

# Orchard Vale's Weekly News

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It is lovely to see you all back at school after the Christmas break - the children have all enjoyed starting their spring term topics.

### Uniform/Clothing

We have enjoyed the few periods of sunshine this week, however, as the weather can still be changeable please could we ask you to send the children to school with suitable footwear and a warm coat. We encourage children to go outside in all weathers at break time and lunch times.

New uniform can be purchased through the school office or the Friends of Orchard Vale have a supply of New-2-U uniform.

### Lost Property

Throughout the school day children can misplace their belongings. In order to help children find them and to avoid any distress please could we ask that all items of uniform and other clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name. The lost property is located on the Key Stage Two landing, outside the classes, and can be accessed by parents at the end of school **after 3.15pm**.

### Food Bank Vouchers

Orchard Vale are a named supplier of Food Bank Vouchers which can be obtained from the school office.

### After School Sports/Craft Clubs



Letters will be coming home with children in Key Stage One and Key Stage Two with details of after school sports/craft clubs (see copy at the end of this newsletter).

These clubs will run from Monday, 20th January to Friday, 20th March.

Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Slips to be handed to the person running the club to ensure prompt response.

If your child is successful in obtaining a place they will receive a letter confirming this. Please note children need to attend every session of their chosen club, unless they are ill.

**Cancelling a place**—For Safeguarding reasons, so that staff and parents know where the children are after school, if your child decides they do not want to attend any more sessions we will require written confirmation from parents.

### Favourite Meal Day—Thursday, 16th January

(Free to Reception/Key Stage One and children registered for Free School Meals)

£2.30 for all other children



**West Country Sausage / Chicken Goujons / Pizza / Jacket Potato**

**Served with—diced potatoes/pasta/peas/beans and home-made ketchup.**

**Dessert—Chocolate cake**

Liz and her Team would like to invite all of our children to join them for a 'Favourite Meal Day'.

The menu for the day was chosen following a survey of children in Key Stage One and Reception.

Did you know the Government fund a hot meal for every child in **Reception and Key Stage One**, which means, when they are in these year groups, your child can have a school dinner every day for free.

Children in Key Stage Two will be given the opportunity to choose the Favourites Day menu later in the term but please come along and try out the options. School dinners cost £2.30 unless your child is entitled to Free School Meals.

### Nursery—This week

We have started the term learning all about the season of 'Winter,' our role-play area is now a 'Winter Wonderland.' We made snowmen collages and been practicing our cutting skills to make snowflakes. In maths, we have been learning about 2D shapes and matching snowmen head shapes to the correct body shape.

We have talked about our Golden Rule, 'We are honest,' and have been reading the book 'Don't tell Fibs.'

We are very proud of our new children who have done really well settling in at Nursery. We will be handing out forms next week so you can all sign up to our new online system, Tapestry, which will give you insight into some of the activities your child takes part in each week.

Have a super weekend. Mrs Youll

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

We have had a fantastic week starting our new topic about Dinosaurs and Dragons. We have enjoyed our new story, 'Again!' The children have been busy drawing and painting their own dragons and have started structured writing completing some fantastic describing of their dragons.

This week we have been looking at these sounds.

Miss Boundy's Class- **j w x y**

Miss Cawthorne's Class- **qu ch sh ng ve wh cks**

Please continue to read and practice word charts at home. Let your class teacher know you have learnt them.

**Reception** - In maths, we have been looking at one more and one less. **For homework** - you could count objects around the house e.g. chairs/ cups and discuss how many you would have if you had one more or one less.

**Year 1** - This week children have been busy using adjectives in their sentences to describe dragons. In maths, we have looked at using the greater and less than symbols. **For homework** - you could draw your own dragon and write a sentence describing it.

**Forest School** will start back next week, please bring your wellies on these days.

Miss Cawthorne's Class on a Tuesday and Miss Boundy's on a Thursday

**P.E** on Monday and Friday—Children will need their PE kits to change into.

Next week are story is 'My Pet Dinosaur Called Fred'. Many Thanks. Miss Cawthorne Miss Boundy

### Years 1 and 2—This week

It is lovely to see you all back after a super Christmas break. In maths, we have started multiplication, beginning with repeated addition and solving simple problems through making arrays. We have been counting in 2's, 5's and 10's with greater confidence. Mrs Grimwood's class drew some brilliant dragons using a step by step guide.

In English, we began to look at our new book 'The King of the Birds'. We have been thinking about what qualities a king might need to have. The children used nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs in their independent writing; can they tell you what they are? We had some brilliant ideas.

Mr Quilter's class discussed the fire triangle and linking this to how you might successfully put out a fire.

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

### Years 3 and 4— This week

A big welcome back - we hope you had a lovely break.

This week, we have started to explore the seven new wonders of the world. We have been discussing what makes them a wonder. We used atlases to identify continents and countries. We have thought of questions about the wonders of the world to explore this term. The children have been given a Seven Wonders Knowledge Organiser which should help them support them with this topic.

We have started exploring dance in our PE curriculum, which we all enjoyed.

**Homework** – Children will have the Spring 2020 – Homework Task Sheet to work from at home during the term. Please could the children learn their spellings and complete some Rockstar online sessions ready for tests next Friday. Please speak to your class teacher if you need help with the online Rockstars login.

We hope you have a lovely weekend. Miss Gulliford Mrs Johnson Mr Whapham

### Years 5 and 6—This week

The children have come back from the Christmas break rearing to go. In class we have been looking at 'The Highwayman' poem by Alfred Noyes and using drama to explore themes within it.

**Homework and updates**—information about our week in school and homework is updated regularly on your child's Seesaw account. If you need help logging in please talk to your class teacher.

Please could the children practise times tables and spelling for testing next week. They can practise maths on the website [www.mathstest.org](http://www.mathstest.org) and spellings/homework on Seesaw <https://app.seesaw.me/>.

Have a great weekend. Miss Squire Mrs Rana Mr Lewis



## 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.

We are desperate for people to help out on Tuck Shop mornings, from 9am to 11am, on the first Tuesday of each month. All volunteers must be DBS checked, which is a relatively quick process and free to you. If you are not DBS checked please speak to the school office who will be happy to start the process.

# 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)

**Mon, 13th Jan**—Tempest Photography— In the frame prints—Year 6 classes/ Vista prints—Reception classes.

**Tue, 14th Jan**—Years 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics—North Devon Qualifier.

**Wed, 15th Jan**—Year 4—Tennis Festival.

**Fri, 17th Jan**—Year 6—Geography/Orienteering walk (Group 2).

**Wed, 22nd Jan**—Year 6 and Reception—Public Health Devon—National Child Measurement Programme.

**Fri, 24th Jan**—Year 6—Geography/Orienteering walk (Group 3).

**Fri, 24th Jan**—Visit by Oxford Sandy and Black Pig Group.

**Fri, 31st Jan**—Non Uniform day—raising money for Ocean Revival.

**Fri, 31st Jan**—Visit by Royal Marines and their boat—Ocean Revival.

**Fri, 31st Jan**—Year 6—Geography/Orienteering walk (Group 1)

**Wed, 5th Feb**—Devon Ability Games

## Lunch menu week commencing 13th January 2020

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

School dinners are now £2.30.

### Favourite Meal Day—Thursday, 16th January

Chosen by Reception and Key Stage One children.

West Country Sausage / Chicken Goujons / Pizza / Jacket Potato

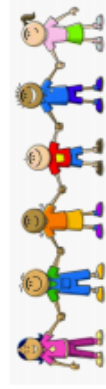
Served with—diced potatoes/pasta/peas/beans and home-made ketchup.

Dessert—Chocolate cake.

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	See above	Fish fingers
Vegetarian	Roasted vegetable bolognese	Veggie sausages with gravy	Vegetable roast	Favourite Meal Day	Quorn nuggets
Served with	Pasta or Potato wedges/peas	Focaccia bread and sweetcorn	Roast/mash and chefs veg	Chosen by Key Stage One and Reception	Tomato ketchup, fries and veggie sticks
Dessert	Jelly and custard	Lemon Drizzle	Fresh fruit		Chocolate cookie





## Orchard Vale Community School

### After School Clubs

#### Spring Term 2020

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

We have a selection of **after school clubs** to offer you starting on **Monday 20 January** and ending on **Friday 20 March** this term. All after school clubs will run until 4:15pm.

We hope your child will want to join a club or two. Clubs are available on a first come first served basis.

**Here are some points to consider:**

- Children need to attend every session of the club they have chosen for the whole term unless they are ill – we want to develop some staying power!
- Arrangements will need to be in place for your child to get home safely.

**MONDAY - Afterschool** – Cross Country Club – Mr Ovey – KS2

**TUESDAY - Afterschool** – Football Club – Mr Ovey – KS2 – 30 Spaces

**TUESDAY - Afterschool** – Craft Club – Miss Felgate – Years 5 & 6 – 10 Spaces

**WEDNESDAY - Afterschool** – Tennis Club – Mr Ovey – KS2 – 20 Spaces

**THURSDAY - Afterschool** – Bat and Ball Club – Mr Ovey & Mr Quilter- KS1

**THURSDAY - Afterschool** – Absolute Beginners Running Club – Mrs Pearce – KS1 & KS2

**FRIDAY - Afterschool** – Girls Football Club – Mr Ovey – KS2 – 30 Spaces

**Even if you attended the club last term a NEW slip must be submitted for this term**

#### Registration for Clubs

- ❖ Please use **one** slip per club. This is to be **handed to the person running the club NOT** the class teacher or the school office.
- ❖ If you need more slips, please ask your child's teacher or at the school office for spares.
- ❖ If your club needs to be cancelled for any unforeseen circumstances, you will be contacted by phone prior to the end of the school day.
- ❖ If you are in any doubt if a club is on then please ask the person leading the club in the morning or call the school office on 01271 375074 for confirmation.

Our thanks to all those adults who have given so generously their goodwill and time so that these clubs can run for our pupils!

Mrs Fiona Pearce - Head Teacher

**Exeter Scrapstore**

We were sorry to hear that the Scrapstore in Barnstaple has closed.

This is to let you know there are Scrapstores in Holsworthy and Exeter full of great materials for creative re-use in education, play, arts & crafts. Don't hesitate to get in touch if we can help!



More details can be found at:

[www.exeterscrapstore.co.uk](http://www.exeterscrapstore.co.uk)

01392 661769

[info@exeterscrapstore.co.uk](mailto:info@exeterscrapstore.co.uk)





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# DO YOU WANT TO SLEEP BETTER?

A good night's sleep can make all the difference and is important for health, wellbeing, work and family life.

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## FREE NHS SLEEP WORKSHOP

Wednesday 22nd of January 2020  
5pm - 8pm, Chivenor

To book a place please call or email us and provide a few details to register with the service

t: 0300 555 3344

e: [dpt.talkworks.northdevon@nhs.net](mailto:dpt.talkworks.northdevon@nhs.net)

[www.TALKWORKS.dpt.nhs.uk](http://www.TALKWORKS.dpt.nhs.uk)

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## Speech, Language and Communication Needs Parent Workshops 2020

A free workshop for parents of children and young people with speech, language and communication needs.

We will be focusing on strategies to support your child with vocabulary learning. We will be looking at how to support word learning through book sharing, as well as exploring visual ways in which you can support your child to learn new words throughout their school career.

This workshop is suitable for parents of children at Primary and Secondary school.

Please choose from the following venues:

Exeter	Venue	Date	Time
	St Michael's Primary Academy	4 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	13:30 - 15:00
West Devon South Devon	Stowford Primary	4 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	13:30 - 15:00
	Haytor View Primary School, Newton Abbot	12 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	09:30 - 11:00
East Devon	Marpool Primary, Exmouth	3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2020	09:30 - 11:00
Mid Devon	St Andrews Primary, Cullompton	4 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	13:00 - 14:30
North Devon	Sticklepath Primary, Barnstaple	5 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	10:00 - 11:30

To book your free place, please email [sue.vanstone@babcockinternational.com](mailto:sue.vanstone@babcockinternational.com)