

# Orchard Vale's Weekly News

## 28th February 2020

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### Really Wild Learning - Key Stage 2



Thank you to the School Council and Mrs Shury for organising a visit by Really Wild Learning.

This was funded by monies you have donated for non-uniform days and competitions which the School Council have organised since September.

The children were told how climate change can affect animal habitats and how, if you don't look after the world, animals may become extinct.

We were able to handle a bearded dragon called Gino, a royal boa and a gecko.

They also had a milk snake, a scorpion and a tarantula.

*'It felt like something melting over your skin' - Grace*

*'You could feel the blood and bones squeezing when it moved' - Elisha*



### Forest School

In forest school this week the children made pictures out of blossom which had blown down. There were some beautiful pink camellia and daffodils. They learnt not to pick flowers and plants but to utilise things they found on the ground.



### Covid 19 – Information for parents

Devon Public Health have put together a website aimed at residents which brings together all the relevant public links to information about Coronavirus. <https://www.devonnewscentre.info/coronavirus-advice-from->



On Thursday, 5th March we will be celebrating World Book Day. The children will bring home a World Book Day voucher worth £1.

It would be great if the children could dress up as their favourite book character and perhaps bring the book in to share with their friends. They might like to make a model of their favourite book character (this could be made from recyclable items or even fruit/vegetables).

**Book Swap**—Children can bring in a good quality book from home to swap. Please make sure this is a book they no longer want. These can be dropped off at 8.30am in the Community Room on the way in to class. We will arrange for children to be able to select a new book during the day.

**Quiz**—With the help of the children each class has provided 2 questions which we will use to compile a book quiz for everyone to take part in.

### Nursery and Little Seeds Places

We are hoping to be able to increase our Nursery places after Easter. If this is something that you are interested in please contact Heidi Stacey (Tuesday to Friday) in the school office when we return from half term.



### Key Stage One— Wednesday, 18th March—11.45am

We have 2 spaces left for parents of Key Stage One children who would like to join their child to sample our delicious roast dinner. The cost will be £2.30 cash, payable on booking.

#### Menu

Roast Turkey with stuffing/Vegetarian option—Cauliflower/broccoli cheese.

Roast/Mash potato, Chefs veg and gravy—Lemon Drizzle



### **Nursery—This week**

Our focus this week has been around the story 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear What do you see?' We have enjoyed painting, and have been making puppets of the various characters from the story. In maths, we have been using our understanding of prepositions to put objects in different places and in P.E we have been practicing our tennis skills with Mr Ovey.

We have been learning about the letter 'i' and practicing how to form it correctly. Next week we will be learning about the letter 'n'. If your child would like to bring in something beginning with that letter we can show it during our learning time.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Youll

### **Reception classes / Miss Cawthorne's Year 1—This week**

**Reception**—We have had a fantastic week looking at Dragon Post. The children have written some beautiful letters to their friends asking them to look after their dragons. The children have been cutting and creating their own dragon faces and building dragon houses.

This week we have been looking at the sounds **ar or ur**

Please tell your class teacher when your child knows all of their words on their word chart.

**Homework**— you could draw and label a picture of your pet dragon.

**Year 1-** We have been busy writing about our half term adventures and have joined reception in writing letters to our friends. In maths, we have been looking at subtracting.

**Homework** - you could practice writing and figuring out some subtraction sums.

**Reminder-** Homework and reading books need to be returned on a Thursday and will be returned to you on a Friday. Reading with your child at home makes a massive difference to your child's development. We really appreciate your support with this.

Next week our book is 'How to Catch a Dragon'.

Have good weekend. Miss Cawthorne Miss Boundy

### **Years 1 and 2—This week**

In English, we have started to use the book 'Tell Me a Dragon'. We learned part of the text, explored descriptive language and used some of Jackie Morris' sentence constructions to sizzle up our writing. We will soon begin work on poetry looking in depth at similes and metaphors.

In maths, years 2's have begun looking at fractions and statistics, in particular tally charts. Year 1's have begun a unit of measuring height and length.

We have also completed our diaries which were brilliant!

Have a good weekend. Mr Quilter Mrs Grimwood Mrs Huggins Mrs Oldfield

### **Years 3 and 4— This week**

We have loved unpicking newspapers, exploring properties of rocks and having the hands on visit from Really Wild Learning - what a special treat! Well done to Lauren for reaching the Proud Cloud with her reading!

**Homework** – please could the children complete some online Rockstars times tables, learn their spellings and high flying reading.

Please could we remind parents that children need to be in class, ready to work at 8.50am every morning. The school day finishes at 3.15pm.

Have a great weekend. Miss Gulliford Mrs Johnson Mr Whapham

### **Years 5 and 6—This week**

We have enjoyed exploring nature and animal poetry in English. We have looked at the characteristics and classification of animals during our topic work. In geography, we researched counties in England and learned about northern and southern hemisphere.

**Homework and updates** are all on Seesaw.

Have good weekend.

Miss Squire Mrs Rana Mr Lewis Mrs Lowrey



## Friends of Orchard Vale News

The Friends of Orchard Vale (FoOV) plan events through the year to raise funds to help subsidise trips and events across the school as well as equipment for classes and larger projects.



### Giant cup cake

This week Mrs Hyde helped a group of children from Mrs Huggins'/Mrs Grimwood's class make a giant fairy cake. They used the mould brought by The Friends of Orchard Vale recently when they restocked Kev's Kitchen with equipment.

We think you will agree this looks scrumptious!

**Tuesday, 3rd March—Tuck Shop**—children can bring in up to 50p to spend on a treat at morning break.

**Planned events:** Easter Bingo    Disney Quiz Night (dates to be confirmed)

## Dates and Events

**Future diary dates** (don't forget to check the school website, [www.ovschool.co.uk](http://www.ovschool.co.uk) for up to date information)

**Tue, 3rd Mar**—Mr Quilter/Mrs Oldfield/Year 1— Visit to Barnstaple Guildhall/tour of Barnstaple

**Tue, 3rd Mar**—Tuck Shop

**Tue, 3rd Mar**— Local walk—Years 5—8.50am to 10am and Year 6—10.30am to 11.40am.

**Wed, 4th Mar**—Sustrans—Walking Zone—Years 3/4—9am to 11.130am

**Thurs, 5th Mar**—World Book Day— children can come dressed as their favourite book character/book swap.

**Fri, 6th Mar**—Sponsored Pro Strike Shoot Out—Year 1 to 6 (see sponsorship letter below)

**Fri, 6th Mar**—Year 6—Exmoor Challenge—Team walk

**Tue, 10th Mar**—Mr Quilter/Mrs Grimwood/Huggins' Year 2— Visit to Barnstaple Guildhall/tour of Barnstaple.

**Thur, 12th Mar**—Scholastics Book Fair—8.30am to 9am / 3.15pm to 3.45pm—school hall

**Fri, 13th Mar**—Scholastics Book Fair—8.30am to 9am / 3.15pm to 3.45pm—school hall

**Fri, 13th Mar**—St Petroc Cross Country, Bude—Team

**Fri, 13th Mar** - Year 6 Exmoor Challenge practice walk

**Mon, 16th Mar**—Scholastics Book Fair—8.30am to 9am / 3.15pm to 3.45pm—school hall

**Tue, 17th Mar**—Scholastics Book Fair—8.30am to 9am / 3.15pm to 3.45pm—school hall

**Tue, 17th Mar**—Years 5 and 6—Visit to Barnstaple Guildhall/tour of Barnstaple/Museum.

**Wed, 18th Mar**—Key Stage 1 Parents—booked places for lunch.

**Thur, 19th Mar**—Year 6 Rising Stars Basketball (selected team)

**Fri, 20th Mar**—Group 1 and 2—Years 3 and 4 Bikeability session

**Fri, 20th Mar**—Mayor's Charity Concert—OV Choir attending 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

**Sat, 21st Mar**—Exmoor Challenge walk

## Lunch menu week commencing 2nd March 2020

Please see the website for our Autumn 2019/Spring 2020 menu)

School dinners are now £2.30.

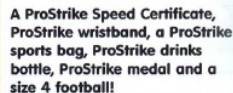
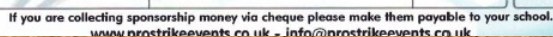
Menu available: 28th Oct, 18th Nov, 9th Dec, 13th Jan, 3rd Feb, 2nd Mar, 23rd Mar	Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Mains	Hot dogs	Lasagne	Roast chicken, stuffing and gravy	Steak pie	Fish fingers
	Vegetarian	Roasted vegetable bolognaise	Veggie sausages with gravy	Vegetable roast	Quorn chilli cups with rice	Quorn nuggets
	Served with	Pasta or Potato wedges/peas	Focaccia bread and sweetcorn	Roast/mash and chefs veg	Potato cubes and peas	Tomato ketchup, fries and veggie sticks
	Dessert	Jelly and custard	Lemon Drizzle	Fresh fruit	Toffee banana cake	Chocolate cookie





ProStrike Events Team

Please could the children bring in their sponsorship money by **Thursday 5th March.**





**You are invited to Orchard Vale's**

**SCHOLASTIC**

# **Book Fair**

Roll up, roll up! The Book Fair is on its way to Orchard Vale.  
Please come and join us on

**Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> March - Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> March - Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March**  
**At**  
**8.30am to 9am and 3.15pm to 3.45pm**  
**In the**  
**School Hall**

There are over 200 titles with prices starting at £2.99.  
Something for everyone to enjoy!  
Every book you buy helps get FREE BOOKS for our school.

The more we sell the more commission we have to spend on books for the  
class book corners and the school Library.

## **Payment methods**

Cash or Phone Payments

## **To make a phone payment—Call 0333 305 2963**

Please have your school's Customer I.D. number ready together with a pen to record your transaction code. You will be asked for your card number, expiry date, the three digit security number on the back of your card and amount you wish to pay.

Name: ..... School Customer I.D. no. **Orchard Vale**  
Fair ID : 1091980 20806035

Transaction code: ..... Amount: £ .....

Please give the completed form back to your Book Fair Organiser and take your order.  
This call will be charged at your standard mobile rate.





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Dear Parent/Carer,

Key Stage 1 Parent invitation to lunch with their child on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 11.45am.

We would like to invite you to come in and sample our delicious roast dinner alongside your child. There will be limited spaces available so it will be done on a first come first served basis. The cost will be £2.30 cash only.

The menu is as follows: Roast Turkey with stuffing.  
Roast/mash potato.

Chefs veg and gravy.

Vegetarian option: Cauliflower/broccoli cheese.

Lemon Drizzle

If you would like to take up this opportunity, please complete and return the slip below to the office by FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> February.

Yours faithfully,

Sue Manley.

Project coordinator.

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Please return to the school office by FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> February.

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I would like to come into have lunch with my child ..... Class .....  
and enclose £2.30 cash to cover my lunch.

Signed ..... Name .....

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Dear Parents or Guardian,

27<sup>th</sup> February 2020

### Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

We would like to offer you the opportunity to purchase a memento for your child as a reminder of their time at Orchard Vale.

Navy leavers hoodies with all the names of the YR6 leavers in the number 20 on the back - sizes available will be 9-11, 12-13 for £15.00 or small adult size for £18.00

**Please complete the slip below and return it with your choice and payment in cash by the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020 to order. This will be the final deadline for ordering.**

Many thanks,

Orchard Vale Community School

Name of child: .....

Number of hoodies required: ..... Size: .....

Total of your order £..... Paid in cash to school office.

Parent/Guardian signature .....



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Dear Parents/Carers,

At Pilton Community College we offer a varied programme of Extra-Curricular Activities with which to extend students' learning outside school. We challenge all Year 7 students to attend at least one extra-curricular club in their first term with the result that many students learn new skills and challenges which they enjoy throughout their time at Pilton.

Next month we are offering Year 5 students some after-school taster sessions to give them an idea of the clubs and activities they could enjoy at Pilton. The sessions will run from 3.45-4.45 p.m. and will be presented by members of Pilton staff and supported by some of our older students.

If you would like your child to attend one of our taster sessions, please complete and return the form below or confirm a place by phone on 01271 37438 or by email at: [mhunt@piltoncollege](mailto:mhunt@piltoncollege)

Please let us know via phone or email if transport is an issue. Do not hesitate to contact me with any queries.

Please select from the available clubs below and return form to PCC	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2020 (3.45pm-4.45pm)	
Netball	Emma Richardson
Climbing/Bouldering	Zoe Ashton/Druce
Gymnastics	Ann-Marie Hall
Basketball	Neil Richardson/Graham Hill
Football	Matt Hunt
Handball	Dave Bliss
Tag Rugby	Tim Lark
Table Tennis	Sophie Russell
Spanish	Jenny Jaye
Poetry/Literacy	Car New
Green Power Car Technology (STEM)	P Goodland/J Brooks/J Harvest
Maths Puzzles and Problem Solving	Simon Pittman
Science - Acids and Indicators	Seb Rogers
Music	Almea Lang
Courts - PE Kit	
S Hall/Bouldering Room - PE Kit	
Gymnasium - PE Kit	
Sports Hall - PE Kit	
Astro-Turf - PE Kit inc. Shinpads	
Astro-Turf - PE Kit	
Field - PE Kit inc. Boots	
G5 - PE Kit	
L1	
E8	
T8	
M4	
S4	
A4	

Kind regards,

*M. Hunt*

Matt Hunt

To: Mr M Hunt

Re: Year 5 Extra Curricular Taster Sessions

I would like my child, ..... from ..... primary school  
to take part in the following extra-curricular taster session(s):

Club: ..... on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

I confirm that my child will be brought to front reception for 3.45 p.m. and that he or she will be collected at 4.45 p.m.

Emergency phone no: .....

Issues to be aware of (medical/allergies): .....

Signed ..... Date .....



At

Orchard Vale School

Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup>

From 4.00pm - 5.30pm

- Singing
- Craft
- Stories
- Party Tea.

The event is **FREE OF CHARGE**

It is organised and led by

North Devon Christian Fellowship

The leaders are DBS checked and First Aid trained.

Children of all ages are welcome but activities are primarily arranged with 4-9 year olds in mind.  
All children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

You are welcome to just turn up but it will help us with refreshments if you message us on 07395 963478 to let us know that you are coming.



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