

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

Friday, 16th July 2021

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

We have been extremely fortunate over recent weeks that our infection measures have supported a relatively settled end to the school year. The children have been able to participate in end of term activities such as sports days, summer fair and talent contests. I know these have had to look a little different, and at times have presented us with a bit of a challenge, but we have pulled together and made sure the children have had lots of fun. I know everyone has fully enjoyed every moment. I hope that next year we will be able to enjoy these events together again.

We are delighted to welcome a new member of staff to the Orchard Vale team in September. We appointed Mrs Richardson to year 5 and 6 and she will be job sharing with Mrs Rana. Mrs Richardson is moving into the area and brings lots of experience with her. Next week the children will be meeting their new classes and new teachers. I appreciate that we are still unable to invite parents in to meet new teachers so I have asked teachers to produce a welcome video which will be placed on your child's Class Teams/Tapestry for you to view before the end of term.

We will also be saying goodbye to our year 6 students. We will miss them all but wish them well as they move up to Secondary school in September. I know they are busy ordering their new uniforms and familiarising themselves with their new school.

Although restrictions are changing on the 19th July, we will be continuing with our current risk assessment until the end of term. We have taken advice from the local authority and spoken to other schools and feel that with infection rates so high, and only a few days to go we want to keep both staff and children as safe as possible. There will be changes to contact tracing which will come into play on the 19th July and I have included further information on this below.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and enjoy the glorious weather.

Fiona Pearce, Headteacher



Changes to contact tracing in education and childcare settings

As you know, the Prime Minister announced on 12th July that Step 4 of the roadmap would go ahead on 19th July.

One of the key changes that will take place from 19th July is that education and childcare settings will no longer be asked to conduct routine contact tracing. As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with either the positive case – or in the case of children – the parents, carers or guardian of the positive case to identify close contacts.

NHS Test and Trace already manages the contact tracing process for the rest of society – including children who have recorded a positive PCR test – and has expertise in supporting people to identify close contacts.

Set out below are more details on how that process will work and what you need to do if your child tests positive for COVID-19.

Self-isolating and taking a test

1. If your child has symptoms, they and other members of the household should self-isolate – and you should inform their education or childcare setting. You should immediately order a PCR test for them.
 - If the PCR result is negative, they and other members of their household can stop self-isolating (unless instructed to self-isolate for other reasons).
 - If the PCR result is positive, they, other members of their household and any close contacts identified by NHS Track and Trace must self-isolate until 10 days after the onset of symptoms.

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2. If your child has a positive result from a lateral flow device (LFD) test, they and other members of the household should self-isolate – and you should inform their education or childcare setting. You should immediately order a confirmatory PCR test.

If the confirmatory test is taken within two days and the result is negative, they and other members of their household can stop self-isolating (unless instructed to self-isolate for other reasons).

If the confirmatory PCR test is positive (or is taken more than two days after the LFD), other members of their household and any close contacts identified by NHS Track and Trace must self-isolate until 10 days after the LFD test.

3. PCR tests can be booked online through the [NHS Test & Trace website](#) or by calling 119.
4. PCR test results will be recorded with NHS Test and Trace automatically, but you should also communicate the result to the education or childcare setting during term time or summer provision.

Contact tracing

5. If your child gets a positive PCR test result, NHS Test and Trace will contact you, using the details you registered when ordering the PCR test. You and/or your child will be asked a series of specific questions designed to identify who your child has been in close contact with. Being in an education or childcare setting with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 will not necessarily mean a person is identified as a close contact.
6. You will be asked to provide the contact details, if you know them, of any of the individuals – or their parents or guardians – who have been identified as close contacts. NHS Test and Trace will then get in touch with these close contacts and provide appropriate instructions or advice (see below).

Self-isolation and/or testing of close contacts

7. At present, anyone identified as a close contact is legally required to self-isolate and must not attend their education or childcare setting (the only exception is if they are participating in a daily contact testing trial). Anyone identified as a non-household close contact by NHS Track and Trace must self-isolate until 10 days after the date of their most recent contact with that person.

If they live in the same household, they must self-isolate until 10 days after the date of that person developing symptoms (see point 1 above) or,

if that person was asymptomatic, the date of their test (see point 2 above). NHS Test and Trace will notify you of the day on which the self-isolation period ends.

8. Close contacts are also advised to take a PCR test.

If the test result is negative, they must still complete the full self-isolation period, as the test will not detect all positive cases.

If the result is positive, they will need to self-isolate for a further 10 days – and NHS Test and Trace will contact them to identify any close contacts.

9. **From 16 August**, if the close contact is under 18, they will not have to self-isolate (in line with the policy for fully vaccinated adults) but will be asked to take an PCR test immediately, other than for very young children identified as non-household contacts, and they will not need to self-isolate while awaiting the results of the test.

If the PCR test is positive, they will be required to self-isolate for 10 days from the date of the test. NHS Test and Trace will then get in touch to identify close contacts (see points 5 and 6 above). Further guidance on these changes to self-isolation will be provided shortly.

We recognise how difficult the past 18 months have been and the sacrifices that all families, education and childcare settings have had to make. This has been an enormously challenging time for everyone and we would like



[Click hear for the update of 16th July](#)



Orchard Vale's Virtual Summer Fair Wednesday, 14th July



Weren't we lucky with the fantastic weather this week?

We all had a great time at the summer fair on Wednesday afternoon. It was so nice to be able to see the children having fun and taking part in the traditional games (splat the rat, plinko, coconut shy, mini assault course). The stocks, with the wet sponges, was a very popular stall. Thank you to Mrs Pearce, Mr Boulton and the years 5 and 6 children for being such willing targets.

If you signed your child up for Virtual Summer Fair we will be deciding the winners of the competitions on Wednesday, 21st July. With your help we have raised approximately £603—thank you all so much!

We hope you like the craft item your child made.



Food Vouchers for Summer Holidays

The Government are continuing their support of families with children who are entitled to income related Free School Meals. (

If your child is entitled to free school meals you will have been sent a voucher this week. This will enable you to receive vouchers to the value of £15 per week, per child for Sainsburys, Tesco, Morrisons, Asda, Aldi, M&S Food and Waitrose to purchase food over the summer holidays.

School Diary Dates

Fri, 19th July	Years 5 and 6 visit to Junglaroo
Tue, 20th July	Allotment Team
Wed, 21st July	Year 6 Presentations, BBQ and Years 6 –v– staff rounders match
Thurs, 22nd July	Last day of school
Wed, 8th Sept	First day of Autumn term

Mr Ovey's After School PE Clubs for the last week of term

Monday, 19th July—Basketball club running as normal

Tuesday, 20th July—Boys football club running as normal

There will be no clubs on

Wednesday, 21st (girls football)

Thursday, 22nd July (tennis)

Year 3 and 4—Proud Cloud (High Flyer Readers)



We are proud to share the children's success for consistently reading 25 times a week at home. The following children have reached their first step on the Proud Cloud. Well done to:

Miss Gulliford's class Lara - 200 Rhys - 150 Vinny- 50 Mia J - 25

Menu for week commencing 19th July 2021

Week 2 19th July

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	
M – Breaded fish with wedges and peas	M – Macaroni Cheese & bacon with Focaccia bread and Sweetcorn	M – Roast chicken, potatoes and 2 fresh vegetables with gravy	M – Crunchy chicken fillets with French fries and peas	
V – Quorn mild chilli with rice and peas	JP – Cheese/beans/tuna	V – Vegetarian wellington with potatoes and 2 fresh vegetables	V –Quorn nuggets with French fries and peas	
	PL - Cheese roll			
JP – Cheese/beans/tuna		JP – Cheese/beans/tuna	JP – Cheese/beans/tuna	
PL – Pasta pot (pasta with carrot, cucumber, tomato, sweetcorn, diced pepper, onion, ham)	D – Flapjack	PL - Ham sandwich	PL –Chicken and bacon salad	
D – Fresh fruit		D – Fruit smoothie	D – Cookie	

Yoghurts and fresh fruit will be available daily
Gluten free menu available on request

Is your child eligible to income related free school meals?

Holiday Action Fund



The Holiday Action Food (HAF) programme is primarily for children aged 5-16 years (and can include 4-year-olds already in Reception year) who are eligible for and receiving benefits-related free school meals (FSM), and their families. If it encourages your child to attend, they can bring a friend. We also encourage HAF providers to make places available to children who aren't eligible but who can pay to attend.

15% of the funding can be used to provide places considered as vulnerable or in need of this provision. This may include, for example:

- children assessed as being in need
 - looked-after children
 - children with an EHC plan (education, health and care)
 - children assessed as otherwise vulnerable
 - children living in areas of high deprivation
- children in families that are struggling due to COVID restrictions

Please note that not all activity providers will be able to accommodate the full age range of the programme. Please check with the provider what age group is appropriate to their activity.

If you think that your child is eligible for a income-related Free School Meal under the above criteria, but you have not yet registered, you can [make an application through our website](#). If you are successful please email orchardvale@ventrus.org.uk with proof of your eligibility (including dates confirmed).

Little Princess Trust—Ella-Rose

Ella-Rose's mum has told us:

"Ella-Rose has been growing her hair for over a year for little princess trust (she asked if she could cut it off and go give it to poorly people by hand I had to explain the procedure) I thought she would change her mind or not mention it again but here we go on the 27th July. She is all booked in and having it all chopped off just over 11 inches and having a bob so you won't recognise her when she returns"





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Drums, Piano, Keyboard



Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are delighted to be able to offer drum set, piano and keyboard lessons at Orchard Vale Primary School from September 2021. Sue Payne teaches piano and keyboard, Martin Bradshaw teaches drums. Both are experienced teachers working in several of the local primary and secondary schools. All students will have the opportunity to take music exams when appropriate.

Lessons cost £8 for a 15 minute lessons (KS1 only) £11 for a 20 minute individual and £16 for a 30 minute individual. A term will consist of 10/11 lessons and be invoiced at the start of term by Instrumental Music Services.

Lessons are available during the school day and if you would like your daughter/son to receive lessons, and agree with the outline provisions below, please email the information below to imsnorthdevon@gmail.com or phone 07974849303

Students' name.....Age.....Class.....

Instrument..... Lesson length.....

Your name & address (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss)

Post Code.....

Phone number.....E-mail.....

A short "Agreement for Instrumental Lessons" will be included with the first invoice which clearly states the terms on which lessons are provided.

By completing this form, you are agreeing to our privacy policy, for more information please visit

Sarah Steed, Area Manager
IMS North Devon
www.imsmusic.co.uk



THE KIDS ADVENTURE
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Kids Summer Holiday club

10.00-15.00pm £45 per day

Mon 26th July, age 7 upwards

Baggy Point Coastal Adventure

Exciting adventure day exploring the cliffs & caves of Baggy Point: climbing, scrambling, firelighting, rock pooling with our new face mask snorkels, smores. May get wet feet!

Tues 27th July age 7 upwards

Wistlandpound Forest Adventure

Fun packed day exploring the woods: orienteering, treasure trails, shelter building, firelighting, smores, games, whittling, bow & arrows, slack line.

Thurs 29th July age 7 upwards

Valley of the Rocks & Lynmouth Beach

Start the day with a climbing adventure at Valley of The Rocks then follow the stunning coastal path down to Lynmouth Beach where we will explore, rockhop, rockpool, & make some amazing beach art. Drop off at Valley of the Rocks, pick up in Lynmouth.

New for
2021

Fri 30th July Secondary School kids & Year 6 leavers

Kayak Adventure on the River Taw

We are very excited to take you on a trip along the River Taw exploring the estuary on our brand new fleet of sit on top kayaks, stopping off on the sandbanks for lunch! No skills required, just a sense of adventure and fun!

New for
2021

Sat 31st July Secondary School kids & Year 6 leavers

Climbing Adventure Day for older kids at Hartland!

Climbing from the beach, this day is based near the stunning Black Church Rock, Hartland. Great rock climbs and perfect if you have already climbed with us at Baggy.

New for
2021

Book online @ thekidsadventurecompany.co.uk



Summer Activities July

All abilities welcome

Fri 16th July	Sit on top kayak paddle on River Taw	10.30 - 13.00	Age 8+	£35
Sat 17th July	Rockpool Safari, Baggy	16.00 - 18.30	Age 7+	£35
Wed 21st July	session 1	9.00 - 10.30	Age 7+	£25
Climb, Baggy	session 2	10.45 - 12.15	Age 7+	£25
	session 3	12.30 - 14.00	Age 7+	£25
Sat 24th July	session 1	10.00 - 11.30	Age 6+	£25
Climb,	session 2	11.45 - 13.15	Age 6+	£25
Valley of the Rocks	session 3	13.30 - 15.00	Secondary	£25
			& year 6 leavers	
Sun 25th July				
Rockpool Safari, Baggy		11.30 - 14.00	Age 7+	£35
Sit on top Kayaking,	session 1	12.00 - 14.00	Age 8+	£30
Knowle Lake Braunton	session 2	14.30 - 16.30	Age 8+	£30
Mon 26th July				
Coastal Adventure Day, Baggy		10.00 - 15.00	Age 7+	£45
Tues 27th July				
Wistlandpound Adventure Day		10.00 - 15.00	Age 7+	£45
Young coasteer, Baggy		9.00 - 11.00	Age 6 - 11	£35
Family Climb, Baggy		17.00 - 18.30	Age 6+	£25
Wed 28th July				
Young coasteer	session 1	9.00 - 11.00	Age 6 - 11	£35
Young Climb, Baggy	session 2	12.00 - 13.30	Age 6 - 11	£25
Climb, Baggy	session 3	14.00 - 15.30	Age 7+	£25
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Fri 30th July				
Sit on top Kayak trip, River Taw Day		10.00 - 15.00	Secondary	£45
			& Year 6 leavers	
Sat 31st July				
Climbing Adventure Day for older Kids		10.00-15.00	Secondary	£45
Black Church, Hartland			& Year 6 leavers	



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Coasteering

£35 a session
2.5 hours

Age 8 upwards

Adults welcome

Must be able to swim confidently
in the sea

Hot choc & brownie to finish!

JULY

Sun	11th	8.00am + 4.30pm
Mon	12th	8.30am + 5.30pm
Tues	13th	9.00am
Wed	14th	9.30am
Fri	16th	10.30am
Sat	17th	10.00am
Sun	18th	11.00am
Fri	23rd	3.30pm
Sat	24th	4.00pm
Sun	25th	8.00am
Mon	26th	8.30am
Tues	27th	9.00am young coasteer age 6-11
Wed	28th	9.00am young coasteer age 6-11
Thur	29th	10.30am
Fri	30th	9.30am
Sat	31st	10.30am

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Sun	1st	11.00am
Mon	2nd	11.30am
Tues	3rd	2.00pm
Fri	6th	3.00pm
Sat	7th	3.30pm
Sun	8th	4.00pm
Mon	9th	4.15pm
Tue	10th	5.00pm
Wed	11th	8.45am
Thur	12th	9.00am
Fri	13th	9.30am
Sat	14th	10.15am
Sun	15th	9.30am
Mon	16th	10.00am
Tues	17th	11.00am
Thur	19th	1.30pm
Fri	20th	2.30pm
Sat	21st	3.00pm
Sun	22nd	4.00pm
Mon	23rd	4.15pm
Tues	24th	4.15pm
Wed	25th	9.00am
Thur	26th	9.30am
Fri	27th	9.45am
Sat	28th	10.00am
Sun	29th	10.00am

AUGUST

Book online @ thekidsadventurecompany.co.uk

All abilities welcome



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August Bank Holiday activities

Sat 28th August

Family Sit on top Kayaking trip, down the
River Taw starting at 10.00 for about 3 hours
Depending how fast you paddle!

Age 8+ £35pp

Sun 29th August

Family

Sit on top Kayaking,
Knowle Lake Braunton

session 1 12.00 - 14.00
session 2 14.30 - 16.30

Age 6+ £30pp

Book online @

thekidsadventurecompany.co.uk



RHS
GARDEN

Rosemoor

Rosemoor Children's Activities

Holiday Bug Hunts

Mon 26 July; Tues 3 August; Wed 11 August; Thurs 19 August; Fri 27 August. 11am-12:30pm and 2pm-3:30pm

Join the Education Team to take a closer look at the invertebrates living at Rosemoor. Search for invertebrates, identify the creatures you find and investigate their habitat.

£2 per child with an accompanying adult.

Normal Garden entry charge and booking process applies. Activities will go ahead in all weathers! Please dress accordingly.

Please book online at
rhs.org.uk/rosemoor-whats-on
or call 01805 626810



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RHS
GARDEN

Rosemoor

Rosemoor Children's Activities

Summer Holiday Welly Walks for Under 5s

Every Monday, 26 July-30 August 10:30am-12:00pm

Join the Education Team for a Welly Walk adventure in the Gardens, followed by a craft or planting activity and a relaxed drink to finish.

£5 per child, under age 5, with an accompanying adult.

Includes all materials plus tea/coffee and juice.
Normal Garden entry charge and booking process applies.
Activities will go ahead in all weathers! Please dress accordingly.

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