

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parent/Carer

Congratulations to pupils/parents/OV staff – we have made it through Lockdown 3.0! Thank you all for your fantastic support and efforts in continuing the children's education.

It was absolutely wonderful to see the children enjoying World Book Day yesterday. Well done to everyone who decorated their doors and designed a book character using their cardboard rolls. We enjoyed sharing stories, completing quizzes and many other activities to encourage children to explore the pleasure of reading. Why not look at the OV Weekend Teams—World Book Day channel for lots of pictures. The children in school have been given a book token which can be exchanged for one of ten specially published World Book Day books. The theme this year is story-sharing. You can also use them in book shops to reduce the cost by £1. Those who have been learning at home will receive their token on Monday or you can use this [link to a digital token](#).

We are looking forward to seeing you all on Monday. It is time for you to brush off your uniform and re-join your teachers and class mates. We have lots of fun things planned to settle the children back into school life and to continue their learning journey. Returning to school is vital for children's educational progress, for their wellbeing, and for their wider development.

Please could the children wear their full school uniform. Don't forget to bring a coat and wear sensible shoes as the weather is still a little unpredictable and we are spending as much time outside as we can.

For the time being, we would ask that children come to school wearing their PE kit and trainers on the days their classes have PE scheduled. See timetable below:

Monday	Reception	Years 3 and 4
Tuesday	Years 1 and 2	Years 3 and 4
Wednesday	Years 5 and 6	
Thursday	Nursery	Years 1 and 2
Friday	Reception	Nursery Years 5 and 6

Have a wonderful weekend.



Fiona Pearce
Head teacher

Breakfast – Early Birds Breakfast Club

Breakfast club will be running as usual from 7.30am to 8.30am. Children must be pre-registered through the school office and days booked in advance.

Cost per child is £3, with a reduced rate for siblings of £2.30 payable in advance through Parentpay.

After School—OV Explorers Club

Thank you to those parents who have replied to the offer of an after-school provision 'OV Explorers'. Unfortunately, due to the low number of responses, we are currently unable to facilitate the provision this term. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

In order to make this provision a viable option we require a minimum of 11 children to attend each day and currently we don't have the uptake for this.

We hope to be able to look at this again for the summer term and will contact parents with more information.

Mr Ovey will be recommencing after school sports clubs after Easter.

Forest School Sessions

Nursery	will be resuming forest school activities as from next Monday 8th March . Could the children arrive in school in their waterproof suits and wellington boots. Please don't worry if you have not got an all-in-one suit, as we have a few the chil-		
Reception	We try to use the willow area whenever possible throughout the week. Please could parents bring in wellington boots on Monday to be left with us through the week.		
Years 1 and 2 Please bring in wellington boots on	Tuesday Mrs Quilter and Mrs Oldfield's classes	Wednesday Mrs Grimwood/Mrs Huggins' class	
Years 3 and 4 Please bring in wellington boots on	Wednesday Mr Whapham's class	Thursday Miss Gulliford's class	Friday Mrs Johnson's class
Years 5 and 6 Please bring in wellington boots on	Friday		

Regular asymptomatic household testing

The government has confirmed twice-weekly testing using rapid lateral flow tests will be given for free to all households with primary, secondary school and college aged children and young people, including childcare and support bubbles.

It is because one in three people with coronavirus show no symptoms and potentially spread it without knowing, so targeted, regular testing will mean more positive cases within households are found and prevented from entering schools and colleges, helping to keep educational settings safe.

The twice-weekly testing can be carried out using home-testing kits which can be collected from [NHS testing locations or ordered online](#). Please note they cannot be collected from Devon County Council (DCC) community testing sites at the moment.

DCC community testing sites are only able to carry out on-site tests, which **must** be booked in advance via [our website](#). As well members of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of school and college staff and pupils, this facility is also available for anyone whose job or volunteering work requires them to leave the house and be in contact with others, anyone who cares for others, either paid or voluntary.

The government policy and guidance around testing is changing rapidly – we will [keep our website updated](#) to reflect any changes.

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly.

Menu for the week commencing 8th March

Please note :

Jacket potatoes will only be an option on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.
School packed lunches have changed on Wednesday and Thursday.

Week 1

Jan 4th, 18th, Feb 1st, 22nd, Mar 8th, 22nd

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
JP – Jacket potato Cheese/beans/tuna	M – Brunch grill, sausage bacon, beans and sauté potatoes	M – Roast chicken, potatoes and 2 fresh vegetables with gravy	M – Minced beef Pie with crispy round potatoes and peas	M – Breaded fish with French fries and peas
	JP – Jacket potato Tuna/cheese/tuna		JP – Jacket potato Cheese/beans/ tuna	V – Quorn nuggets with French fries and peas
SPL – Sausage roll	SPL - Cheese sandwich	SPL - Sausage roll or Cheese & Onion pasty	SPL – Cheese roll	SPL - Ham Sandwich
D – fresh fruit	D – Chocolate sponge	D – Fruit smoothie	D – St Clements cake	D – Cookie

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



Coronavirus (COVID-19)
Devon County Council

COVID19 School Absence

Devon County Council have created some useful resources to help you identify the symptoms of coronavirus compared to a cold or seasonal flu and what action you need to take if your child or anyone in your household develops symptoms of coronavirus. [You can find them on our website.](#)

It's extremely important that [anyone with coronavirus symptoms stays at home and gets tested](#) to avoid the risk of spreading the virus to others, including the more vulnerable in our communities.

That means if your child, or anyone in your household, has any of the symptoms of coronavirus, no matter how mild, you must keep your child off school and self-isolate your whole household while the person with symptoms gets tested and waits for the results. Just the person with symptoms needs to get tested. If you don't have symptoms, you don't need to get tested unless you are asked to by a health professional, but you do need to self-isolate until your household member gets their results.

REMEMBER to call the school office to advise us your child is self isolating and again once you have the results of the Covid 19 test.

Mr Ovey's PE Champions

Mr Ovey has been impressed with everyone positive attitude to PE this week.

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



Year 1/2- Lily-Mae C for excellent skills in all PE but for being a really good team player and helping others

Year 3/4- Connor P for learning how to win and lose in the correct manner

Year 5/6- Talia for brilliant listening skills

Star of the Week

Foundation Stage and Key Stage One



Mrs Youll's

Bella for great concentration and thinking of her very own rhyming words.

Lucas for good listening and super singing of the alphabet and our Jolly Phonics songs.

Miss Cawthorne's nomination

Isabella for always working hard and being helpful.

Owen for all his fantastic work at home.



Miss Boundy's nominations

Ayden has been working so hard at home and been amazing at his writing this week. Well done Ayden

Mr Quilter's nomination

Tyler always works hard but this week he has been especially keen. His shape poem was delightful and his attitude has been outstanding! Well done Tyler, thank you for being so helpful and kind.



Mrs Oldfield's nomination



Home learner of the week is Liam. Liam has completed every single piece of work set for online learning. He always gives 100% in all he has completed. His work is always neat and precise and his handwriting is beautiful.

In school star of the week is Lily-Mae. Lily-Mae greets everyday with the biggest smile; she works really really hard on every task set. She has been excellent at listening for sounds in words and her writing is improving day by day. She has made masses of progress in her reading.

Mrs Grimwood's/Mrs Huggins' nomination

Esmail is an amazing friend. She is always extremely kind and full of fun ideas for games. She is also working very hard at everything. Well done Esmail. You are our shining star of the week.



Star of the Week

Key Stage Two

Miss Gulliford's nomination



Star of the week goes to Charlotte- Throughout the whole of lockdown learning, Charlotte has made outstanding contributions. She has made such great efforts to complete all work and to a super standard. Charlottes maths has flourished and her work ethic is second to none. Charlotte should be so proud of her learning attributes and attitude and how well she has progressed during this time. Well done for being such a super learner!

Mrs Johnson's nomination

Home learning this week is Nevaeh! She has worked so hard throughout this lockdown, despite having a few wobbles along the way. We all understand this feeling Nevaeh, but you have impressed me so much with your perseverance and dedication to your learning - what a star you are! In school learner this week is Jack! Jack is just a little ray of sunshine and his smile is enough brighten my day. He is such a hard worker and has really grown as an independent learner this term. He gives every task a good try and never lets mistakes get him down. His kindness is second to none and he is such a good friend to other children in the class. Keep up the good work Jack - you are an absolute treasure!



Mr Whapham's nomination



Elijah is my star of the our final home learning week! He has worked so hard during his time away from school and this week has still been working his socks off! He has attended live lessons and completed his work to a high standard. You should be proud of the hard work you have put in! I am looking forward to seeing you next week and you will be able to show me all you have learnt!

Mrs Lavictoire's nomination

Olivia is my star this week. Throughout this period of home learning, she has continued to give fantastic effort, joining in with every single online opportunity and consistently uploads high-quality learning. I know that it hasn't always been easy, even with some technical issues along the way, but Olivia has been so resilient. You are a shining star Olivia, well done



Mrs Harding's nominations



This week it has been a very short week in the Adventurers class, but one person has stood out for us over the last 3 days. Lewis has been working hard on his paragraphing in English and has been trying some comma splicing in his sentences. He is working very hard on key and topic word spellings and his measures work has been excellent. He always sets a good example to his classmates and is kind and generous. He used his creative skills to design and create part of our book door display and it looks amazing. Well done Lewis!! Enjoy being our World Book Day Star of the Week.

Mrs Rana's/Mr Boul't's nomination

James H has always worked so hard throughout all of our home learning, being online for every lesson, taking part by answering questions and completing all his work and generally being wonderfully hard working with everything he has done! We can't wait to see how well James continues to do when back in school! Well done James!



Miss Squire's nomination



My star of the week is Chloe-Rose. She has worked incredibly hard during her home learning time and I have really enjoyed her dramatic readings! She has shown such confidence and conscientiousness and we cannot wait to have her back with us, next week. What a star- keep shining!

World Book Day at OV

Despite not having all of our children in school we all had a wonderful World Book Day 2021.

Nursery learnt about the book 'We're going on a bear hunt' by Michael Rosen. Children counted, coloured and painted bears and we all enjoyed acting out the story in the playground. When we found the bear we ran away as fast as we could.

Reception enjoyed sharing stories with each other, drawing pictures and characters from their favourite book and making a stunning Hungry Caterpillar display.

In other year groups, we took part in a book quiz, with questions from classes across the school. We decorated our doors as our favourite books, decorated toilet rolls as our favourite characters and designed our own book covers.

Year 5 and 6 had the wonderful opportunity to join Catherine Johnson, author and novelist, in conversation online, asking questions and finding out many things about her, like what made her get into writing and how she comes up with ideas for her books! It was great to find out how much she loves history!

All in all, a wonderful celebration of reading and all the magic that comes with it!

Can you guess the character or book?



Amber's
'Bee makes tea.'



Heidi's book cover
for 'Little Monster.'



Heidi's
Superworm.



Freddy as
Postman Pa



Isaac's BGF theme



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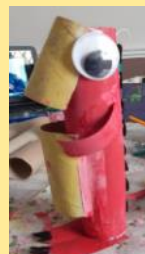
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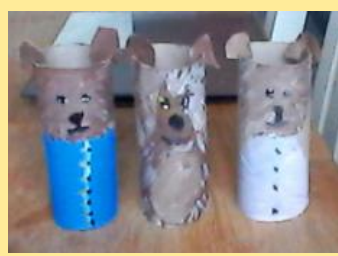
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World Book Day 2021—Taskmaster Challenge



Can you
guess
whose
doors
these are
and the
book?

