

It is lovely to see everyone back after the Christmas break. We started the term off with a special treat. The School Council arranged a science experience using the funds raised at the Bonfire Night. We all took part in amazing lessons with 'Sciencedipity' making special potions and exploring chemical reactions. Best of all the children were able to make slime to take home.

We have introduced our new topic of 'Chocolate' - yum! The children discussed what they would like to find out and have begun to look at the history of chocolate and its production. Linking our topic to literacy we will be exploring Charlie and The Chocolate Factory. In maths, we are consolidating place value and written addition/subtraction methods.

### **Homework**

The children will bring home a new Topic Homework Task Sheet. We have amended our weekly spellings to include an extra 5 spellings from the statutory word list for years 3 and 4 in addition to our usual spelling patterns. These extra words are ones they need to know and use as evidence within their writing.

**Homework Books** - it is important that these books are brought into school every Friday morning. Children complete their times tables and spelling tests in them. These are then marked for parents/carers to see how their child is progressing.

### **Uniform**

We encourage the children to take responsibility for their possessions, especially coats and uniforms. In order to assist us in doing this please could you ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name. Unlabelled/misplaced items will be placed in the Lost Property outside the Years 5/6 classes.

### **Forest School**

Please could the children remember to bring in wellington boots (labelled)/coats for forest school sessions.

Mr Whapham's class - **Wednesday**      Miss Gulliford's class - **Thursday**      Mrs Johnson's class - **Friday**

### **After School Club - Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> 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, 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Paignton Zoo residential**

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

### **Year 4 - Tennis Festival - Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> January**

Our Year 4 children will be taking part in the Tennis Festival at Tarka Tennis on Wednesday as part of our PE curriculum.

### **Lunch menu for next week is 'Week One'. Change of menu for Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.ovschool.co.uk) for up to date information)**

Thur, 31<sup>st</sup> Jan - School Council providing free breakfasts to classes

We hope you have a great weekend.

Miss Gulliford      Mrs Johnson      Mrs Benn      Mr Whapham

# 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.





10<sup>th</sup> 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, 31<sup>st</sup> January**

On Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> 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, 6<sup>th</sup> February**

We are also planning a Movie Night on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> January.**

Thank you for your continued support.

School Council

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

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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](mailto:james.kemp@devoncricket.co.uk)

Kind regards

James Kemp



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