

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

It has certainly felt chilly this week, although lovely to see some winter sun too. The children have enjoyed being outside in the good weather.

Our Reception class enjoyed reading the Naughty Bus this week. To make the story come alive they all went out in small groups for a tour around Barnstaple in the school minibus to experience their very own Naughty Bus trip.

A Year 5 team took part in an athletic competition run by the Barnstaple Primary Schools' Sports Co-ordinator. Although they could not come together with other schools they participated in a number of activities in our playground and the scores will be compared with other North Devon schools who have done the same.

In assembly we have been talking about our school values. So far we have discussed pride and resilience. I can think of endless times when I have been so proud of the children at Orchard Vale. Every day when I walk around the school I feel proud watching the youngest children enjoy playing taking turns and sharing with each other; with the children learning their phonics and their delight when they get it right; with our older children when they show resilience in their learning trying hard to recall facts or concentrating on new learning and practicing until they get it right. This week we have started the Key Stage Two after school sports clubs with many children trying something new. Although some have found this challenging as well as exciting they are determined to do their best.

We have a new maths competition running for children this week. Children in years 1 and 2 have been asked to complete a Numbots challenge while those in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will complete times tables challenges. Children with the fastest time will be rewarded in assembly on Friday. Good luck to you all.

With half term approaching we will be preparing to forward the Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers. These will be emailed out to parents of eligible children shortly before half term. If you think you may be entitled to register for Free School Meals click this link [Devon County Council Free School Meals](#) for more information.

Tempest Photography visited us this week to take in the frame/vista photos of the children in Reception and Year 6. Parents have been sent an email with a link for you to order a copy of the group photographs via Tempest Photography's online ordering portal. If you have any queries, please contact Tempest Photography on 01736 751555.



Have a wonderful weekend.

Fiona Pearce
Headteacher

Reception Naughty Bus Trip

In Reception we have been learning about the 'Naughty Bus' by Jan Oke. This week we all went on our own naughty bus trip. We loved the journeys and the children came back to tell us about the sights they saw.

A big thank you to our bus driver Mrs Gordon.



Ronnie's lego lighthouse

Ronnie constructed a fabulous Lego model of a lighthouse, inspired by the book 'Letters from the lighthouse' by Emma Carroll which we were studying in Years 5 and 6 this week.





Key Stage One and Foundation



Mrs Youll's nomination

Lily for showing such enthusiasm with her learning and using super imagination in her play.

Carter for showing good independence and playing nicely with his friends.

Miss Cawthorne and Miss Boundy's nominations

Elana for fantastic phonics and being super helpful.

Emi for amazing phonics and working super hard.



Mr Quilter nomination

Bella is a fantastic learner! She is very quiet but her work ethic and positive attitude never goes unnoticed. She always gives 100% effort and I love watching her become more and more independent!

You are smashing year 1 Bella, keep it up!

Mrs Oldfield's nomination

Noah Le has had a wonderful week; he continually makes us laugh and is a ray of sunshine to have in the classroom. Noah has impressed us with his effort to pop up his hand when he has an idea to share, rather than shouting out. He is very helpful and is our 'go to guy' when a job needs to be done. Noah is your man for the job. Noah has impressed in his multiplication work this week, using his times table knowledge and arrays to great effect.

Well done Noah, keep up the great work, we are very proud of you.



Mrs Grimwood's nomination

Renzo is just a brilliant learner. He is a particularly spectacular mathematician and has really impressed me this week, going the extra mile to organise his calculations systematically. Renzo has made a fabulous fire safety leaflet. He is putting 100% into his reading. He is the kind of learner who always does everything that is asked for and more, rather than just settling for enough. Renzo is also a fabulous role model in our class. Renzo is reliable and hardworking but also friendly and a little bit cheeky. He is a highly valued member of our class.

Thank you, Renzo, for being such an awesome learner.

Updated guidance from the government

Self-isolation, PCR and LFD testing

Child exhibits Covid-19 symptoms

If your child has any of the Covid-19 symptoms, even if they are mild, they should stay at home and self-isolate straight away. They should book a PCR test (a test that is sent to a lab), to check if they have COVID-19 as soon as possible. They should stay at home to self-isolate and not have visitors until you get their test result.

Awaiting a PCR test result

If you have been advised to book a PCR Test for your child but they are not exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms, they can attend school whilst you await the PCR test results.

If your child has any COVID-19 symptoms they should self-isolate until results are known and then follow Track and Trace Advice.

Close contacts

All adults who are fully vaccinated and children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19 should take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating.

Daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 will help protect education settings by reducing transmission and will also help keep pupils in face-to-face education.

Once notified by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact, all pupils should:

- Take a LFD every day for 7 days.
- Report the results through the Online Reporting System at **www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result**
- Report to the school via the form below. **Please report one child per Form.**

[CLICK HERE to complete to report your child's LFD results to school](#)

In certain circumstances Track and Trace may advise you to book a PCR test.

If your child tests positive with a PCR test

If your child tests positive for Covid-19 with a PCR or LFD test they will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on 2 consecutive days as follows:

Please advise the school office of the results, when your child's self-isolation started and is due to finish.

- On Day 5 they should take a LFD test.
(Do not take a LFD before Day 5. The second test must be the following day).
- On Day 6 they should take a LFD test.
- If **both** LFD are negative and they do not have a temperature your child may end their self-isolation, after the second negative LFD test result returning to school on Day 6.

All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#)

If the results of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

If your child is under 5 years old and they are unable to take a LFD test they will need to isolate for 10 days.

If your child is unable to take a LFD test, for whatever reason, or continues to have a temperature they will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

PE Champs

Well done to the PE Champions from Key Stages 1 and 2.

Year 1/2 - Matilda- excellent improvement in her listening and really trying her best in all her PE lessons

Year 3/4 - Mia J - for showing great resilience and not giving up despite her injury

Year 5/6 - Michael - for being a huge pleasure to have in pe and clubs and for always being helpful and positive

School Diary Dates

Thurs, 27th Jan	Year 5 —swimming lesson
Wed, 2nd Feb	Lost Property collection—Coffee Cabin (8.30am to 9am & 3pm to 3.30pm)
Wed, 2nd Feb	Tuck Shop
Wed, 2nd Feb	Years 5/6 —Netball Competition—Park School
Thurs, 3rd Feb	Lost Property collection—Coffee Cabin (8.30am to 9am & 3pm to 3.30pm)
Thurs, 3rd Feb	Year 5 - Swimming lesson
Mon, 7th Feb	Years 5/6 —Girls Football @ Park School
Thurs, 10th Feb	Year 6 —Rising Stars—Basketball
Thurs, 17th Feb	Year 5 —Swimming lessons
Thurs, 17th Feb	KS2 School Disco
Mon, 21st to Fri, 25th Feb	HALF TERM WEEK

Menu for week commencing Monday, 24th January 2022

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
M	Breaded Fish & Wedges	Brunch, Sausage, Bacon & Scrambled Eggs	Roast Gammon	Beef Burger in a Bap	Mild Chicken Korma & Wholegrain Rice
V	Sweet Potato & Lentil Curry with Sunshine Rice	Vegetarian Brunch	Vegetarian Roast	Quorn Nuggets	Cauliflower Bites with BBQ Sauce & Wholegrain Rice
Sides	Peas & Sweetcorn	Baked Beans & Hash Brown	Roast Potatoes , Fresh Broccoli, Sliced Carrots & Gravy	Chips, Tomato Sauce, Peas & Sweetcorn	Carrots
JP	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna
SPL	Egg Mayo Bap	Cheese Bap	Gammon Bap	Chicken Salad	Sausage Roll
D	Sticky Toffee Sponge & Custard	Fresh Fruit	Fruit Smoothie	Cookie	Flapjack

Yoghurts, Fresh Fruit & Bread will be available daily

Gluten free menu available on request

Spotlight on Phonics

Last year, we adopted a new phonics scheme called "Read, Write Inc." which is now fully

embedded across the school. I would like to take the opportunity to explain a little about the scheme and how you can help at home.

In Read, Write Inc. we train all of our staff to deliver phonics in a consistent way across the school. We work in small groups and teach in small, achievable steps and only ask children to read using what they know so far. Evidence suggest that children will become more confident, able readers when working at their own pace.



By now, from Reception upwards, your child will know which phonics group they are in and which story book they need to read. The sounds, words and books are all matched to your child's next steps. They are then assessed very regularly to ensure that they make good progress through the scheme.

As Reader Leader, I have the privileged position of hearing every child read under this scheme and can give advice to teachers and children about their next steps. As a part of this role, I would love to help support parents further at home with some regular guidance and support with how to help at home.

In this way, I aim to update you regularly through the School Newsletter with top tips and links to videos on You tube, which match the scheme that we use. The first video link that I attach for your interest is one of the first steps to accurate reading. It focuses on the correct pronunciation of the phonics sounds that we use to read.

I hope that you enjoy it!

Mrs Lowrey



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkXcabDUg7Q>

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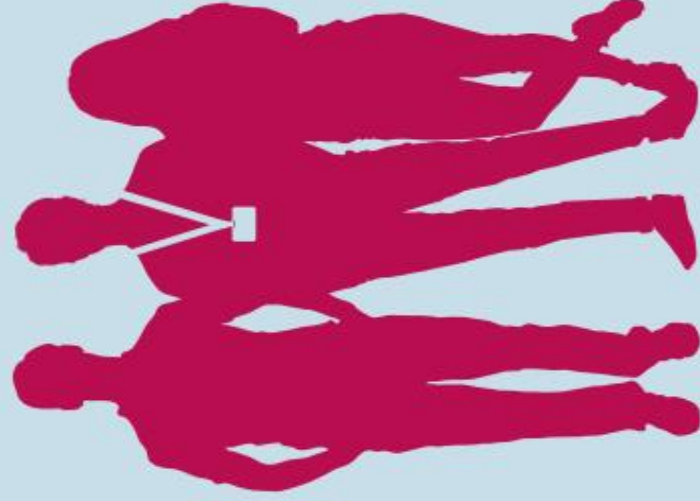
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Are you struggling with fuel costs this winter?

Household Support Fund

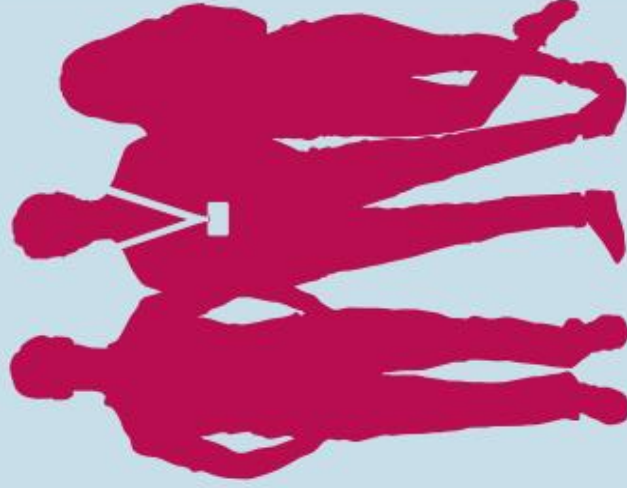
This fund is available to people in North Devon who have a pre-payment meter and are struggling to afford food, energy, water bills and other related essentials this winter.

The fund is available until
31st March 2022.

If you have a pre-payment meter and are struggling with bills or you know someone else who is we can advise on eligibility and help you to apply. Simply turn over to see all the ways that you can contact us.

If you do not have a pre-payment meter but are also struggling with essential bills and you live in North Devon contact NDDC direct on

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or email
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**Call our free, local AdviceLine on
0808 27 87 999**

**Get advice and webchat via
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NORTH DEVON
LEISURE CENTRE

FEBRUARY HALF-TERM HOLIDAY CAMPS

MULTI ACTIVITY HOLIDAY CAMPS

Monday 21st - Friday 25th

During February half-term, Pop-Up Sports and the North Devon Leisure Centre will be running Ofsted registered sports and activities camps for all children aged 5 - 12 years

OFSTED NUMBER: 2559818

OPEN

07:30 - 17:30*

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FEBRUARY HOLIDAY CAMP PROGRAM

MINI CAMP (5 - 8 YEARS)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Playground Games	Football Festival	UV Glow Sports Championships	Inflatable Team Sports	Inflatable Sports
Dojo Dodgeball	Beach Flags/ Tug of War	Nerf Wars - Capture the flag	Kings & Queens Dodgeball	Nerf Wars - Disarm the bomb
Tennis/ Crazy Golf	Free Swim Time	Swimming Lessons	Water Polo Shoot Out	Pool Party
Nerf Wars - Protect the president	Swim Life Saving	Free Swim Time	Free Swim Time	Pool Party
Pool Games	Tennis/ Volleyball Games	Cricket Skills	Foot/ Tennis Rounders	Sports Mix Mayhem
Pool Games	Beat the Coach	Sports Challenges	Nerf Wars Mix	UV Glow Sports

BIG CAMP (9 - 12 YEARS)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dojo Dodgeball	Beach Flags/ Tug of War	Nerf Wars - Last one standing	Goal Ball/ Beach Games	Nerf Wars - Protect the castle
Nerf Wars - VIP	Football Showdown	Ultimate Frisbee	Inflatable Sports Competition	Inflatable Sports Arena
Football/ Hockey Championships	Swim Life Saving	Free Swim Time	Free Swim Time	Pool Party Time
Junior Gym Club	Free Swim Time	Swimming Lessons	Water Polo Shoot Out	Pool Party Time
Pool Games	Quick Sticks Hockey	Rounders/ Foot Rounders	Football Tournament	Tarka Team Sports/ Table Tennis
Pool Games	Gym Challenges	Gym/ Glow Sports Dodgeball	Nerf Wars/ Gym	UV Glow Sports/ Gym

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Program and activities may be subject to change