

# Orchard Vale's Weekly News

## 20th December 2019

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### Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

We have had an amazing term doing so much; it is wonderful to watch the children grow and thrive.

Thank you to staff for their hard work and dedication and to families and children for your continued support.

We wish you a wonderful festive break, see you all in 2020.

### Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

On Tuesday, 132 children, from Reception to Year 6, enjoyed a fun morning at the Queen's Theatre watching the panto, Snow White and the seven dwarfs.



### Stagecoach Santa Bus

The Stagecoach Santa bus with Gary the Rabbit (the Stagecoach mascot) and 2 of Santa's elves visited us again on Monday.

The children had a wonderful time and everyone came away with a little treat.



### Parking and road use around Orchard Vale

Please could we ask for your co-operation in making children's journey to and from school as safe as possible. Careful driving is essential, especially during the busy drop off and collection times.

Unless you hold a blue badge, please could you park your car on either side of the road after the school (just after Kingfisher Drive) or in one of the local residential roads. Please be mindful of blocking residential driveways or restricting access for other road users.

If you are a blue badge holder, there are 2 marked places on the right hand side of our car park and you are able to park for a short time on the turning circle.

If you are not a blue badge holder but wish to drop a child off please could you use the space available sensibly and exercise some patience and caution with pedestrians and other drivers, moving on as soon as possible.

It is important to acknowledge that pedestrians have the right of way on footpaths. Should a car mount the kerb or drive at speed this may be considered a driving offence in the eyes of the law. We are sure you would all agree that driving without due care and attention could cause devastation should any harm come to someone.



The School Council started the term thinking about mental health and made a leaflet which hopefully helped people understand and become more aware of these issues. We held a cake sale and all monies raised were donated to Young Minds.

Our bonfire night was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who supported this event. With your help we raised just over £700, which we will be using to fund a whole school breakfast and a special educational visitor.

Well done to Kai B, Ayden H, Matthew Y, Kiara, Anisa, Larny, Theo C, Luna, Freddie B, Emmie, Alexa M who were nominated, by their classmates/teachers, for our Big OV Christmas Giveaway. Reasons for being nominated were; being a good friend, being kind or thoughtful, helping others, working hard in class. The children all received a Christmas goodie bag.

We have lots to look forward to in the new year.



**Nursery this week:**

I am sure you will agree our nativity play was an amazing start to the week. The children all did so well and we are very proud of them. It was lovely to see our new children again when they visited on Monday afternoon.

This week, the children continued to make lots of Christmas decorations, sing various Christmas songs, play some party games, watch a movie with popcorn and drink hot chocolate. The children also had some fun run around games with Mr Ovey.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and to say a big thank you for the lovely gifts and for all your support this term.

If you haven't yet logged in to 'Tapestry' please try and do so over the Christmas holiday so you can view all the lovely activities your children have been taking part in this term.

Mrs Youll

**Reception Class'/Miss Cawthorne's Year 1's week:**

We would like to say a huge thank you for all of our lovely cards, presents and kind words. We have had a fantastic Christmas week; the children have been busy with their crafts and creating their own party hats. They also had a fantastic time at our Christmas party.

This week we have been revising all sounds learnt so far.

Please continue to read and look at your word charts at home, please let your class teacher know when your child has learnt their words.

**For homework** over the holidays you could upload some of your Christmas adventures onto your child's Tapestry.

**Year 1 -** This week the children have been writing sentences about their Christmas adventures.

**For homework** over the holidays you could have a go at writing down some of the amazing things you get up to.

Next term our topic will be Dinosaurs and Dragons.

Thank you so much for all of your help and support this term.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Miss Cawthorne Miss Boundy

**Key Stage One's week:**

The children have enjoyed all things Christmas this week starting with a visit to the Stagecoach Santa bus. The children had a wonderful time meeting Gary the rabbit (the Stagecoach mascot) and listening to a story read by Santa's elves.

In class, we have been busy making lots of Christmas crafts and read the story 'How to Catch Santa'. The children came up with their own cunning plans to catch him.

In maths, we did a little work on money and practised our adding, subtracting and doubling with some maths games.

We wish you all a wonderful Christmas break. See you in the new year.

Mr Quilter Mrs Grimwood Mrs Huggins Mrs Oldfield

**Years 3 and 4's week:**

What a fantastic week we have had with our rehearsals and an incredible carol concert. Thank you to those children who came to sing and the parents/carers for their support - hopefully everyone is feeling extremely festive!

The children have enjoyed their class parties, doing loads of Christmas craft and starting the countdown to Christmas.

We would like to wish you all a magical Christmas and a truly wonderful new year.

Miss Gulliford Mrs Johnson Mr Whapham

**Years 5 and 6 week:**

It is lovely to welcome Mrs Rana back into class following her maternity leave, the children were so pleased to see her.

We hope you enjoyed the carol concert on Wednesday, despite the damp weather—thank you for your support. On Thursday, we enjoyed playing board games, watching films and making chocolate chip cookies.

Please log in to Seesaw to see the homework for the children to keep the children busy over the break.

Have a wonderful Christmas and see you in the new year. Mrs Lavictoire Miss Squire Mrs Rana Mr Lewis



## Friends of Orchard Vale News



The Friends of Orchard Vale (FoOV) ran some fun events this year raising funds to help subsidise trips and events across the school as well as equipment for classes and bigger projects.

We would like to thank our families and friends for their tremendous support this term with our fundraising activities. We are always on the look out for new members. If you are interested please speak to Claire Knight or another member of the Friends of Orchard Vale (friendsofov@outlook.com).

We are desperate for people to help out on Tuck Shop mornings, from 9am to 11am, on the first Tuesday 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)

**Fri, 20th Dec**—Last day of term.

**Mon, 6th Jan**—First day of spring term.

**Fri, 10th Jan**—Year 6 Geography and Orienteering walk (group 1)

**Mon, 13th Jan**—Tempest Photography—Vista photos of Little Seeds/Nursery/Year 6 children only

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

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

**Fri, 17th Jan**—Year 6 Geography and Orienteering walk (group 2)

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

**Fri, 24th Jan**—Year 6 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—visit by Royal Marines and their boat

**Fri, 31st Jan**— Year 6 Geography and Orienteering walk (group 1)

## Lunch menu week commencing 6th January 2020

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

**School dinners are now £2.30.**

Menu available: 11th Nov, 2nd Dec, 6th Jan, 27th Jan, 24th Feb, 16th Mar	Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Mains	Macaroni cheese	Brunch grill Sausage and bacon	Roast turkey with stuffing and gravy	Cottage pie	Chicken nuggets
	Vegetarian	Quorn hot dogs	Brunch grill Quorn sausage	Cauliflower and broccoli cheese	Pizza	Quorn dippers
	Served with	Potato squares and sweetcorn	Hash browns, scrambled egg, beans	Roast/mash and chefs veg	Wedges and peas	Tomato ketchup, fries and veggie sticks
	Dessert	Raspberry cake	Chocolate cookies	Fresh fruit	Apple flapjack	Custard biscuits



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:

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