Dear Families 16th November 2018

We have had a fantastic week, the children have been very busy and have loved learning about The Hare and Tortoise story. The children have had their own races with the puppets and have built some fantastic race tracks. The children have been doing an amazing job with their phonics and have started to blend their sounds together to read words, amazing. Both classes also enjoyed painting at Forest School and created some amazing masterpieces.

In phonics, this week we have been looking at all the sounds we have learnt so far, please continue to practice these. We have started to look at the teddy words (at the back of your homework book) with the children, some children are really close to getting their certificates so please continue to practice at home.

In maths we have been practicing writing our numbers, if you would like, you could practice writing your numbers from 1 to 10 in your homework books.

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 Reception winners of the colouring competition were: 1st, Cole (SB) and 2nd, Lucas (AC).

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.

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.

Next week we will be looking at the Cinderella story.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

The Reception Team

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

Sat, 24^{th} Nov – Friends of Orchard Vale – Christmas Craft Fayre – 1pm to 4pm Mon, 26^{th} Nov – Flu Vaccinations



Starting your Christmas Shopping?



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.

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