

On Tuesday Devon based author, Dan Metcalf, visited key stage two. He talked to the children about who inspired him to become an author, how he gets his ideas and shared his books, particularly his new title Paw Prints in the Somme. If your child has ordered a copy of one of Dan's books he will be signing them and delivering them next week.

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 Years 3/4 winner of the colouring competition was Chloe-Rose (2nd place) in Mrs Johnson's class.

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.

Well done to the children who represented us at the Bratton Fleming cross country yesterday. All of the Orchard Vale children who attended finished within the first 10 places - wow.

Year 3 girls - 1st Ria, 5th Heidi, 7th Alice

Year 3 boys - 1st William R, 3rd Ajay, 4th Phineas

Year 4 girls - 6th Khloe, 8th Penny

Year 4 boys - 2nd Ewan, 3rd Jay, 4th Riley, 5th Flynn

In class this week, we started researching Stonehenge and have considered how it appeared ready for us to write our newspaper articles next week. In Maths, we have consolidated our multiplication and division facts and will be moving onto addition and subtraction including formal written methods.

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.

Coats

The children enjoy going outside in most weathers which we actively encourage for break, lunch times and forest school sessions. As the weather is more unpredictable it is important the children have a suitable coat in school every day.

Wanted aqua board

Miss Felgate is leading a forest school mosaic/tiling project and would like to ask anyone with a connection to the building trade whether they have off cuts of aqua board. If you are able to help please contact Miss Felgate via the school office. Thank you.

Violin Lessons

Our visiting Violin Teacher has spaces for children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 to take Violin Lessons. These are held on a Tuesday morning in the Music Room. Cost is currently £56 per term with ten lessons during the term. Individual lessons last 15 minutes. Please contact the school office for more information.

Spellings and Homework

Please could the children learn their spellings, practice times-tables (www.mathstest.org) and complete the maths sheet they have been given today linking with their work in class.

Lunch menu for next week is 'Week One'

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

Have a great weekend.

Miss Gulliford

Mrs Johnson

Mrs Benn

Mr Whapham



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.

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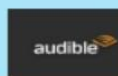
1. Please go to www.ovschool.co.uk.
2. Click on the School Angel link.
3. Select your required retailer.



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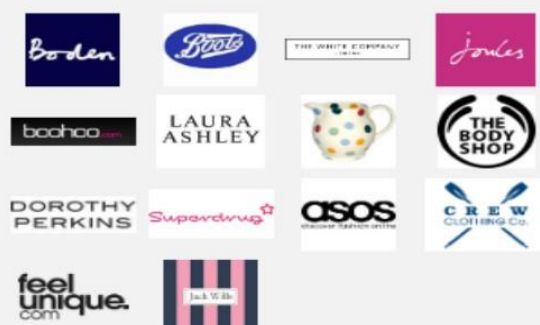
General shopping... ☺



Practical shopping... ☺



Shops for the girls... ♥



Travel, hotels & holidays... ☺

