

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

Friday, 1st October 2021

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

This week seems to have gone so quickly. It has been busy in school and we definitely feel like things are beginning to return to normal. On Thursday, I was delighted to be able to help take Years 3 and 4 to cross country at Park School. The children were all so excited to be out and attending the event. They all participated with enthusiasm and determination and I was extremely proud of them all. Although there were a few nerves and anxiety, these were quickly lost as soon as they got running and they were all so proud of their achievements.

OV Explorers Club

I am delighted to see so many children using the wrap around care we have provided this half term. The OV Explorers Club provides after school care until 5pm and is getting busier and busier. The children enjoy a wide variety of activities each night. We have decided to continue this provision after half term. If you would like to book a space please see the information on page 2 of the newsletter.

Early Bird Club

The Early Birds Club is also very successful please see page 2 for more information if you feel you would like to take advantage of this provision.

Mr Ovey's KS1 Sports Clubs

Mr Ovey has started his afterschool sports clubs this week. Don't forget to bring your sport kits to change into if needed for these sessions. Parents please could we ask you to collect your children on time. If children are collected late on several occasions, then it may be the case they will no longer be able to attend.

If you think you will not get to school in time to collect your child from these clubs, you are welcome to book them into the OV Explorers Club, although there will be a charge for this.

Mental Health Awareness Non Uniform Day

It was lovely to look out at on sea of yellow this morning the children looked amazing in their yellow outfits and really enjoyed our yellow themed assembly.

Our Mental Health Ambassadors were brilliant in assembly. They were raising awareness of the 10 a day strategies. Children can use these to turn their day from any negative experiences they might have to a positive day they want to remember.

Director of Public Health sets out clear advice for parents of school-age children

[Click here to read the whole article](#)

The Director of Public Health assures parents that the approach seen in schools to rising cases of coronavirus aligns directly to government and public health guidance. Nationally and locally we are seeing a rise in coronavirus cases among the school-age population, but in almost all those cases the young person has shown no sign of having the virus, or only very mild symptoms, public health experts confirm.

Public Health Devon says they're aware that many parents are anxious about the case rates within schools. Steve Brown has set out clear advice to parents:

- If your child has symptoms of coronavirus, they should not go to school. They should take a PCR test – not a lateral flow device test – and they should self-isolate pending the result of that test. Lateral flow device tests are only for people who show no symptoms of having the virus.
- If your child is identified as a close contact, including if someone in your household tests positive, they should take a PCR test. However, unless they have symptoms of coronavirus, they are not required to stay off school while they wait for the test results.
- If your child tests positive with a routine lateral flow device test, they should stay at home and arrange a PCR test. They should isolate whilst awaiting the result of the PCR test. If the PCR test is positive, they should continue self-isolating. If the PCR test is negative, they can return to school, but they should continue to routinely take the lateral flow device tests twice a week.
- And to all secondary school age pupils and their teachers, they should be taking lateral flow device tests twice a week.



Have a wonderful weekend.

Fiona Pearce
Headteacher

Early Bird Breakfast Club

Our Early Bird Breakfast Club runs from 7:30am – 8:30am Monday to Friday during school term time for children in Reception to Year 6.

To use this facility you must initially register your child with the School Office. Please contact us on 01271 375074 or email orchardvale@ventrus.org.uk for more information.

Payment is required in advance and paid through Parentpay at a cost of £3 per child, per day (£2 charge for subsequent siblings per day).

Mr Ovey's After School Sports Clubs

The children who were successful in obtaining places at Mr Ovey's after school sports clubs have enjoyed their first week. It has been brilliant to see so many budding sport stars.

Please remember this club finishes at 4.15pm. Please could parents arrive at this time to collect them.

OV Explorers After School Provision

The OV Explorers after school provision is available for children from Reception to Year 6, from 3.15pm until 5pm.

To use this facility you must initially register your child with the school office. Please contact us on 01271 375074 or email orchardvale@ventrus.org.uk for more information.

Payment is required in advance and paid through Parentpay at a cost of £7 per child, per day.

'At OV Explorers we like to provide a variety of activities to suit every child's interests/age.'

We make sure the children have fun in a safe environment with plenty of fresh air.

Activities we offer are:

Forest schools Crafts Science explorations Cooking Relaxing and social time

All children receive a snack at the beginning of the session, which they all enjoy!

Mrs May Miss Passmore Mrs Roberts'

Coffee Morning



It was lovely to see so many of you at the coffee morning this week held in the Coffee Cabin.

Being able to match parents' faces to children is such a nice thing to do.

Having a chat with other parents and staff over biscuits and coffee is something that we have missed being able to do.

We will be holding another morning soon so keep your eyes out for the date.

We look forward to seeing you at our next morning.

Miss Porter, Miss Felgate, Mrs Newman and Mrs Manley.

Star of the Week

Foundation Stage and Key Stage One



Mrs Youll's nomination

Jessica for playing nicely and doing some super talking with her friends.

Miss Cawthorne's and Miss Boundy's nominations

Sophia for working hard and being super helpful.

Oliver for fantastic phonics and great listening.



Mr Quilter's nomination

Isla has taken to year 1 like a duck to water. She has taken everything in her stride and has given 100% effort to all tasks.

She is a pleasure to have in class, she works incredibly hard and I am very impressed with her work ethic.

Great start Isla. Mr Q x

Mrs Oldfield's nomination

Bonnie has been a wonderful addition to our class this year. Bonnie has an amazing attitude to learning that comes across in all areas. She is very neat and precise, and her work is a pleasure to see. Bonnie has shown great maturity and kindness with others in the class, she is always willing to allow others to join her games and will compromise to ensure all are involved in the game they are playing. Well done Bonnie keep up the amazing work. Mrs O



Mrs Grimwood's nomination

My star of the week this week is Lola. Lola has made a fabulous start to year 1. She is a brilliant listener, she has a go of everything that is asked of her, even if she's not sure and she has an excellent attitude to learning. Lola is also a kind and caring friend and she plays beautifully on the playground and in the classroom. I am so impressed with the way Lola has settled in her new class and she deserves all the praise!

School Diary Dates

Mon, 4th, Tue, 5th, Wed, 6th Oct	Y 6—Pilton Community College—Open mornings (appointment only) Click here to book an appointment
Thurs 7th Oct	Years 5 and 6—Cross Country Festival at Park School
Mon, 11th Oct	Years 3 and 4—Tennis workshop provided by Tarka Tennis
Wed, 13th Oct	Year 3 Multi Skills Festival at Park School
Thurs, 14th Oct	Tempest Photography—individual photos
Fri, 15th Oct	Years 5 and 6—Tennis workshop provided by Tarka Tennis
Thur, 21st Oct	Years 1 and 2—Tennis workshop provided by Tarka Tennis
Fri, 22nd Oct	NON PUPIL DAY
Mon, 25th to Fri, 29th Oct	HALF TERM WEEK (back at school Mon, 1st Nov)
Wed, 3rd Nov	PTFA—Tuck Shop 9.30am to 10.30am
Thurs, 4th Nov	Year 6 Swimming Lessons
Mon, 8th Nov	Years 5 and 6 Queen's Theatre Tour
Thurs, 11th Nov	Year 6 Swimming Lessons
Thurs, 11th Nov	Armistice Day—Minute silence in school
Thurs, 18th Nov	Year 6 Swimming Lessons
Thurs, 25th Nov	Year 6 Swimming Lessons
Wed, 1st Dec	PTFA—Tuck Shop—9.30am to 10.30am
Thurs, 2nd Dec	Year 6 Swimming Lessons
Fri, 3rd Dec	Virgin Health Care—Flu Vaccinations (Reception to Year 6)
Fri, 3rd Dec	Choir Carol Singing at Residential Homes
Tue, 7th Dec	Whole School Christmas Dinner
Thur, 9th Dec	Year 6 Swimming Lessons
Fri, 10th Dec	Xmas Jumper Day—donations in aid of Edukid
Wed, 15th Dec	Cinderella Panto at Queen's Theatre
Mon, 20th Dec to Mon, 3rd Jan	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Tues, 4th Jan	First Day of Spring Term.

Years 3 and 4 Cross Country Event



What a fantastic effort by our year 3 and 4 children at the Cross Country event held at Park School. The weather could have been better but that did not put the children off giving their best.



With 543 children from primary schools across Barnstaple we had 10 Orchard Vale children finish in the top ten.

Well done to everyone for taking part and being brilliant sports.

A special well done to our top 10 winners:

Year 4 girls

3rd Martha
5th Isla-Grace

Year 4 boys

3rd Ashton T
10th Freddie J

Year 3 girls

1st Lilly-Mae C
5th Louisa
6th Lilly H
9th Emmie S

Year 3 boys

6th Charlie E
10th Archie KP



The Dazzling Daisies Mrs Grimwood's Class

During forest school we enjoyed making our own wands.



Bike to School Week & Well-Being Non School Uniform Day

Well done to those who rode their bikes or scooters this week and dressed in yellow today for our Well-Being day.

In class the children have also been learning about safety on the roads.

The Spectacular Strawberries wrote some great poems .



WANTED



It's that time of year when we are thinking of planting bulbs. We would like to brighten up the school grounds and outdoor areas of Key Stage 1.

Asda have kindly donated a small number of bulbs. However, it would be lovely if we could get lots more. If you would like to donate any type of flower bulbs, please place these in the box outside the school office for the attention of Mrs Manley.

*We need your
help!*

*Have you got any
unwanted gifts
which we could
recycle?*

*If so, could you
please pop them
into the box near
the school office.*



Entry process:

INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES: Please note that entry to this league for individuals will only be by completion of pre-event on-line entry form [ONLY using the link HERE.](#)

Receipt of correctly completed entry forms will be automatically acknowledged by return email but are not confirmed until your payment has been cleared.

Orchard Vale will not be entering a team themselves but if parents can let us know if you are entering we can put you in touch with each others from the school. If there are enough of our children we would be happy to arrange to lend our school kit.

STRICTLY NO ENTRIES TAKEN ON RACE DAY

Entry fee: £12 per athlete to cover all races for the season.

Barclays Bank: Sort Code: 20-04-59 Account No. 03663442

Numbers can be collected on race day at Race HQ from 8:30am Each athlete retains their number for the whole season.

LEAGUE AWARDS:

The Top 6 in the overall category will receive a commemorative plaque.

The first 3 teams in each age group/gender category will receive commemorative cups.

The winning Under 11 Girls and Boys School teams will be awarded a perpetual trophy (please always remember to include your school name on your entry).

Overall individual and team scores will be calculated from best 5 races from the 6 offered.

They will continue to award a medal to every runner who completes a minimum of 5 races.

In the event of an event being cancelled the number of races to qualify for a medal will accordingly be reduced by one.

When a tie occurs then 'head to head' will decide the overall finish order.

2021-22 SEASON LEAGUE DATES

1. Sunday 17th October at Northam Burrows (old course at Pebbleridge, Northam Burrows, Westward Ho!)
Until 31st October each year there is a parking charge of £5 to park on Northam Burrows Pebble Ridge

2. Sunday 7th November at Northam Burrows (new course at The Pill on Northam Burrows, Appledore)
No parking fees after 31st October

3. Sunday 12th December (Inc. ND Champs) at Coxleigh Barton Equestrian Centre, Shirwell, EX31 4JL

4. Sunday 9th January (Westward League) at Northam Burrows (new course at The Pill on Northam Burrows, Appledore)
No parking fees after 31st October

5. Sunday 6th February (venue to confirmed) Details will follow

6. Sunday 6th March (Finals and presentations - venue to be confirmed) Details will follow

FINAL INFORMATION ON THE FIRST RACE OF THE SEASON WILL BE POSTED ON Glidden and Squire website by FRIDAY 15th OCTOBER

Cauliflower Cards 2021 Christmas Project

Don't forget to return your complete order form if you would like to order any items from Cauliflower Cards with your child's Christmas design on it

If you would like to place an order for cards/other items please:



- Place your order online at <https://xmas.caulflowergroup.co.uk>. This includes making payment directly with them.
- After placing your order and making your payment online **return the artwork/completed order form to your class teacher** so that we can distribute the products once we receive them.

Please note Orchard Vale are unable to accept payments for these items.

Barnstaple
Library

Newspaper Discussion Group

Tuesday 5th October
2-3pm • Library Foyer

Discussion • Opinions •

Current World Events & News

No need to book, just join us on the
5th October

Libraries
Unlimited

Libraries Week
1-7 OCTOBER 2021




FabLab in the Foyer

Tuesday 5 October
 Thursday 7 October
 Friday 9 October
 10:00 - 12:00

Libraries Unlimited
Libraries Week
 4-10 OCTOBER 2021




Fancy Some Jam?




We are a friendly bunch of Raspberry Pi enthusiasts who meet once a month to share ideas. All ages and abilities welcome. Bring your Pi if you have one but don't worry if you don't. We have some to share. First or second Saturday of the month.

10am - 12pm
 The IT Suite

Whilst you're here meet our latest 'Pi in progress' JabberWacky the talking fact bot lion!




Draw on your inspiration



Draw your cartoon self for our diversity display and get some drawing tips with local artist and illustrator HOSHIKO. Instagram @hoshiko_art hoshikoart.wix.com/hoshiko

10.30am - 12.30pm
 The Children's Library




Isn't it Fab!

Come & paint some autumnal shaped puzzles, making them your own. Shapes will be pre cut into a variety of autumnal objects which you will be able to decorate. All are welcome (suitable for all ages) Please be aware the paint may need to dry before you take them home.

Ticket bookings via Eventbrite - booking ends at noon 1st October.


From 10.30am
 The FabLab



Ukulele Anyone?

Come listen to some live musical covers and have a chat about all things ukulele with musical duo Meadowukes! Instagram @meadowukes


1pm - 2pm
 The Foyer



Brilliant Builders

Test your construction skills and build your own Fun Palace from Lego!

2pm - 4pm
 The Children's Library



FUN PALACES

Saturday 2nd October 2021 **Barnstaple Library**
barnstaple.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk



Adult events at Barnstaple Library

Colouring and Coffee, Mondays, 14.00 - 16.00
Relax and unwind at the colouring club for grown ups.

Digital Assist, Tuesdays, 14.00 - 17.00

For those needing help with computing. Please book at the library or telephone 01271 318780

Sing -A-Long a Library, 2nd Tuesday of the month, 14.00 - 15.30

For anyone who enjoys singing for fun!

Board Game Cafe, Wednesdays, 14.00 - 16.00

Adults only Drop in session for board game enthusiasts. Bring your own favourite game or choose from our selection as you enjoy a hot drink.

Wednesday Wanderers - Wednesdays, 14.00 - 15.30

Are you 55 and over? Want to enjoy the outdoors more? Join our friendly group for a stroll and a cuppa on a Wednesday afternoon. Book your place at the library or on 01271 318780.

Knit and Mix, Thursdays, 14.00 - 16.00 Come along to our social knitting group.

Audio Book Group, 1st Thursday of the month, 11.00 - 12.00

For those who enjoy listening to and chatting about audio books.

Raspberry Pi Jam, 1st or 2nd Saturday of the month, 10.30 - 12.30.

For all ages Get together and share ideas with other enthusiasts.

Creative writing groups

- The Ideas going, 1st Saturday of the month, 13.30 - 15.3

- Writing for children 3rd Saturday of the month 10.00 - 12.00

Poetry Corner, One Saturday a month, 14.00 - 15.30.

A chance to share and discuss favourite poems in a relaxed setting.

Scrabble Saturday, 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, 13.00 - 16.00

A scrabble club for players of all levels.



Libraries Week 4-10 OCTOBER 2021 Digital Drop-In Barnstaple Library

Need a
hand with
your
device?

Want to find
out more
about the
library's
eServices?

**Monday 4 October
10:00 - 12:00**

**Libraries
Unlimited**

Join us in
the Library
foyer



Saturday 2nd October
10.30am - 2pm

A worldwide campaign for culture made by your community,
 for your community

FUN PALACES

FREE FUN & LEARNING FOR ALL AGES

Try something new!



Children's events at Barnstaple Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme Time

Wednesdays & Fridays, Term time 10.30 - 11.00

Come along, have fun, join in with some old favourite
 rhymes and learn some new ones.

Library Lego Builders

Saturdays, 14.00 - 16.00 For all ages

Build a Lego creation to display in the library.

Drop in Children's Crafts & Coffee Morning

3rd Saturday of the month

10.00 - 12.00

Come and stick for a bit! Provided by BFGs-Barnstaple
 Library Friends Group. Donations welcomed