

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

Friday, 8th July 2022

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had another busy week with Reception and Years 5/6 sports days going brilliantly. It was lovely to see so many parents supporting their children. The children in the third junior lifeguard/surfing session had a wonderful time at Putsborough Beach and our Years 3/ 4 children and staff had a fun visit to Aerospace Bristol.

Next week, we are looking forward to Nursery and KS1 Sports days on Monday, our Year 6 leavers will be visiting the Milky Way followed by a fun rounders match pupils-v-staff. We will also have the Pro-Strike assembly and activity day – don't forget to hand in your sponsor forms and money.

Year 6 leavers events

Our Year 6 leavers are looking forward to their presentation evening and disco on Thursday, 14th July and the leavers assembly on Friday, 15th July. Invitations have been sent out to parents of our Year 6 children for the assembly. For health and safety reasons we can only allow 2 family seats per Year 6 pupil.

Transition Day

On Thursday, 14th July the children will have the opportunity to visit their classes for September and meet their teachers and classmates. We are excited to welcome some new faces to our teaching team in September - Miss Huxtable - Reception, Miss Williams – Years 3 / 4, Mr Carter – Years 5/6 and Miss Lavin – Years 5/6.

Settling outstanding money on Parentpay

As the end of term is drawing near please could I ask you to check your Parentpay accounts and settle any outstanding monies owed for Breakfast Club, OV Explorer after school club, lunches, nursery and Little Seeds fees.

Attendance

Further to my comments last week and following the pandemic we have been developing a plan to support pupil's learning and as such are preparing for 2022-23 and would like to confirm our attendance requirement.

We are committed to maximising the educational opportunities and achievements for every child. In order for them to gain the best education during their time at Orchard Vale, it is vital that they achieve excellent attendance and punctuality. We strive for 100% attendance for all children but we do understand that pupils can be genuinely ill and absent for other justifiable reasons, such as long term health issues or supporting their family due to bereavement.

With your support we can priorities children's attendance to help with the catch up process, expecting pupils to achieve an attendance mark of 95%.

Requests for pupil absence for holidays in term time will only be granted in **exceptional** circumstances such as armed forces leave. We will refer cases to the Local Authority if parents take unauthorised absence such as holidays and this could result in fines. We would, of course, prefer not to do this and ask parents to work with us to prioritise their child's attendance.



Fiona Pearce
Headteacher

Defibrillator update

We would like to thank you all for your continuing support with our fundraising efforts.

We have had a substantial contribution from Accord and JunglaRoo, this combined with the fundraising events in the Autumn term, we are well on the way to meeting our target to purchase our Community Defibrillator by Christmas.

Jonathan Wilson (Accord Vice President – West Europe



School Diary Dates

Mon, 11th Jul	Year 6— Milky Way visit and rounders match
Mon, 11th Jul	Rearranged Nursery Sports Day 9.30am to 10.30am
Mon, 11th Jul	Y 1 / 2 Sports Day—1.30pm
Wed, 13th Jul	Pro-Strike Fundraising day
Wed, 13th Jul	Year 6—Park Community School—taster day
Wed, 13th Jul	Tuck Shop—3.15pm—Coffee Cabin (ice lollies and ice creams)
Thur, 14th Jul	Year 6—Park Community School— taster day
Thur, 14th Jul	Year 6—Presentation and Disco—6pm to 8pm
Fri, 15th Jul	Year 6 Leavers Assembly—9.30am
Mon, 18th to Fri, 21st Jul	Years 5/6 Nethercott Residential
Mon, 18th Jul	Reception Welcome Session—4pm—4.45pm
Tue, 19th Jul	Reception Welcome Session—4pm—4.45pm
Wed, 20th Jul	Y5 /6 Boys Football—Finals
Wed, 20th Jul	Tuck Shop—3.15pm—Coffee Cabin (ice lollies and ice creams)
Fri, 22nd Jul	Last Day of Summer Term

Week commencing Monday, 11th July 2022


	Meat Free Monday	Around the World	Roast it Up Wednesday	Tasty Treat Thursday	Fun Time Friday
M	Cheese Wheel & Wedges	Pasta Bolognaise	Roast Chicken & Stuffing	Butchers Sausages	Harry Ramsdens Battered Salmon Fillet
V			Homity Pie (Leek & Pots.)	Pizza Muffin	Veggie Sausages
Sides	Peas & Sweetcorn	Crusty Baguette, Carrot & Pepper Sticks	Roast or Mash Potato Fresh Broccoli, Shredded Cabbage & Gravy	Chips or Pasta, Tomato Sauce, Carrot & Cucumber Sticks	Wholegrain Rice & Mixed Vegetables
JP	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna
SPL	Cheese Roll	Egg Roll	Chicken Roll	Ham Roll	Sausage Roll
D	Pip Organic Ice Lolly	Banana, Syrup Pancake	Fresh Fruit	Fruit Smoothie	Date & Apple Cake

Low Fat Yoghurts, Fresh Fruit, Bread, Water will be available daily, Milk on request.

Gluten/Dairy Free/Vegan menu available on request




OV SPORTS DAYS



You are invited to attend OV's sports days.

Access will be through the playground gate approximately
30 minutes before the event is due to start.




Refreshments will be available to purchase:

£1 - Tea/Coffee and cake

£1 - Cans


50p - Ice Lollies



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Nursery

*Monday, 11th July - 9.30am to 10.30am
(for children who attend the Monday morning session)*



Years 1 / 2

Monday, 11th July - 1.30pm





Year 6 Top Up Swimming

Our Year 6 top up swimmers had their last session.

Mrs De-Ritis said 'it has been such a treat taking them all swimming and they have all left proud of what they have achieved. On top of that, the instructor, James, said to me that OV is the group he looks forward to teaching most, every week. All the children were polite, they listened well, tried hard and had fun!'

Well done to everyone, especially those who can now swim 25 M.

RECEPTION DINOSAUR EXPEDITION



The children and staff from our Reception classes had an amazing time at Combe Martin Wildlife Park last week.

It was exciting to travel in the school minibus. We saw lots of dinosaurs and were very brave with them. We also got to see lots of animals including some naughty monkeys and some cute baby wolves. We loved the Lemur talk and learning all about them.

We ended the day on the train and tried not to get wet. Followed by lots of fun in the soft play and an amazing sea lion show.

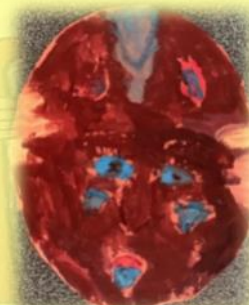
The children were extremely well behaved and loved going on an adventure with our amazing bus driver Mrs Gordon.



Celebrating home learning in Year 5



Lauren S has created some fantastic home learning this week. Here are some pictures of her Chichen Itza model and Mayan mask. She even wrote to the Prime Minister about deforestation and got a reply!



Reception Sports Day



We had an amazing Reception sports day on Thursday. A big thank you to everyone who came to watch and to Mr Ovey and our Year 6 helpers.

The children did so well, and we were really impressed with them in all the events.

A lovely afternoon for everyone involved.

Years 5 and 6 Sports Day



Our sports day on Wednesday, 6th July was a great chance for us to show off our skills and compete in front of our parents.

We hope our parents enjoyed it as well.



Gifted and Talented PE Year 6 Rising Stars

Six of our year 6 rising sports stars attended an activity day at Skern Lodge last week organised by the Barnstaple School Sports Coordinator. Well done to Ria,

The most enjoyable part of the day at Skern Lodge was definitely the high ropes for me. They were scary, but I knew I was safe. The hardest thing was also definitely the high ropes, as I got knocked off a few times! However, the whole day was so much fun. Thank you! By Phineas

Spot Light on the Commonwealth Games

The multi sporting competition is held every four years, with a hiatus during World War II, the Games have grown from featuring 11 countries and 400 athletes, to a global spectacle of 6,600 sports men and women from across 72 nations and territories. They will be held in Birmingham from Thursday 8th July to Monday 8th August.

We would like to encourage you to talk to your children about the importance of sport which keeps us fit and healthy and is also good for our mental health.

Spotlight on Beach Volleyball



Teams of two will go head to head on the sand beginning each rally by serving the ball over the net which will see the ball hit a maximum of three times on one side before being directed back across the net. This back and forth across the net continues until one team wins the rally. Teams win a rally if the opponent fails to return the ball, commits a fault, or if the ball lands in the opponent's court. The team who wins the rally wins a point and will serve next.

Matches are a best of three sets with the first two sets played to 21 points and the third set (if necessary) played to 15 points. A set is won by the first team to reach 21 points (or 15 points) with at least a two-point advantage. In the event that the score is 20-20 (or 15-15), play continues until a team earns a two-point advantage with no limit on the final score of a set.

Next time you are on the beach why not have a go.



GADGETEERS 2022

Monday 11th of July 2:30pm - 3:30pm Fizzbit Robots
Come along and decorate some 3D card robots before adding the fizzbit motor to see them wobble and shake. For Ages 3 - 10 £7.50 (comes with fizzbit to take home)

Thursday 14th of July 11:30am - 12:30pm 3D Printed Phone Stand
In this you will design your own 3D phone stand or pen pot to be 3D printed after the session for collection from the library at a later date. For ages 10 - 90 £12.50

Tuesday 19th of July 11am - 12am Vinyl Cut Silver Stickers
Come design a robot or anything you would like to have as a silver sticker. For Ages 5 - 16 £5

Thursday 21st of July 2pm - 3pm Laser Cut Clock
Design, Cut and Engrave your own wooden clock. We will cover the design and how a laser cutter works during but the clocks will be cut after for collection from the library another day. For Ages 8 - 90 £15

Tuesday 26th of July 10am - 11am Custom Vinyl Pencil Case
Doodle and draw some designs to be cut in vinyl and heat pressed onto a cotton pencil case. For Ages 6 - 80 £7.50

Thursday 28th of July 10:30am - 12:30pm Laser Cut Lamp
Design your own Acrylic Lamp and have a go at soldering. Finished item may need to be collection at a later date depending on time. For Ages 12 - 90 £12

Thursday 28th of July 2pm - 3:30pm Engraved Memory Stick
Engrave and cut a case to cover a 16gb Memory stick. We will be using grey perspex that engraves black. For Ages 10 - 90 £12

Friday 29th of July 10am - 11am 3D Printed Robot Key Ring
Design a Robot head to have 3D printed after the session and collected from the library at a later date. For ages 8 - 90 £8.50

To Book head to www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/fablab-devon-6712521537

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AUGUST ACTIVITIES

10AM - 2PM

Wednesday 3rd Boo to a Goose theatre: Shipwreck Sam

Tuesday 16th Circus Berzerkus: Circus Skills workshop

Thursday 18th Sciencedipity: Science Workshop

Wednesday 24th FabLab Workshop 6yrs +

Tuesday 30th Brick Ideas: Lego Workshop

Lunch and snacks will be provided
ALL ACTIVITIES MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE

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Summer Reading Challenge 2022

GADGETEERS EVENTS

Friday 29th July 10am-3pm
Big Junk Modelling Day
drop-in (5-11yrs)

Wednesday 10th August 11am & 2pm
Shipwreck Sam - Boo to a Goose theatre
£3pp booking required (4-10yrs)

Saturday 13th August 10am-12pm
Circus Skills Workshop
£3pp booking required (5-11yrs)

Friday 26th August 2pm - 3pm
'Let's Draw Some Robots' Drawing Workshop
booking required (8yrs+)

Tuesday 30th August 2pm-4pm
Brick Ideas motorised Lego
£5 booking required (7-11yrs)

Also during the holidays
Drop-in craft every Monday 10am-12pm
Drop-in Lego every Wednesday 2pm-4pm

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Summer Reading Challenge 2022

LAUNCH DAY!

Saturday 9th July 10am-4pm

FabLab Raspberry Pi VR
AR Crafts LEGO & More!

Come in & Sign up!
It's fun & FREE to take part.

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SUMMER KIDS CLUB!

OUR SUMMER KIDS CLUB IS FOR CHILDREN AGED 8-12 YEARS, DESIGNED TO GET THEM OUTSIDE & AWAY FROM SCREENS FOR THE DAY (NO PHONES ALLOWED!).

ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE FIRE LIGHTING, DEN BUILDING, EXPLORING THE WOODS, WOODLAND GAMES & MORE! WE WILL CHANGE THE ACTIVITIES EACH WEEK SO BY THE END OF THE SUMMER, YOU'LL HAVE SUPERSTAR FOREST EXPLORERS!

10am till 4pm
Bratton Fleming Woodland

Head to
www.devonandcornwallbushcraft.co.uk
to book your places now!

SUMMERTIME BOOK REVIEW COMPETITION 2022

Win books for you and £100 books for your school library!

Read a book this summer and send us your book review for a chance to win a bundle of books for you and your school.

Summertime Book Review
Have you read a book and want to tell everyone all about it? Well, now is your chance! Send us a review of your must-read book for a chance to win books for you and your school. You can use one of the templates on our website, one from your school, or create your own. For full details about the competition; suggestions for what to include in your review; templates; and terms and conditions, [click here](http://www.schoolreaders.org/summertime-book-review-competition) or visit www.schoolreaders.org/summertime-book-review-competition

What could you win?
Two winners and their class gets a video call with award winning children's author Zanyb Mian; who wrote the Planet Omar series!

The winners' book reviews will be featured on the Schoolreaders website.

The two winners will also win £25 worth of books for themselves, along with £100 worth of books for their school's library. Four runners up will win £15 worth of books each.

When by?
All entries need to be submitted by 5pm on Friday 30th September 2022

Important information:
This is a competition for pupils of primary school age in the UK. By entering the book review competition participants and their parent(s) or guardian(s) are deemed to have accepted and agreed to be bound by the terms and conditions.

The child's name and age and an adult's contact details must be included with each entry. Please also include the name and town of the entrant's primary school so we can contact them.

Send entries by e-mail to competition@schoolreaders.org or post them to: Schoolreaders, Bedford Heights, Brickhill Drive, Bedford, MK41 7PH.

To find out more about volunteering as a Schoolreader visit www.schoolreaders.org



The BIG KIDS SUMMER BAZAAR

EXETER LIBRARY

Saturday
27th August
10am - 4pm

FREE EVENT!



KIDS IN LIBRARIES

Crafts
Face painting
Carnival games
Exeter Science Centre
ANIMAL HQ
EXPERIMENTS
Bouncy Castle
Fab Lab Exeter

Libraries Unlimited

Boston Tea Party

SUMMER HOLIDAYS!

KIDS EAT FOR £1

weekdays from 2pm

Suitable for age 10 & under

21 JULY - 31 AUGUST

Boston Tea Party, 21-22 Tuly St,
Barnstaple, EX31 1DH

£1 offer applies to selected main meals from the Kids menu in selected Boston Tea Party Cafés from 2pm on weekdays from 2pm on Thursday 21st July until 5pm on Wednesday 31st August 2022. Kids Burger & Chips is priced at £2. Drinks and sweet treats not included. Valid on orders at the counter only. Suitable for under 10s accompanied by an adult. One meal per child, 4 children per adult. Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer or discount. Subject to availability. Boston Tea Party reserves the right to withdraw this offer at any time.

Living with Covid

Increasing Covid-19 cases

Cases of Covid-19 are increasing in the community. The guidance remains that anyone with symptoms of a respiratory infection, such as Covid-19 and has a high temperature or feeling unwell should try to stay at home and avoid contact with others.

Children with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or mild cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to come to school.



Children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people.



Covid Testing

Although testing is no longer expected. If a child has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test.

The risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower after 3 days.

Children can return to school when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough.

If a member of family has tested positive for COVID-19 children can continue to attend school.



To find out if you are eligible and to order a free LFD test click here.

You can pay for Lateral Flow Tests at some local pharmacists.