### Dear Parents/Carers

7<sup>th</sup> December 2018

What a busy week we have had with tuck shop, Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner. Mrs Williams and her team excelled themselves with our scrumptious Christmas dinner and thank you to the Friends of Orchard Vale for providing every child with a cracker to pull. The children certainly looked wonderful in their Christmas jumpers.

The children have been fantastic rehearsing for the performances and we are very excited to showcase our talents next week! Please could we ask you to ensure costumes are in school first thing Monday morning.

With such a busy week we have still managed to write our information texts about prehistoric beasts - why not have a look when you are next in class.

### Spellings and Homework

Please could the children learn their spellings and practice times-tables. Why not try the timed sessions on https//tt.serveweb.co.uk/quiz# or look at www.mathstest.org. The children also have a sheet on Present Tense and Past Tense to complete over the weekend.

### OV's Spirit: The Greatest Show performances

All evening performance tickets have been sold but we have a few more available for the day time performances.

If you have bought evening performance tickets but no longer require them please contact the school office as we have a waiting list.

Please see the notice attached regarding dropping off and picking up during the evening performances.

### Paignton Zoo residential

The December instalment for the Paignton Zoo residential is now due.

### 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, 17<sup>th</sup> December – Non-uniform day and class Christmas parties. Wed, 19<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of school Mon, 7<sup>th</sup> January – First day of spring term.

Have a great weekend.

Miss Gulliford Mrs Johnson Mrs Benn Mr Whapham

# OV'S SPIRIT: THE GREATEST SHOW

We hope you have your tickets for next week. Orchard Vale is abuzz with classes practicing their songs and lines. The costumes are taking shape and the scenery is looking amazing for our performances on:

Monday 10th December 13:30- (Nursery, Rec, K51 & K52) Tuesday 11th December 09:30 - (Nursery, Rec, K51 & K52) Tuesday 11th December 18:30 - (Rec, K51 & K52) Wednesday 12th December 18:30 (Rec, K51 & K52)

For evening performances please could the children could arrive in class at 6pm so they have enough time to put on costumes but do not have to wait too long before the start of the show. You will be able to enter classes as normal via the playground.

Please could we ask you to leave your child with the class teacher in order that staff can get everyone changed into their costumes and ready to make their entrance on time.

If you are watching the performance please could we ask you to queue for entry by the Community Room in the main courtyard near the school office. The doors will be opened by our front of house staff who will welcome you into the school hall and show you to your seats.

#### Christmas Hampers - Raffle

We have a wonderful Christmas hampers to be won at each performance. Tickets will be sold at the door prior to entering the hall at £1 per strip. Winners will be drawn at the end of the performance once the children have returned to their classes.

We anticipate the performance lasting for approximately  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours so the children should be ready for collection from classrooms at **approximately 8pm**. However, we will be able to give you a more precise time after our rehearsal on Monday.

If you are attending an evening performance could we ask you to wait in the hall until all the children have left and are safely in their classes.

Staff will ensure every child is safely collected by you or your designated adult at approximately 8pm. If you are not attending the evening performances please collect your child from their classroom after they have taken off their costumes. Entry will be via the playground.

We look forward to welcoming you to one of our performances and thank you all for your continued support.

Fiona Pearce Head Teacher



## **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.

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### 3. Select your required retailer.

### A big thank you for your support.

