

Dear Families

9th November 2018

It was great to see you at the parent/pupil/teacher interviews this week - we hope you found them helpful and informative.

We have had a lovely week this week learning about 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. We have been very busy creating tiger faces with tissue paper and googly eyes, buying food to replace what the tiger had eaten and drawing story maps to show what happened in the story. The children have even had a go at using their sounds to label their story maps.

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.

At home you could have a tea party with your family or your teddy's, just like the Tiger did with Sophie and Mum. You could also take some pictures or draw a picture of your tea party.

The whole school took part in the Service of Remembrance today 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.

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'

Next week we will be reading the story of 'The Hare and the Tortoise'.

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

Mon, 26th Nov - Flu Vaccinations



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

