# Orchard Vale's Weekly News Friday, 20th November 2020

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## Headteacher's message

#### Dear Parent/Carer

We are half way through lockdown and, although it is a challenge for all of us, hopefully efforts will be rewarded and infection rates will be reduced. We hope the letter emailed out to you on Wednesday explained that Orchard Vale are following the government guidelines and will work with Public Health England and the Trust should we need to take any actions with regards to confirmed Covid cases in the school community. At this time, we have not been required to action any further measures.

Please be assured we are doing our upmost to keep our children and staff safe and well. If we do need to take further action, we will of course inform you immediately.

A general reminder that the 3 main symptoms for Coronavirus are:

A new continuous cough

A high temperature

A loss or change in your normal sense of smell or taste (Anosmia)

#### **Guardian consultations**

Thank you all for activating your Arbor Parent Portal this week. Due to Covid-19, we will be hosting a brief Parent Consultation over the phone for children in Reception to Year 6, to cover how your child has settled in this term. We will be sending information on how to book your timeslot through email and the Parent Portal next week.

Have a restful weekend. Fiona Pearce



## **Arbor Parent Portal**



Thank you to those of you who have already activated your Parent Portal on our school Arbor management system, Arbor. So far 70% of our parents have signed in.

To activate your account please check your emails for the invitation with a link to the Arbor login page. You will need to activate the account first using Google Chrome but after that you will be able to download the Arbor App and login via there. The Arbor App can be downloaded from either the Playstore on android phones or the Apple Store on iPhones.

The Parent Portal will allow you to:

- view and update your child's medical conditions, dietary requirements or allergies.
- view and update contact information for yourself as primary quardian.
- add or amend emergency contact details please make sure we have at least 3 emergency contacts.
- record annual parental consent no more form filling!
- make bookings for Parents Consultation appointments.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have provided us with your up to date information. Please note that we only require address and email details for parents and legal guardians and not for all contacts.

If you know that one of your nominated emergency contacts has changed contact details, and you have not informed us, please email the school office with this information on orchardvale@ventrus.org.uk.

#### **Parent Consultations**



This year, due to Covid, we will be holding our parent consultations over the telephone for children in Reception to Year 6.

Please ensure you have activated your parent portal account and that we have your correct email address and contact number.

On Monday, Primary Guardians will receive an email inviting you to log onto the Parent Portal to book a telephone call with your class teacher. The time slots are 10 minutes and will purely talk with you about how your child has settled in this term.

If you have anything to discuss with your teacher which is likely to take longer than the time slot allocated please email orchardvale@ventrus.org.uk and we will arrange for the class teacher to either email or call you when they are available.

If you are having difficulty with the Parent Portal please contact the school office.



## CHRISTMAS DINNER— WEDNESDAY, 16TH DECEMBER

You can now book a Christmas Dinner, with all the trimmings, for your child to eat with their mates and staff in their bubbles on Wednesday, 16th December.

class-



#### **MENU**

Turkey or vegetarian roast
Pigs in blankets
Stuffing balls
Roast potatoes
Peas and carrots
Gravy

Biscuits and ice cream



Please order your child's Christmas dinner by **Monday**, **30th November** in order for our Kitchen Manager to ensure she orders enough food, please could we ask parents to complete the form using the link below.

You should pre-book a meal if:

- you pay for your child's meals.
- your child is in Reception/Key Stage One and you take advantage of the Universal Free School Meals.
- your child is entitled to Income Related Free School Meals.

WE ARE NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE JACKET POTATOES OR SCHOOL PACKED LUNCH ON THIS DAY.

Children can, of course, bring in their own packed lunches as usual.

If you pay for your child's meals, once you have completed the form, please could you make your payment using Parentpay of £2.30 per meal, per child.

Please complete a separate form for each child. Link to Christmas dinner booking form.



# Foundation Stage and Key Stage One



Mrs Youll's - I have two stars of the week:

Freddy for good settling in and doing some super talking in your group work this week.

Lucas for good settling in and playing nicely with your friends.

Miss Cawthorne's nomination – I have two stars of the week:

Dexter for fantastic phonics and being a good friend.

Lily for always working hard and being super helpful.





#### Miss Boundy's nominations - I have two stars of the week:

Mikey has been amazing this week. He always works so hard in phonics and maths and is a great friend to all! Well done Mikey!

Tahlia is a delight to have in the classroom. She is a good friend and is working at her reading. Well done Tahlia!

#### Mr Quilter's nomination

Sophie is amazing; she works very hard and never stops! She loves dancing and the class have loving enjoying this with her. Sophie is a very sweet and loving member of our class and is loved by all! Great job Sophie!



#### Mrs Grimwood's/Mrs Huggins' nomination

Jamie is very kind and a super friend to have. He is also working very hard at his writing. Well done Jamie. Keep it up you are amazing





# **Key Stage Two**



#### Miss Gulliford's nomination

This week star of the week is Lilyana. She has really shone in her learning and been a positive influence with those around her to help them strive to be the best they can be. Well done for all of your hard work Lilyana- what a superstar learner you are!

#### Mrs Johnson's nomination

Martha for being a supportive friend during our re-enactment and play time. She is always involved in class and was a star in our English assessment. She took a bit of a timblegarp but returned like a champ.





#### Mr Whapham's nomination

Ray is always really kind to his class mates, sharing equipment within our bubble and when playing at lunch times. He was determined and perceived in maths this week when he struggled on questions.

#### Mrs Lavictoire's nomination

My star of the week is someone who is both a gentle and kind member of the class. His dry sense of humour comes across not only in his writing, but keeps us all amused. His use of language and concise style is very mature. Ernest listens to his next steps and targets, responsibly, using these to inform his learning and help others, especially in maths. It's fantastic to see Ernest growing into the lovely young man that he is becoming. Keep being you, Ernest.





### Mrs Harding's nominations

Riley has been working hard for several weeks to be star of the week. He has been working hard on all of the tasks he is given and has been working on his homework too. He has been a kind friend to others and helpful to adults. Riley has also worked hard on keeping up his enthusiasm for learning all day every day. Well done Riley and I hope you enjoy being star of the week. We are proud of you! Mrs Harding, Mrs Knight and Miss Passmore.

#### Mrs Rana's/Mr Boult's nomination

Ryan has worked so hard over the past few weeks and truly deserves it. He has shown fantastic reasoning skills in maths, showing that he can explain what he is doing and why. He is always a wonderful example in the class, and is always so polite and courteous when he is completing





#### Miss Squire's nomination

Alyssa, for her hard work and kindness. She is a pleasure to have in our class and she always brings smiles to those around her. Well done Alyssa.

## 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. The following children have reached their first step on the Proud Cloud. When children reach 50 they will receive their first certificate. Well done to:

Miss Gulliford class 50—Larny Mahi

Mrs Johnson's class 50— Elena Ezra

25—Grazynka Holly Alexa Freddy-James Lilly-May

## Years 5 and 6—Tri-Reading Tournament



The children in Years 5 and 6 are taking part in a Tri-Reading Tournament.

Congratulations to the following children who have achieved 25, 50...nights of reading at home:

Mrs Lavictoire's classChloe-Rose Sophie G Isla FlorenceMiss Squire's class50—Olivia 25- Ella Macie Phoebe

Mrs Rana's/Mr Boult's class 75—Grace Logan 50—James

## **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 Marley for always saving people who are out on his team in dodgeball.

Year 3/4 Grazynka for always doing the right thing and trying her best in every sports.

Year 5/6 Kaden for big improvement in both PE and Club in his teamwork

### **KEY STAGE 2 – TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS COMPETITION**



On Monday, we are launching our first KS2 Times Tables Rockstars Competition.

This will be a group competition, where each class will work together to create a collective score of most correct answers.

Children will be completing this in school but it would be great if you could encourage them to login at home as well!

The class with the most correct answers by Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm will be our Battle of the Bands champions and win a whole class reward.



Theo C Norse character top

## Years 3 and 4—Viking topic work

Years 3 and 4 are studying Vikings this term. Here is a sample of some of the pieces of homework completed so far.



Freddie J—Top Trump Viking card



Larisa's Viking cake.



Nieve's Viking long boat



Jack S Viking sword

## Mrs Rana / Mrs Boult's class - Forces

We have been looking at forces in science; where we have been learning further about the work Sir Isaac Newton did when he was alive. From this, we have been testing the force needed to move various objects in the classroom using Newton meters. It was great to see if our predictions we made came true!















## Road Safety Awareness Week

The children across the school have been completing work in class on road safety awareness this week.

Her are some of the posters Miss Gulliford's class have made.











## Menu-w/c 23rd November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main</b> – Focaccia bread pizza with crispy round potatoes and sweetcorn.	Main – Breaded fish with potato wedges and peas.	<b>Main</b> – Roast chicken, potatoes and fresh vegeta- bles with gravy	<b>Main</b> –Hotdog with crispy round potatoes and sweetcorn	Main – Chicken breast nuggets, fries and vegeta- ble sticks
Vegetarian - Vegetable bolognaise with pasta and sweetcorn	Vegetarian - Haloumi stuffed peppers with pota- to wedges and peas	Vegetarian -Cauliflower and broccoli cheese bake potatoes and fresh vegeta- bles	<b>Vegetarian</b> – Roasted vegetable pasta bake, with crispy round potatoes and sweetcorn	<b>Vegetarian</b> – Quorn nuggets, fries and vegetable sticks
Jacket potato Cheese / beans / tuna	<b>Jacket potato</b> Cheese / beans / tuna	Jacket potato Cheese / beans / tuna	<b>Jacket potato</b> Cheese / beans / tuna	<b>Jacket potato</b> Cheese / beans / tuna
School packed lunch option	School packed lunch option	School packed lunch option	School packed lunch option	School packed lunch option
Sausage Roll, desert, fruit and crisps	Cheese Sandwich, desert, fruit and crisps	Ham Sandwich, desert, fruit and crisps	Cheese and onion pasty, desert, fruit and crisps	Ham sandwich, desert, fruit and crisps
<b>Dessert</b> Fruit Slices	<b>Dessert</b> Lemon drizzle cake	<b>Dessert</b> Various ice-creams	<b>Dessert</b> Banana and raspberry cake	<b>Dessert</b> Cookie

## **Exciting Funding News**

We would like to share the news that we have been successful in gaining 2 funding grants in recent months.

### **UM UK Sound Foundation** donated £500

In this difficult COVID time, it is more important than ever, for the children to be able to access a variety of music and instruments. Research suggests that music can stimulate the body's natural feel good chemicals (e.g. endorphins, oxytocin). It can help energise our mood and provide an outlet for us to take control of our feelings. Music can even help us work through problems in our lives.

We spent the funding on sets of glockenspiels which the children are using at the moment developing their skills for our special Musical Christmas CD.

Here are Mrs Huggins'/Mrs Grimwood's class using the glockenspiels in the forest school.











## The Norman Family Trust donated £500.

In recent years due to Government cuts we have not been able to purchase as many reading books for the children as we would like. The Norman Family Trust donates specifically for the purchase of books. We spent the money on a variety of reading books to be shared across the Key Stages.

The children will enjoy being able to read these wonderful new books.

# Orchard Vale's Virtual Christmas Fayre Tuesday, 1st to Thursday 10th December



Guess the Elf's name



How many sweets in the jar?



Pledge an amount for a Reindeer.

Top 20 bids win.

## Christmas Bake Off

Make your biscuits or cake and send us a photo. A winner will be chosen from each year group.



## Dress your pet up

Send in your photo: Most quirky wins a prize.



To take part in the virtual Christmas Fayre entry is via Parent Pay.

£3 per child includes: Your child's handmade Christmas Craft item; Guess the name of the Elf; How many sweets in the jar; Dress your pet and the Bake Off.

£6 includes all of the above plus a one off special Christmas concert DVD.

Once we have received your payment, you will be sent an email link to join our Christmas Fayre on Microsoft Teams: This platform will enable you to participate.

If you would like to place a bid for one of the limited Reindeers please send your bid to orchardvale@ventrus.org.uk by Thursday 10th December, midday. The top 20 bids will be contact ed on Thursday afternoon and you will then be able to pay via Parent Pay for your Reindeer.

## Freedom Community Alliance—Christmas Treat Boxes

This year instead of Christmas food hampers we will be supporting the local charity for the homeless.

If you would like to support this project, please pop your donations into the box from the

## 1st December.



The **RED BOX** will be just outside the management suite in the courtyard.

Suggested items are toiletries, socks, chocolates, deodorant, gloves and other lovely treats.



If your income has changed and you are struggling to pay for basic household essentials, the Government have made money available via local District Councils to provide small emergency grants to people in financial hardship as a result of COVID-19.

The funds can be used for different things such as access to emergency short term support through shopping vouchers, utility top ups, paying for essential travel needs or essential advice and support services.

The Government have also published information on our website about <u>financial help in your local area</u>, including links to national support and information on what to do if you were employed but have now lost your job.

There's <u>more information about what to do if you're employed and cannot work</u>, on the government's website.

If you're <u>self-employed and getting less work or no work because of coronavirus</u> (COVID-19), there is also support available, such as the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme.

The government is <u>extending the Job Retention Scheme (furlough) until March 2021.</u> This means that workers in any part of the UK can retain their job, even if their employer cannot afford to pay them, and be paid at least 80 per cent of their salary up to £2,500 a month.



## **COVID19 School Absence**

There's always a rise in the number of bugs and illness at the start of term, and this year for obvious reasons, there has been a heightened awareness of when our children feel unwell, though in most cases this will not be coronavirus (COVID-19).

However, coronavirus has not gone away so you can't rule it out, especially as children and young people experience much milder symptoms of the virus than adults.

We've 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 <u>anyone with coronavirus symptoms stays at home and gets tested</u> 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.