

Dear Families

11th January 2019

Welcome back, we hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and New Year. A big thank you for all our lovely cards and presents. This term our topic is Julia Donaldson, she is an amazing author and we are looking forward to sharing her books with the children. This week we have been learning about *The Gruffalo*, the children have loved creating Gruffalo pictures and practiced mixing their colours this week. We have also started writing with the children and they did a great job using their sounds to describe the Gruffalo.

In phonics this week we have learned the sounds:

j w x y

Please practice these at home. Please remember to let your class teacher know when your child is confident with reading all of their teddy words.

In Maths, we have been looking at addition. The children have picked this up really quickly and have even started writing number sentence independently.

As we start writing we will also be practicing letter formation, we have put a sheet of letters in your child's homework book to practice at home. The rhymes are a great way of getting the children to remember the correct formation for letters.

Thank you to all of you that have brought in PE kits, our PE days are Monday and Friday so children will need kits on these days. Forest School will start again after February half term.

Our book next week is *Superworm*. We are also having a visit from Exmoor Zoo on Tuesday next week to meet some of their creepy crawlies.

Head Lice

Unfortunately, we have had several cases of children with head lice/nits this week. Please could we ask you all to check your child's hair regular and to treat them, if required. Orchard Vale's policy is that if live lice are seen on a child's head we will contact home and ask parents to take their child home to treat and remove the live lice. The situation in school is dealt with sensitively by all members of staff but it is necessary to prevent the spreading of head lice.

Tempest Year Group Photos - Monday, 14th January

Tempest Photography will be visiting us on Monday to take Vista photos of this year's Reception children. Please could the children come to school in their correct school uniform.

After School Club - Friday, 18th January

As you may know, Mary Braid, Co-founder and Director of Community Arts Network sadly passed away suddenly before Christmas. Mary's funeral is being held on Friday, 18th January, 2.30pm at the Barnstaple Crematorium. Athos has advised us that there will be no After School Club on that day so parents will need to make alternative arrangements.

WANTED

Do you have any unwanted fancy dress wigs, hats etc you would be able to donate towards the Year 6 leaver photo booth box. Please pass any donations to Mrs Moore.

Lunch menu for next week is 'Week One'. Change of menu for Thursday 17th January

Sausages/macaroni cheese, wedges and peas followed ice-cream and shortbread.

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

Tue, 15th Jan - School Council treat - visit by Exmoor Zoo keeper

Wed, 16th Jan - Public Health Devon - Heights and weights (opt out letter sent home)

Thur, 31st Jan - School Council providing free breakfasts to classes

Have a fantastic weekend.

Best wishes.

The Reception Team

Mary Poppins Menu

Thursday 17th January 2019

Chim Chimney's
West Country Sausages

Or

Mary's Carpet Bag
Macaroni Cheese

With

Feed the Birds

Peas

Old Bamboo

Potato Wedges

Followed by

Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious

Ice Cream

Served with a "Let's Go Fly A Kite"

Shortbread



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School Dinners

Dear Parents/Carers

We would like to invite you to complete a short survey in relation to the school dinners available for your child here at Orchard Vale School. The survey will only take a few minutes of your time; there are just seven questions in total!

By participating with this survey and providing us with essential feedback, you will help us develop the delicious dinner menu we currently have on offer.

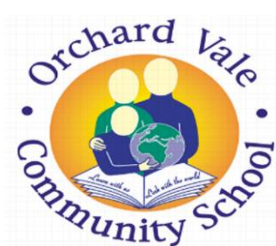
Upon completion of the survey, you have the chance of winning one of four small hampers containing a small cookbook and some baking essentials for you to use at home with your child.

For a chance of winning one of these all you need to do is enter your child's name and class in the 'comments' box at the end of the survey. Mrs Pearce will pick the winners at random from a hat.

[CLICK HERE TO TAKE PART](#)

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation!

Orchard Vale Community School.



10th January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers and children

Orchard Vale School Council would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. This year we have big ideas and hope every child will enjoy and participate in all we have planned.

Whole school breakfast treat – Thursday, 31st January

On Thursday, 31st January we will be providing every class, Nursery to Year 6, to a free breakfast. Food will be delivered at 8:30am for every child to enjoy with their friends in class.

Movie Night – Wednesday, 6th February

We are also planning a Movie Night on Wednesday 6th February. Tickets will cost £2 per child and children will be provided with a drink and a small bag of popcorn. Films and times are yet to be confirmed but tickets will be on sale from the **office from Monday 28th January**.

Thank you for your continued support.

School Council

A child with brown hair, wearing a red and white long-sleeved shirt and blue climbing pants with a harness, is climbing a wooden rock wall. The wall has various colored holds (green, orange, yellow). The child is reaching up with their right arm.

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Club and Community Coach for Devon Cricket

Dear All

Firstly, I would like to introduce myself, I'm James Kemp a Club and Community Coach for Devon Cricket.

As part of this I will be responsible for coordinating and delivering coaching activity in schools and community environments within the North Devon region, these opportunities include:

- Chance to Shine Primary curricular cricket coaching (free of charge for state schools) (**Limited availability left**)
- Chance to Shine Cricket roadshows - a day/morning/afternoon of cricket activities - assembly, classroom lessons, coaching sessions (free of charge for state schools)
- Primary school extra-curricular clubs (info and cost can be found here - <http://devoncricket.co.uk/page.php?id=1954>)
- Cricket festivals/competitions for primary schools
- Training for teachers and young leaders

Chance to Shine is a fully funded program that delivers coaching as part of the National Curriculum, engaging children in cricket, developing a range of both sports specific and non-sport specific skill with an aim to continue the child's sport participation outside of schools.

For more information on the Chance to Shine program please visit: <https://www.chancetoshine.org> or if you have any questions or would like to book your school in for the Chance to Shine program or roadshow feel free to contact me at james.kemp@devoncricket.co.uk

Kind regards

James Kemp

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