

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

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Choir joins Teachers' Rock at Exeter Cathedral



Fourteen children from the Years 5/6 choir have been rehearsing hard over the past few weeks for their performance with the Teachers' Rock choir at Exeter Cathedral on Thursday. They had an amazing day at the cathedral, taking part in a workshop in the afternoon and a performed to a packed audience in the evening. Our rendition of 'I think of you' could be heard from the very back. The children all looked and sounded extremely professional and each one sang their best. Well done to them all!

Thank you from the Poppy Appeal 2019

Thank you to everyone for supporting this very worthy cause. Without your help the Royal British Legion would be unable to continue their vital welfare and benevolent work. Orchard Vale raised £202.16—well done!



Sports for Champion sponsored circuits



The children had a brilliant time taking part in the timed circuits set up by Ezekiel Ewulo, Olympic long jump champion, when he visited us on Thursday. We all took part in spotty dogs, press ups, star jumps and leg drives. With your help we raised £1,119.50. Orchard Vale will receive £415.70 to spend on sports equipment. Thank you for working so hard in getting sponsored.

The North Devon Sheep Trail

South Molton Community College and The Big Sheep have provided us with a life sized resin sheep and invited the children to create a design to cover it. The winning design(s) will be recreated by us onto our sheep. The long term aim is for the sheep to become a traveling exhibition raising awareness of mental health issues for the young.



Pre-book your Christmas Dinner 2019—Wednesday, 11th December

All meals **MUST** to be pre-booked no later than 4th December

Price is £2.30

If you would like your child to have a Christmas dinner on Wednesday, 11th December please ensure you have ordered this from the school office in advance.

Foundation/KS1 children MUST pre-book this meal even though you receive the Government Free School Meals. (please see the poster at the end of this newsletter).

Menu

Roast turkey, stuffing, pigs in blankets,
mixed vegetables, roast/creamed potatoes with gravy
or vegetarian roast
Ice cream or Christmas pudding with ice cream.

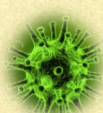


Wanted

If you have any empty, clean, glass jam jars Miss Gulliford, Mr Whapham, Mrs Huggins/Mrs Grimwood would be grateful for any donations.



Advice regarding sickness bugs



We currently have a number of children and adults off school with vomiting/abdominal pain. Although this type of illness lasts only a short time and requires no specific treatment please could we ask for your support in helping reduce the spread of infection **by keeping your child off school for 48 hours after the last sickness episode.** Thank you for your co-operation.

Nursery this week:

This week we have been learning about rabbits. We have had lots of stories about rabbits and, of course, having Delilah in school has been an added bonus. We had rabbit themed colouring, play-dough mats and used cotton wool to make cute rabbit pictures.

In maths, we have continued to practise our counting and matching quantities and numerals.

We have started practising our Christmas Nativity play and some of you will receive a line for your child to say in the performance.

Please note we will be stopping Forest Schools until after Christmas.

Dress rehearsal Monday, 9th December.

Nursery performance Monday, 16th December 9.30.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Youll

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

We have had a fantastic week learning about 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley'. We have been busy counting seaside objects and making our own kites. In maths, the children have been looking at estimation and recognising numbers to 20.

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

Miss Cawthorne's class have begun to look at the sounds **nk ai ee**. 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 next couple of weeks we are setting a reading challenge. The child who reads the most will receive a prize.

Year 1- The children have continued to make great progress with their reading and writing and we are really proud of all of them. In maths, we have been looking at estimation and the children have independently been writing their own number sentences.

For homework over the next few weeks we would love for you to join in with the reading challenge (see above).

Next week our story is 'We are going on a bear hunt'.

Have a good weekend.

Miss Cawthorne

Miss Boundy

Key Stage One's week:

We have been using the book 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth' to help us write some new instructions. Some of us wrote instructions on 'How to Wash a Cheeky Chimpanzee' and some of us had a great time writing about how we washed our teddies/toys. There were some amazing ideas.

Mrs Oldfield's class had a go at subtracting 2 digit numbers, which was tricky but everyone tried very hard.

We have started looking at what Christmas means to Christians and we enjoyed talking about the prospect of our advent calendars! We have been busy preparing props for our Christmas performance.

Mrs Grimwood/Mrs Huggins' class and have loved decorating the classroom ready for Tolly the jolly elf to begin picking names for the calendar next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Quilter

Mrs Grimwood

Mrs Huggins

Mrs Oldfield

Years 3 and 4's week:

The children and staff in years 3/4 are sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs May today, we will all miss her very much.

In class, we have started looking at addition and subtraction methods, both mental and written in maths.

We have been researching historical facts about Queen Elizabeth II; who she is, her family tree and writing her biography in topic work. We have looked on a map to see where her places of residency are in the UK.

Homework—we would like the children to complete the Addition and subtraction sheet sent home. Don't forget to continue completing Times Table Rock Stars online and learning your spellings ready for testing next week.

Have a great weekend.

Miss Gulliford

Mrs Johnson

Mr Whapham

Years 5 and 6 week:

The next 2 groups of children enjoyed a navigational exercise around the local estate. They were given a session involving basic use of a local map and navigated their way using compass bearings around the locality. As well as being part of our geography curriculum this will be a helpful start for those children who may wish to be considered in the selection process to take part in the Exmoor Challenge in the spring.

Over the weekend please can the children practise their times tables/spelling for testing next week. They can practise maths on the website www.mathstest.org and spellings/homework on Seesaw <https://app.seesaw.me/>.

Have a good weekend.

Mrs Lavictoire

Miss Squire

Mr Lewis

Friends of Orchard Vale News



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

WANTED—Do you have any pre-loved Christmas Jumpers you would like to donate to the Friends of Orchard Vale? Please bring these into the school office to be passed on to FoOV.

Tues, 3rd December—Tuck Shop

Wed, 4th December—New 2 U Xmas jumper sale

Dates and Events

Future Diary Dates (don't forget to check the school website, www.ovschool.co.uk for up to date information)

Wed, 4th Dec—Year 5/6—Sports Hall Athletic Team—Park School

Thur, 5th Dec—6.30pm — **Choir**—Christmas Pannier Market opening night

Mon, 9th Dec—10.30am—**Nursery** rehearsal for Christmas celebration

Mon, 9th Dec—1pm to 2pm—**Nursery** January Starter Taster session

Wed, 11th Dec—**School Council Xmas Jumper day** (children can wear their jumpers over their uniform)

Wed, 11th Dec—**Whole school Xmas dinner**

Wed, 11th Dec— 9.30am—**Reception** dress rehearsal for Christmas celebration

Thurs, 12th Dec—9.30am to 10.30am—**Reception Christmas celebration** (school hall)

Thurs, 12th Dec— 9.30am to 2pm—**Choir** Community Carol Singing Day

Fri, 13th Dec—9.30am—**Key Stage One**—**Christmas celebration** (school hall)

Fri, 13th Dec—Stagecoach—Santa bus visit (more information to come)

Fri, 13th Dec— 6.45pm to 7.30pm—**Choir** Christmas carol concert—Christ Church, Bear Street.

Mon, 16th Dec—Stagecoach—Santa bus visit (more information to come)

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Tue, 17th Dec— 9.45am to 1.15pm—Panto—Snow White—Queen's Theatre, Barnstaple—10am to 1.30pm

Wed, 18th Dec—3.30pm to 4.30pm—**Key Stage Two**—**Carols** in the Forest School 3.30 to 4.30. Children and their families can join us in the Forest School area for festive carols. (Children will be the responsibility of their parents)

Fri, 20th Dec—Last day of term.

Lunch menu week commencing 2nd December 2019

(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

The Storehouse Studio Organization
in Association with The Funky Juke Joint
PRESENTS

THE 5:15



Playing a Tribute to Quadrophonia 40th Anniversary

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Dance, Dance, Dance with 3 BIG BEAT Xmas Dee Jays



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BIG BEAT XMAS CRACKER

THE 5:15 'SLIP KIDS'
PLAYING A TRIBUTE TO 40 YEARS
OF QUADROPHONIA
Plus The
BIFF, BANG POW! SET

BUGGANERS - CREDITON
EAST STREET CREDITON EX17 3AZ
FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER AT 7.30PM TILL LATE

Christmas Dinner 2019

Wednesday 11 December

Main

Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Pigs in Blankets, Mixed Vegetables, Roast or Creamed Potatoes with Gravy or Vegetarian Roast

Dessert

Ice Cream or Christmas Pudding with Ice Cream

Christmas Dinners have to be pre-ordered

If you would like your child to have Christmas Dinner please complete the tear off slip and return it to the school office with payment (if required) no later than Wednesday 20th November (this is so enough food can be ordered)

Don't forget to make a note of this date on your calendar at home!

Please note, we are unable to provide jacket potatoes on this day

I would like my child.....Class.....

To have a Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 11th December

Please delete the following as appropriate

My Child is entitled to Free School Meals

My Child is in Reception or KS1 and is entitled to the Government Free School Meals

I pay for my child's meals @ £2.30 each (cash only in the school office)

I have paid on ParentPay. Date.....

Signed _____ Parent/Carer

ALL CHILDREN WHO WANT CHRISTMAS DINNER MUST RETURN A SLIP



The Big OV Christmas Giveaway!

This Christmas, we are going to give away presents to 12 deserving children of OV.

As Christmas is a time of giving, thinking of others and spending time with those who are important to you, we would like you to think about who at school deserves a present from us this year.



This is a free competition!

How to enter:

- Get your nomination slips from your class teacher.
- Fill in your nominations (include the persons first/last names and class).
- You must have a valid reason for nominating someone. (Reasons can include; being a good friend, being kind or thoughtful, helping others, working hard in class etc.)
 - Write the reason on the slip.
- Once completed, post the nomination into our Christmas box by the School Council Board.

Rules of entry:

1. Children cannot nominate teachers.
2. Teachers can nominate children.
3. You can only nominate others, you cannot nominate yourself.
4. You can nominate as many people as you like as long as you have a good reason for nominating them.

Nominations MUST be in by Wednesday, 11th December

Winners will be drawn on Friday, 13th December

Was your child born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016?

How to Apply for a Primary School Place in Devon

You can apply online at

www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline
from 15th November 2019 to 15th January 2020

If you cannot access the school admissions website you can get more information by calling our Education Helpline on

0345 155 1019

or email: admissions@devon.gov.uk



Even if you have already given details to a primary school, you must apply for a place through the Admissions Team. This is the only way to apply; other forms or lists held by schools will not count.



Free Home Safety Visits

Dear Parents and Carers,

You are eligible for a FREE Home Safety Visit and it's easy to arrange.

What is a 'Home Safety Visit'?

- It's a FREE visit from a trained technician who will advise on any fire or safety risks in the home.
- FREE equipment may be provided. This can include: smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms, extension leads, fire retardant bedding, smoke alarm testers and more.
- It's a FREE advice service: Our technicians are trained to look for risks that you may not have thought of.
- It's available to any household with children.
- We will discuss electrical safety including the safe charging of phones and tablets.
- We will identify and advise on fire safety risks such as overloaded sockets to help prevent the chance of a fire starting in your home.
- We will discuss an escape plan for you and your family.

We want to help to keep your family safe from fire.

Contact us by phone or
email:

Make the call!
0800 05 02 999
firekills@dsfire.gov.uk

Quote code **401**

