

# Orchard Vale's Weekly News

## 13th December 2019

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### Community Carol Singing

The Years 5 and 6 choir had a lovely day on Thursday visiting residential homes/ superstores around Barnstaple to sing festive songs.

We had many appreciative comments and made lots of people smile.

We enjoyed our lunch break at St Johns on the big red chair where the staff kindly gave us some very welcome hot chocolate.

### Christmas Dinner

The dining hall looked incredibly festive on Wednesday for our whole school Christmas dinner.

Liz, Becky and Kim, our catering team produced yet another delicious traditional Christmas meal.

Children and staff sat together and enjoyed some festive music whilst they ate.



### Stagecoach Santa Bus

The Stagecoach Santa bus visited us today. Gary the Rabbit (the Stagecoach mascot) and 2 of Santa's elves welcomed the children on board the decorated bus and into their grotto. They read the children a story and were giving away sweets/raisins.

What a lovely festive treat.

The Santa Bus will be visiting us again on Monday when the remaining children will be able to enjoy the experience.



### Parentpay (online payment system)

Did you know you can pay online for lunches, uniform, trips, residentials, nursery fees, breakfast club etc?

If you have not used Parentpay before and would like a reminder of your login or advice on how to use this online payment system please contact the school office.

### Residential monthly instalment

The January instalment for residentials to Nethercott (years 5/6) and Heatree (years 3/4) will be due on Monday, 6th January.

### Medication held in school

If we hold medication in school for your child could we ask you to check this is in date before we break up for Christmas. If new prescriptions are required could you obtain these over the break and hand to the school office on our return in the New Year.

### Design a coat for the OV sheep

We will be announcing the winners of our designs for the OV sheep in January.

South Molton Community College and The Big Sheep have provided us with a life sized resin sheep which is roaming the Key Stage 2 corridor at the moment. The children have been invited to create a design to cover it. The winning design(s) will be recreated by us onto our sheep.

Once our sheep has been named and decorated it will go on it's travels raising awareness of mental health issues for the young.

We are still accepting entries so get them in quickly if you haven't entered yet.





## After School Sports Clubs

Mr Ovey's Running and Basketball/Netball clubs have now finished.

Other after school sports club with Mr Ovey will continue until next week.

**Spring Term after school clubs**—Letters will be sent out in the Spring term for children to sign up to new clubs.



## Christmas Performances 2019



For Safeguarding reasons, If you are planning on taking photos or videos, we have children at Orchard Vale whose photos should not appear in the public domain. On entry to the hall you will be asked to sign to say you will not put photos of any child, other than your own, onto social media.

**Nursery—Monday, 16th December**—9.30am to 10.30am (If your child does not attend Nursery on Monday mornings, but you would like them to take part in the performance, please could we ask you to bring your child to Nursery for 9am and stay with them until just before the performance in order for us to adhere to our adult:child ratios.

**Key Stage Two—Wednesday, 18th December**—3.30pm to 4.30pm—in the Forest School area. (details below).

## Class Christmas Parties

Please remember we have children and staff with nut allergies

**Mrs Huggins/Mrs Grimwood's class—Wed, 18th Dec**— Bring party clothes to change into and a small donation of party food to share.

**Mrs Oldfield's class—Thurs, 19th Dec**—Cinema afternoon (the children have voted to watch The Grinch)

**Mr Quilter's class—Thurs, 19th Dec**—Bring party clothes to change into and a small donation of party food to share.

**Reception-Thurs, 19th Dec**— come to school in party clothes. Bring a small donation of party food to share.

**Years 3 and 4—Thurs, 19th Dec**— Bring party games and party clothes to change into and a small donation of party food to share.

**Years 5 and 6—Thurs, 19th Dec**— Bring in Christmas jumpers to wear after lunch and a board game to play with your friends (**no electronic games please**).

**Mrs Oldfield's class - Fri, 20th Dec**— Christmas breakfast (food will be provided)

**Mr Quilter's class—Fri, 20th Dec**—Bring a board game to play with a friend. (**no electronic games please**).

### Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol Concert



You are invited to join Key Stage 2 for their  
Christmas Carol Concert

on

**Wednesday 18th December**

**3.30-4.30pm in the Forest School Area.**

Please note: The concert will be relocated to the School Hall in the event of bad weather.

To make this a truly festive event it would be great if all children wear a Christmas jumper for their performance.

**Parents/carers will be responsible for their child for the duration of the concert.**

**FOOV are kindly offering**

**mince pies, pizza and sausage rolls for 50p**

**non-alcoholic mulled wine at £1.00**

**We look forward to seeing you for festivities!**





**Nursery this week:**

This week, we have been learning about how we celebrate Christmas and have been taking it in turns to open a window on our chocolate Advent calendar each day. We have decorated baubles and taken part in Christmas themed pencil control sheets, colouring, painting and bingo. As part of our festive celebrations, we have been making Christmas cards and have continued to make Christingles. In maths, we have been making the correct number of baubles for Christmas trees and learning how to play dominoes.

We have welcomed the new children for a special visit and we are looking forward to seeing them again next week. We have also been busy of course, practising our play and singing lots of Christmas songs.

Nursery performance 16<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Youll

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

We had a fantastic week learning about We're Going on a Bear Hunt. We are sure you will agree the children did brilliantly in their Christmas performance—we are super proud of them all. This week we have been busy with Christmas crafts and having a delicious Christmas dinner.

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 this week** you could design your own Christmas Tree or write a note to Father Christmas about some of the good things you have done this year.

**Year 1-** This week, the children have been writing their letters to Father Christmas. In Maths the children have done a fantastic job of completing addition sums independently.

**For homework this week** you could design and label your own elf. What would they wear? What elf jobs would they do?

Next week we will continue to look at Christmas stories. Have a warm weekend. Miss Cawthorne Miss Boundy

**Key Stage One's week:**

The children have worked hard practising for our Christmas performance and we hope you all enjoyed watching it.

This week, Mrs Grimwood's/Mrs Huggins' class completed and wrote up our 'How to Wash a .....' stories, based on 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth'. The children really persevered with this and have produced some super learning. Mrs Oldfield's class enjoyed writing their Christmas letters to Santa and working on their fact families.

In maths, we have been starting to look at money. A few children have shown they are very skilled at counting their money!

We read the story of Jesus' birth in the gospel of Luke in the Bible and discovered he did not mention the wise men!

Have a festive weekend.

Mr Quilter

Mrs Grimwood

Mrs Huggins

Mrs Oldfield

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

This week, we have enjoyed finishing off our play scripts and exploring multiplication.

We have been lucky enough to watch the Christmas performances across the school which were fantastic.

We look forward to welcoming you on Wednesday for the Key Stage 2 carol service after school with your child in their festive jumpers! The Friends of Orchard Vale will be selling mincepies, pizza and sausage rolls as well as hot drinks so bring some pennies.

Have a great weekend.

Miss Gulliford

Mrs Johnson

Mr Whapham

**Years 5 and 6 week:**

Our final groups of children enjoyed a windy, but dry, orienteering walk around the locality learning to map read and use a compass. In the new year our year 6 children will be given the opportunity to take part in orienteering days ready to apply for places on the Exmoor Challenge 2020.

We have put information about homework etc on Seesaw. Don't forget to practise your times tables/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 super 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.

**Wed, 18th Dec**—We will be providing refreshment for the Key Stage Two carols in the Forest School—3.30pm to 4.30pm.

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.

## 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, 16th Dec**—Stagecoach—Santa bus visit

**Mon, 16th Dec—9.30am to 10.30am—Nursery Christmas celebration** (school hall)

**Mon, 16th Dec—1pm to 2pm—Nursery** January Starter Taster session

**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 3.30pm to 4.30pm.

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.**

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

**Fri, 10th Jan**—Year 6 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—qualifier

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

**Fri, 17th Jan**—Year 6 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 Orienteering walk (group 1)

## Lunch menu week commencing 16th December 2019

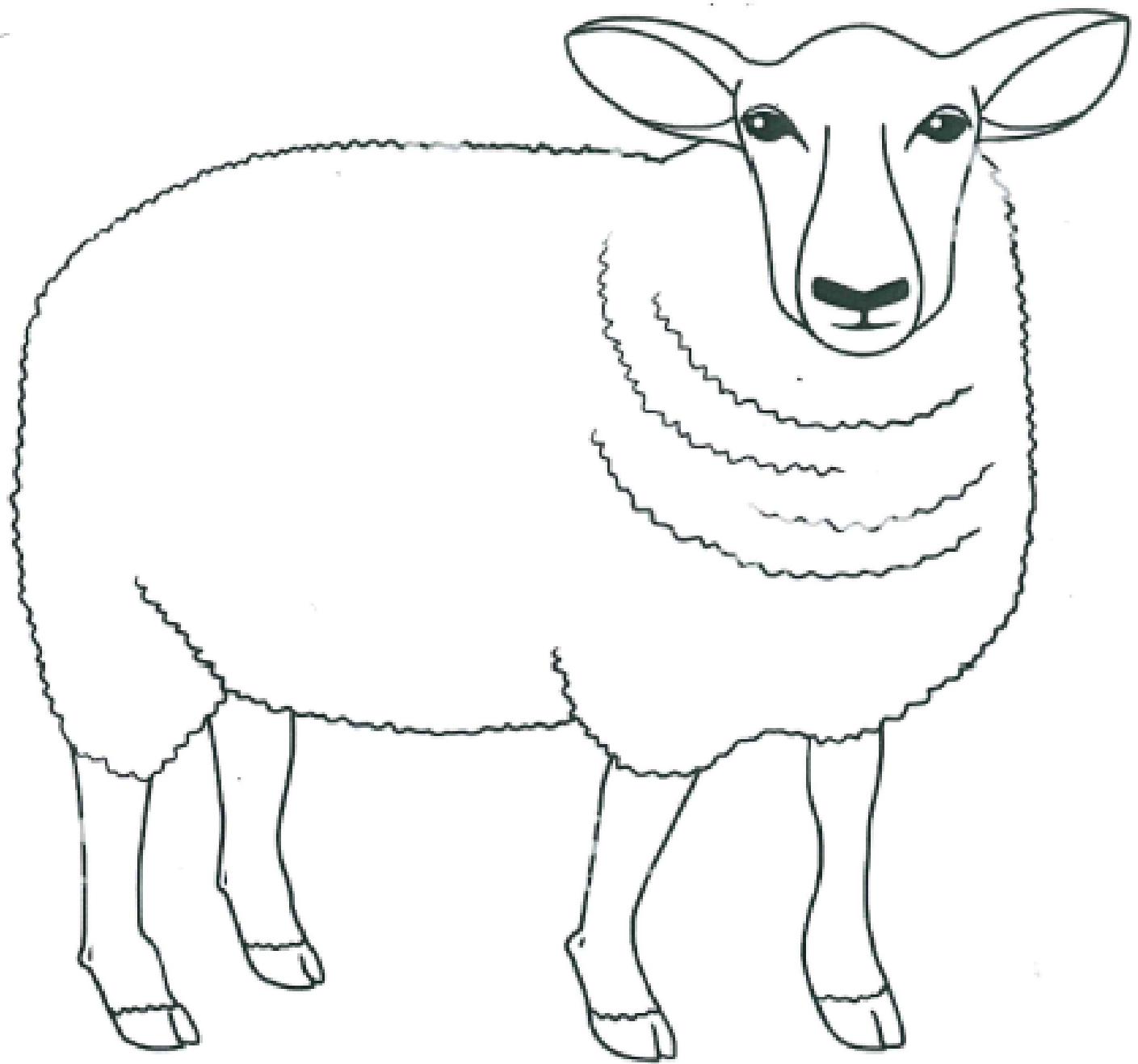
(Please see the website for our new Autumn 2019/Spring 2020 menu)

**School dinners are now £2.30.**

Menu available: 4th Nov, 25th Nov, 16th Dec, 20th Jan, 10th Feb, 9th Mar	Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Mains	Pizza	Breaded fish	Roast pork with stuffing and gravy	Beef bolognaise	Crunchy chicken with tomato salsa
	Vegetarian	Cheese and tomato pasta bake	Vegetable lasagne	Quorn sausage roll	Haloumi and roasted peppers	Veggie burger
	Served with	Croquet potatoes and carrot salad	Wedges and peas	Roast/mash and chefs veg	Pasta and sweetcorn	Tomato ketchup, fries and veggie sticks
	Dessert	Fruit Jelly	Banana and blueberry cake	Fresh fruit	Carrot and orange cake	Shortbread finger

Mental Health Awareness - Design a sheep!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



Return your design, along with 50p to your class teacher by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December  
The best designs will be recreated within school. This will be painted directly onto  
our real life resin sheep.

These will then be displayed around North Devon and the Big Sheep to raise  
awareness of young mental health issues.



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## Have you thought about becoming a registered Childminder?

**Come along to one of our free information sessions to find out more:**

**Wed 15 January 2020 – Amory Centre, South Molton (10.30am – 11.30am)**

**Wed 15 January 2020 – Ilfracombe Children's Centre (1.30pm – 2.30pm)**

To express your interest in attending, please contact the Early Years Team:  
[eycs@devon.gov.uk](mailto:eycs@devon.gov.uk)

**You've decided childminding is for you, what next?**

### **Preparing to be a childminder course:**

This 2-day course covers all the training requirements to prepare you for Ofsted registration. The course costs £50.

**Course dates:**

- **5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020 (9.30am – 4.30pm) – Barnstaple**

To book a place please contact the Early Years Team: [eycs@devon.gov.uk](mailto:eycs@devon.gov.uk). We will then be able to create a training account for you and will let you know how you can book and pay for a place on the course.

**We also run this training as eLearning (£50)**

**\*You must also attend a Paediatric First Aid course (£65) and a Safeguarding Awareness course (fully funded). Dates are available from the DEL training website. If you already hold a current Paediatric First Aid and Safeguarding Awareness certificate you do not need to undertake this training again.**

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