

Wow - what a wonderful week we have had immersing ourselves in the Stone Age. We all thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Heatree Activity Centre. The children started off by making their own clay and using this to make sculptures. They ground oats using a stone and mixed this with honey and water to make porridge. We made Stone Age jewellery; sharpened the end of willow sticks to make spears and hunted 'Bertha' the legendary wild boar of Heatree. We drew cave paintings using natural paint on slate, made our own shelters and dressed as Stone Age people. The roundhouse was very smokey, but we were able to see how different it would have been to live in the Stone Age compared to our houses today. We are hoping to put some photos on the website Gallery shortly.

In school, some of the children composed their own Stone Age music using percussion instruments and choreographed a dance to accompany the music. In Forest School we have been exploring communication in the Stone Age using Makaton (sign language) and codes.

Well done to the children who represented us in the Cross Country races this morning at Park School. They were all a credit to the school and performed brilliantly. A special well done to the children who came in the top 8 places out of 5 schools with 80 to 100 children in each race:

Year 3 girls - 1 st - Alice G	2 nd - Alicia A	5 th - Heidi	6 th - Rhia
Year 3 boys - 1 st - Phineas	2 nd - Ajay	5 th - William R	
Year 4 girls - 5 th - Khloe	6 th - Penny	8 th - Jessica M	
Year 4 boys - 1 st - Flynn L	2 nd - Riley A	5 th - Ewan	6 th - Jay L 7 th - Finn K.

Spellings

The children will bring home their spellings to learn for next Friday's test. Please feel free to look in their Homework books to see how they fare in their tests.

Please encourage the children to log on to the maths website to help support their times tables www.mathstest.org.

It has been wonderful to see some of the great pieces of homework being brought in. A copy of the task sheet can be found on our website [ovschool.co.uk/parent information/Years 3 and 4](http://ovschool.co.uk/parent%20information/Years%203%20and%204).

Christmas card designs

Thank you for returning your orders for the Christmas cards the children have designed. We have sent these off and understand that orders should be delivered at the beginning of December.

Road Closure - A361 River Taw - Barnstaple (Rumsam Bridge Repairs)

Please be advised that circumstances and weather permitting, SWH will be undertaking essential highway maintenance works on behalf of Devon County Council for 1 night, on Monday, 1st October. Additional repairs to the bridge will also continue throughout the week under temporary traffic lights. The works will involve essential bridge repair work. In order to carry out these works, a road closure and diversion will be in place, generally between the hours of 19:00 and 07:00, although these times may vary. Please allow yourself extra time to get to school.

Friends of Orchard Vale - Tuck Shop - Tuesday, 2nd October

Children can bring in up to 50p to spend on a treat during morning break. All funds raised are used to help subsidise trips, events and equipment across the school.

School Council Bonfire Night - Friday, 2nd November

The School Council are organising a bonfire night treat in the forest school area and school field. Letters have been sent home with the children today with information about how to buy tickets.

Have a wonderful weekend.

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

Thur, 11th October - Friends of Orchard Vale - School Disco (more details to come)

Thur, 18th October - School photos (more details to come)

Fri, 19th October - Non Pupil Day Mon, 22nd to Fri, 26th October - Half Term