

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

This week I have had the privilege to work alongside the Year 6 children as they completed their statutory tests. I was extremely proud of the way they all conducted themselves. They quietly and diligently worked their way through each of the papers and tried extremely hard. We could not have asked more from them.

I know that other children in school are working hard in preparation for their statutory assessment. Year 1 will be completing their phonics screening check next month; Year 4 children will be completing their multiplication check; Year 2 children will be completing their maths and English tests as part of their normal classwork. Please rest assured that children are extremely well prepared for this and they will be supported throughout by their teachers.

On Monday and Tuesday the children in Key Stage One all took part in a day of daring activities at Rock and Rapid Adventure as part of their summer topic "Mighty Mountains". They all stepped up to the challenge of climbing, bouldering, archery, high ropes or low ropes. We saw so many children conquering their fears and having a go. It was lovely to see their confidence soar as they met each challenge.

We have a few staffing changes this term with Mrs Lowrey working alongside our partner schools in Northam. We are delighted to appoint Miss Gulliford as acting Deputy Headteacher for this term. Although this means she will now be working out of the classroom she will still oversee the teaching and learning for her class. She will be supported by Mr Platt, who will be teaching the children in her class on most days. I am sure you will make him feel extremely welcome. Miss Porter will be starting her maternity leave after half-term and Mr Boulton will be covering her post as SENDCo during this time. He will remain in class for now and we will soon be appointing his replacement.

We are really looking forward to the upcoming Jubilee celebrations on Thursday, 26th May. I have seen some amazing crowns coming into school this week. More information will be coming home about these celebrations, so it is important to keep checking the newsletters each week as it has all the information in one place that parents need for up and coming events etc. Please encourage other parents to read the weekly newsletter if you can.



Finally, we have noticed an increase in traffic at the beginning and end of the school days. This is particularly bad on rainy days. Please can I appeal to you all to be extra vigilant and patient when collecting and dropping children off. Please use the parking bays sensibly. Leaving home a few minutes earlier really does beat the crowds.

The turning circle should only be used for these dropping or picking up and not stopping.



Have a wonderful weekend.

Fiona Pearce
Headteacher

Free School Meals holiday voucher scheme –May half-term 2022

If your child is registered under the benefit related free schools meals scheme you should be receiving, via email, a voucher code for you to exchange for supermarket vouchers on the Black Hawk site as in previous school holidays.

These voucher codes are issued by Devon County Council. Please see page 11 for full guidance.

Stars of the Week

Foundation and Key Stage 1

Mrs Youll's nominations

Reuben for settling in well and showing new independence.

Phoebe for being helpful, super listening and being a great role model for the new children.



Miss Cawthorne/Miss Boundy's nominations

Elana for working hard and great listening.

Elliott for being helpful and fantastic at phonics.

Mr Quilter nomination

Hollie G really impressed all members of staff with her bravery and confidence at Rock and Rapids. She was fearless when navigating across the high ropes and she excelled in balancing, climbing and scrambling between obstacles. Hollie is a very kind and caring little girl who I adore teaching. She is finding her voice in class and I have enjoyed watching her become more animated. Great job Glasson, you little super star! Mr Q



Mrs Oldfield's nomination

Ellie has recently joined our class and we are so proud of how quickly she has settled into life at OV. Ellie is already a very popular member of our class and has made loads of new friends. Ellie has shown a fantastic positive attitude to all her learning and a determination to push herself to learn more. We are super proud of you Ellie, keep up the great work. Mrs O x

Mrs Grimwood's nomination

Archie has been working so hard lately and it is fantastic to see his fabulous attitude towards learning. Archie has been working particularly hard on his writing this week. He tried really hard with his recount this week and did his writing on his own. He is listening well in class and giving everything 100% effort. I also know Archie has been making excellent progress in his phonics group and he is going from strength to strength. Archie, I am so proud of you. You are a superstar.



Year 2 visit to Rock and Rapid Adventure

On Monday, the year 2 children went for a fantastic, fun filled adventure to Rock and Rapid. The children learnt new skills in climbing, archery, bouldering, low and high ropes and took part in team building games.

All the children were incredibly brave, and many had to conquer their fears to have a go at the climbing wall and the high ropes. Some of the children were even brave enough to tackle the top level of the high ropes! Well done to everyone!



Year 1 visit to Rock and Rapid Adventure

The Year 1's visited Rock and Rapid this week. It was a fabulous trip and everyone enjoyed the great range of activities-archery, low/high ropes, bouldering and team games.

Many children got to try things for the first time and a few worked really hard to get over their fears! We were all on the go the whole time and after a great day of fresh air and exciting activities, we came home very tired.



Inter School Football Tournament

Children from year 5 and 6 will be competing in a football tournament against Ashleigh and Bratton Fleming schools every Monday.

We look forward to doing more inter school competition with these schools in the future



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.

Well done to:

Mrs Johnson's class

Well done to

150—Elena

100—Neveah

50—Martha, Nieve, Mia J, Grazynka

25—Larisa

Can you help?

Have you got any of the following items you no longer need?



Animals.



Gloss Paint.



Small world play people.



Small cars, Lego, Duplo.

School Diary Dates

Wed, 18th May	Wilcombe Wobbler—Ventrus cross country event
Thurs, 19th May	Year 1—Multi Skills Festival—Park School
Mon, 23rd May	Tennis Workshops—Years 5 and 6
Wed, 25th May	Tennis Workshops—Years 3 and 4
Thurs, 26 May	Jubilee Celebration
Fri, 27th May	Non Pupil Day
Mon, 30th May to Fri, 3rd June	Half Term
Mon, 6th Jun	Year 5/6—Bikeability Level 2—Group 1
Mon, 6th Jun	2022 Challenge—Cake Sale (break and lunchtime)
Tue, 7th Jun	Y5/6—Bikeability Level 2—Group 1
Wed, 8th Jun	2022 Challenge—Craft Sale (break and lunchtime)
Thur, 9th Jun	Olympic Legacy—Park School
Fri, 10th Jun	Tempest Class Photos
Mon, 13 Jun	Y5/6—Bikeability—Level 2—Group 2
Tue, 14th Jun	Y5/6—Bikeability—Level 2—Group 2
Fri, 17th Jun	Mr Boul't's—Junior Lifeguard (children who have signed up for this)
Fri, 17th Jun	The Mix 2022
Mon, 20th June	Year 6 and Reception—National Childhood Measurement

Week commencing Monday, 16th May 2022

	Meat Free Monday	Around the World American Tuesday	Roast it Up Wednesday	Tasty Treat Thursday	Fun Time Friday
M	Macaroni Cheese	Beef Burger in a Bap	Roast Chicken & Stuffing	Fish Fingers	BBQ Chicken
V		Quorn Hot Dog in a Finger Roll	Quorn Fillet	Quorn Nuggets	
Sides	Malted Baguette, Sweetcorn & Fresh Broccoli	Wedges, Corn on The Cob & Peas	Roast or Mash Potato, Fresh Sliced Carrots, Broccoli & Gravy	Chips or Pasta, Tomato Sauce, Carrot & Cucumber Sticks	Wholegrain Rice, Sweetcorn & Baked Beans
JP	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna
SPL	Cheese Roll	Egg Roll	Chicken Roll	Ham Roll	Sausage Roll
D	Pip Organic Ice Lolly	Chocolate Brownie	Fresh Fruit	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Fruity Flapjack

Low Fat Yoghurts, Fresh Fruit, Bread, Water will be available daily, Milk on request.

Gluten/Dairy Free/Vegan menu available on request



Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

On Thursday, 26th May we will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

We will be holding a whole school picnic. (Weather permitting)

During the day the children will get to enjoy traditional fete games, including a go on a Bouncy Castle. There will be various activities and a special treat for them to take part in, including having their picture taken in our very own OV Throne!

It will be a non-uniform day dressed in different colours - please see below for your child's class colours.



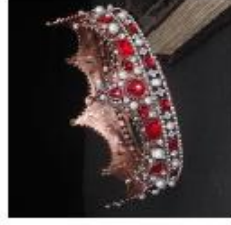
Nursery - Red, White and Blue

Reception, JG, TW, RS - Red

GQ, EG, BDW/JR - White

KO, TJ & MB - Blue

Design a Crown Competition for our Jubilee Celebration



There will be a prize for the most spectacular crown from each class. Design and make your crown at home, when you have finished it bring it into class. Please make sure your name and class are clearly written on it. They will be displayed in the library. Winners will be notified by Wednesday 25th May.



Design a sticker for the schools Jubilee Packed lunch in a bag.

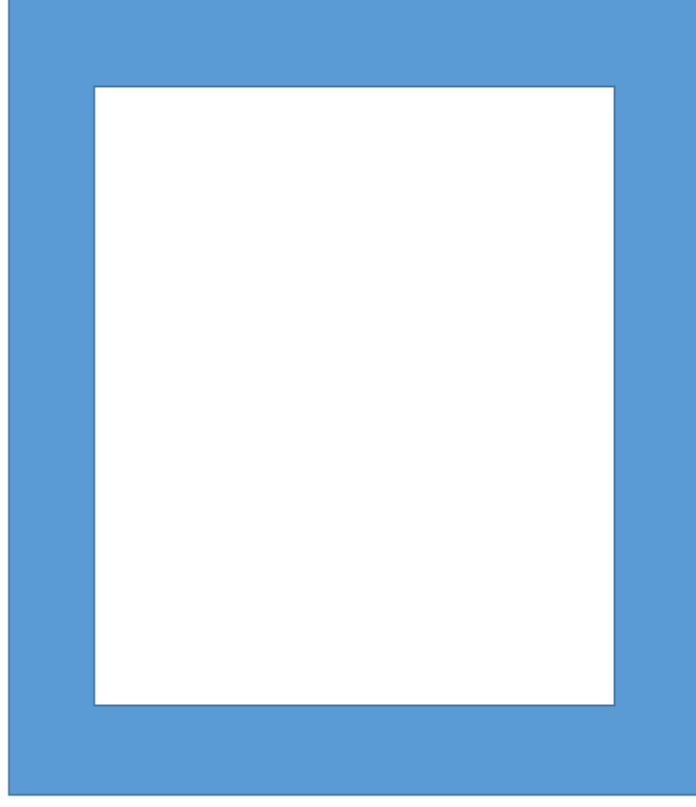
Have your sticker on everyone's packed lunch bag.
Design a sticker which you think represents the Queens Jubilee.

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Name

Class

Design your sticker below and return to your class teacher.



Picnic in a bag

Thursday 26 May 2022



Ham or Cheese Roll



Crisps (Pombears)



Slice of Cake

Fresh Fruit



Fruit Juice



****Please note - This will be the only meal option available on this day****



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QUEEN'S JUBILEE PICNIC LUNCH

ROCK PARK BARNSTAPLE
SUNDAY JUNE 5th 2022 11am - 4pm

LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT
FOR ALL THE FAMILY,
GAMES, CRAFT STALLS, FOOD STALLS



**To book a stall and for
more information
Contact Graham
0345 8336349**



Devon County Council's Free School Meals holiday voucher scheme –May half-term 2022

About the scheme

Devon County Council is supporting families of children who currently receive free school meals during term time with supermarket vouchers to help buy food during the May half-term.

You should receive £15 for each child for the May half-term. These vouchers can be used at the following stores: Sainsburys, Iceland, Farmfoods, Tesco, Morrison's, Asda, Aldi, M&S Food and Waitrose to purchase food over the May half-term to replace the meals your child would have received at school during the day. Please note that Tesco/Morrisons/ALDI vouchers can only be used in-store.

If you have more than one child entitled to free school meals, you should receive a unique code for each child, as the holiday vouchers are issued separately.

Please note that these codes expire on Friday 5th August 2022. Once this date has passed, the scheme will expire, and we will not be backdating any payments.

Getting the vouchers

Devon County Council has partnered with an organisation called Black Hawk Network to help us distribute these vouchers as quickly as possible via their 'Select' website because they have lots of experience managing voucher schemes like this and are working with several other local authorities too.

- To get your vouchers you will need to visit a website called 'Select' (www.select-your-reward.co.uk) and input your unique code.
- You will then be able to choose your preferred supermarket and add your vouchers to your basket.
- Please then checkout of the 'Select' website by providing an email address for them to send you your chosen supermarket vouchers electronically. There is no option to receive physical vouchers by post.
- Once you have received the vouchers to your email inbox, you can save them to your phone or tablet to use online (depending on the supermarket) or show at the checkout in store. Alternatively, you can print the vouchers off to give to the cashier.

What if I need some help?

If you are struggling to get your vouchers because you don't have access to the internet or a mobile device to receive and store the vouchers on, and don't have any friends or family to help, please contact Devon County Council's education helpline on 0345 155 1019.

Further information

If your child has siblings attending school in a neighbouring authority (for example Plymouth or Torbay) who are also receiving free school meals, the local authority their school is located within will have arrangements to support them over the holidays.

If you received a voucher code for the Easter break and haven't used it to get your supermarket vouchers via Black Hawk's 'Select' website yet, please do so by Wednesday 22nd June 2022. Once this date has passed, the scheme will expire, and we will not be backdating any payments.

More detailed information about the free school meals holiday voucher scheme, including how to use them and what to do if there's a problem, is available on Devon County Council's website. Please visit devon.cc/holidayvouchers or www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/document/free-school-meals-holiday-voucher-scheme.

There are also some useful FAQs on the Select website along with contact details for any technical support if you have a problem using the codes and accessing your vouchers. Please visit www.select-your-reward.co.uk.

If you're experiencing severe financial hardship, support is available. Please visit devon.cc/support or www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/document/support-for-people-and-families for information about how to access local financial support, where to find foodbanks and community larders and what to do if you're on a low income and need to self-isolate.

Finally, if you have received this message in error, please let us know by calling 0345 155 1019 or emailing free-schoolmeals@devon.gov.uk so we can make sure this vital support gets to the right family.

Living with Covid

From Friday, 1st April the government rules for Covid were relaxed.



If your child is unwell and has a high temperature they should stay at home.

They can return to school when they feel well enough and the fever has gone.



If you choose to or have been requested to take a Lateral Flow Device or PCR test and the result is positive, please inform the school office in the usual way.

If you test positive the advice from the government is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for five days (for adults) and three days (for under 18 year olds), which is when they are most infectious.



To find out if you are eligible and to order a free LFD test click here.

You can pay for Lateral Flow Tests at some local pharmacists.