential for health and safety reasons the children have the appropriate clothing to take part in activities safely.

We encourage the children to undress and dress themselves for PE sessions and it is important that their PE kits and uniform are clearly labelled with their name. It can be quite distressing for the children when items which look the same as their friends get mixed up.

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.

Important Health Notice

We currently have a lot of children and staff off school with sickness/diarrhoea (gastroenteritis). Should your child be off school with sickness/diarrhoea the medical advice is that they should be kept away from school for **48 hours from the last episode** to reduce the spread of infection. Please could we ask for your help with this.

Pitch in a Pound for the North Devon Hospice – 11th to 15th February

It would be wonderful if the children could 'Pitch in a Pound' next week for us to help the North Devon Hospice with their valuable fund raising efforts. Please hand any donations to your class teacher. Thank you in advance for your support.

Public Health England (PHE) – Dental Health Survey – Thursday, 28th 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.

Lost property

Please could we ask you to look at home to see if your child has accidentally picked up a black PE bag with a silver unicorn on the front and Keeley's name on the back in silver. If found please could you hand this to Miss Gulliford.

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)

Mon, 18th to Fri, 22nd Feb – HALF TERM

Mon, 25th Feb – back to school

Have a great weekend.

KS1 Team



Join us
**DONATE £1 ON
FRIDAY 15 FEB**
at school, work or in your community

To support the local charity



**we are asking children to bring in loose change
(amounting to £1) w/c Monday 11th February.**

**On Friday 15th February
we will be using the coins to create an image on
the school playground.**

Thank you for your support!!

This pink scooter has been left at school for some time now.

Does it belong to you?

