

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

Friday, 2nd July 2021

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Mr Stephens-Borg today. He is leaving us to move back to Turkey with his wife and to continue travelling. He has been such a huge part of the school over the last few years and we will miss him very much. We all wish them well in their new adventures.

This week the children have been busy practicing for their sports days during the week of Monday, 12th July. Unfortunately, due to the current Covid restrictions we will be unable to invite our families into school to support the children. However, teachers will be videoing races and will put these onto the class Teams to share with you. The OV's Got Talent finalists have now received their Golden Tickets and are looking forward to the final on Friday, 16th July. This will be an in school event and the children are really looking forward to the performances being live streamed into the classrooms for them to watch.

Teachers have been working hard on the children's annual reports. These should be ready for us to start emailing out to you next week. Please could you login to your Parent Portal to ensure your email address is up to date ready for this. Next week we are hoping to finalise classes for next year. As soon as this is done we will be in touch to let you know your child's new class for next year, we know you are all desperate to find out. We have arranged a time for your child to visit their new class towards the end of term. We are trying to finalise the year 6 leavers events and will be in touch when this is done.

We would like to thank Watermouth Castle for helping us to have a successful and safe visit on Thursday. Our Years 3 and 4 have been studying castles this term and the visit has given the children a wonderful insight into life there since it was built in 1825. Our Allotment Team had a successful visit to the Fairview Allotments on Wednesday, where they were able to harvest some strawberries and tend to other plants that are growing really well with the wonderful weather conditions.



We are still working with local attractions and trying to arrange trips or visits for this term or next. It is a challenge to be still working within Covid guidelines but we are hoping some or all of these restrictions will be lifted soon.

Have a wonderful weekend.



Fiona Pearce
Head teacher

Food Vouchers for Summer Holidays

The Government are continuing their support of families with children who are entitled to income related Free School Meals.

If your child is entitled to free school meals you will be sent a unique code before the summer holidays. This will enable you to receive vouchers to the value of £15 per week, per child for Sainsburys, Tesco, Morrisons, Asda, Aldi, M&S Food and Waitrose to purchase food over the summer holidays.

Virtual Summer Fair—Wednesday, 14th July

Children are busy making their class craft items and are looking forward to taking part in the fun activities during the afternoon. Further details are on page 6. Parentpay is now open for you to make your £3 donation which will allow children to also access the competitions on Teams. The Virtual Summer Fair Teams will be activated shortly.

All children from Nursery to Year 7 have a personal Teams account. Please contact the school office by email on orchardvale@ventrus.org.uk if you cannot remember your child's login.

Years 3 and 4 visited Watermouth Castle



This dolls house was built by Kobi's grandmother



This term Years 3 and 4 have been studying castles. To inspire their recount writing Watermouth Castle kindly arranged for us to visit their main house to look at their artefacts and gain an insight into life was like in a castle over the years since it was built in 1825. Whilst there we also enjoyed some of the fun rides. The children behaved wonderfully and were a credit to the school —well done!

Recount of Watermouth Castle

'Yesterday, we went to Watermouth Castle. As we entered the castle we went to see some singing and dancing robots. Next we went into the dungeons and I go so scared! I heard lots of knocking on doors. I grabbed hold of my friend and we went to the exit. by Kelsey'

"Yesterday, our class went on a school trip to Watermouth Castle. It was so epic! It was Jamie's first time and she loved it! Then we obviously went on a ride which was the epic water slide! After that we went on the teacups fun! by Daisy"

'Yesterday, we went to watermouth Castle, first we went through the gates of the castle. Then we saw some manikins and King Henry the 8th. Next we saw a few robots playing music and we went into the dungeons. After that we watched a water show—it was amazing. by Jamie'



Wow!

We, as a family, have been overwhelmed by everyone's kind donations in support of our fundraising for Lacey-Rae's new 'Una' wheelchair adaption.

Orchard Vale School is a wonderful place to work and we are so grateful for everyone's support and kindness.

Wheelchair awareness week was a huge success. Not only were we able to raise lots of money but we were also able to highlight the difficulties and challenges wheelchair users face on a daily basis.

We really hope the children enjoyed this!

The total money raised is...£1,402.22

What an incredible total!!!

Thank you once again, we are so grateful!

Gary, Sharon, Lacey-Rae and Larisa Quilter xx





Foundation Stage and Key Stage One



Mrs Youll's nomination

Ella for settling in well and making new friends.

Miss Cawthorne's nominations

Albie for fantastic listening and working hard.

Charlotte for working hard and being a good friend.



Miss Boundy's nominations

Chloe is always so kind to everyone in the class. She always works so hard at everything she does! Well done Chloe

Arlo has been fantastic at phonics this week and is always such an amazing friend! Well done

Mr Quilter's nomination

My star of the week has been awarded this not that long ago however he fully deserves the recognition once again. Charlie's work is now at that next level and other professionals agreed with me this week when scanning through his work. Keep up the awesome work effort Charlie and continue to be that cheeky chap we know and love.

Mr Q



Mrs Oldfield's nomination

Drift, on Monday I made a deal with Drift to try to eat all his dinner at home for mum and to also make sure he came to school every day this week. Drift has stuck to his side of the deal. Drift has had a wonderful week in class working hard in his imaginative writing, and quickly grasping how to use column addition in maths. Well done Drift keep up the great work.

My second star of the week is Noah, on Thursday afternoon all of KS1 took part in a football tournament, Noah was amazing throughout the whole tournament, he worked well as part of a team and took defeat like a true sportsman. I am very very proud of you Noah well done.



Mrs Grimwood's/Mrs Huggins' nomination

Our star of the week is Archie. Archie's writing has been amazing. He has developed a flair for writing and is using adventurous vocabulary. Archie is full of life and a joy to have in the classroom. Well done Archie you are our shining Star!!!





Key Stage Two

Miss Gulliford's nomination

This week's star of the week is someone who has really impressed me with their handwriting. Not only have they themselves said that they wanted to improve their handwriting, they have worked really hard to do this. They constantly check that I can read their writing, asking if it looks okay, which shows that they are taking great pride in their presentation and work. Star of the week this week is Ashton! Well done!



Mrs Johnson's nomination

This week I have chosen a young man who when I first worked in Mrs Johnsons class was really quite worried about different things and this sometimes caused him to be a bit upset, however over the last few months I have seen a transformation as he now no longer worries or gets upsets, he gives everything a really good go and is a great contributor to the class. He also had a recommendation from Miss Mckinnon as she said he had worked very hard with her when in a small group. This week's star of the week is Corey...well done!! Miss Yorke.



Mr Whapham's nomination

My star of the week is Daisie. She has worked very hard this week but I have chosen her for a change in her attitude. She has shown a real maturity this week and has made some sensible choices. She has been a good friend, playing with different people this week and it has been great to see her enjoying herself and having fun. She is taking pride in her work and showing me that she understands the importance of her work. I am looking forward to seeing Daisie grow even more in confidence!



Mrs Lavictoire's nomination

Oliver has been such a positive and supportive member of the class this week. He has been sharing amusing extracts from his reading book which has made us all laugh. Focused really hard on publishing his writing and it has been so enthusiastic about our bakery project in maths. What a fantastic week Oliver – keep it up!



The Adventurers nomination

Our star of the week is someone who works incredibly hard, he is very selfless and is a real team worker. He always has a big cheesy smile on his face which is infectious, he is always so happy which impacts the whole class. He has worked very hard in the testing we have been doing this week and although in parts he has found it tricky he has persevered and has not been defeated by it. He should be very proud of himself! Well done Logan!



Mrs Rana's/Mr Boul't's nomination

Year 5's Star of the Week this week is Harrison! Harrison has worked so hard this week on his learning behaviours in class, settling quickly and really focusing and concentrating on his work. He has shown that he can really challenge himself, completing the expert level tasks in his reading and writing this week, all independently. Well done Harrison, keep up the good work!



Miss Squire's nomination

My star this week is Miley for her incredible attitude! Throughout this week, I have been giving Miley a few extra challenges, as she prepares for the transition to secondary school, and she has taken on every task with a positive attitude, giving her all each time. You are a superstar Miley, keep it up!



Mr Ovey's PE Champions

Well done to the PE Champions from Key Stages 1 and 2.

Year 1/2- Tyler H for excellent football skills.

Year 3/4 - Freddie B for an excellent return to PE.

Year 5/6 - Noah for excellent coaching of year 1/2.

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. Well done to:

Miss Gulliford's class

150 nights—Kaleb received his bookmark

School Diary Dates

Wed, 7th July

Summer Sounds Music Festival—Choir

Fri, 9th July—AM

Possible Years 5/6 Sports Day (unfortunately not open to families)

Mon, 12th July-AM

Reception Sports Day (unfortunately not open to families)

Mon, 12th July-PM

KS1 Sports Day (unfortunately not open to families)

Tue, 13th July—AM

Years 3/4 Sports Day (unfortunately not open to families)

Wed, 14th July

OV Virtual Summer Fair

Thurs, 15th July

Possible Year 6 Induction at Park School

Fri, 16th July

OV's Got Talent—Final

Fri, 16th July

Possible Year 6 Induction at Park School

Tue, 20th July

Allotment Team

Thurs, 22nd July

Last day of school

Menu for week commencing 5th July 2021

Week 2 5th July

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
M – Breaded fish with wedges and peas	M – Macaroni Cheese & bacon with Focaccia bread and Sweetcorn	M – Roast chicken, potatoes and 2 fresh vegetables with gravy	M – Butchers sausage with fries and peas.	M – Shepherd's pie with crunchy potato topping and Sweetcorn
V – Quorn mild chili with rice and peas	V – Sweetcorn and courgette fritters with bbq sauce, sauté potatoes and salad	V – Vegetarian wellington with potatoes and 2 fresh vegetables	V – Quorn nuggets with French fries and peas	V – Roasted vegetable bolognese with pasta and Sweetcorn
JP – Cheese/beans/tuna	JP – Cheese/beans/tuna	JP – Cheese/beans/tuna	JP – Cheese/beans/tuna	JP – Cheese/beans/tuna
PL – Pasta pot (pasta with carrot, cucumber, tomato, sweetcorn, diced pepper, onion, ham)	PL – Cheese roll	PL – Ham sandwich	PL – Chicken salad	PL – Sausage Roll
D – Fresh fruit	D – Flapjack	D – Fruit smoothie	D – St Clements cake	D – Cookie

Yoghurts and fresh fruit will be available daily
Gluten free menu available on request

Where are COVID-19 infections happening in Devon?

Schools are a good indicator of what is happening in local communities. When there is a rise in cases within the community, there is a rise in cases within schools.

At the moment schools are seeing quite a lot of their pupils off, because they are self-isolating – most have been identified as being in close contact with someone who has tested positive for having coronavirus, rather than having the virus themselves.

So schools are having to respond to the fluctuations in class sizes, as individuals or bubbles are told to stay home.

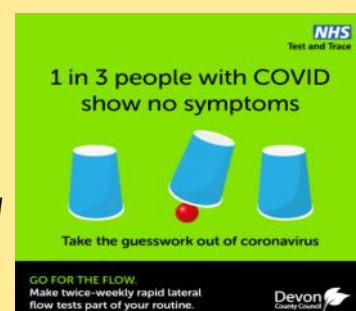
This week one school in Torridge decided, on balance, given the number of pupils not able to attend the classroom, to switch to remote learning for the whole school for a few days. It's staying open for children of key workers and vulnerable children - like all schools did during the lockdowns last year.

Steve Brown, Devon's Director of Public Health, said:

"It's easy to jump to making a link with schools, but actually we are seeing in most cases that the transmission has happened out of the classroom."

"We know, in supporting schools as we are doing, that they haven't stopped working hard to maintain the measures that they have had in place for many months and are diligently following national restrictions, so we don't believe that schools are the cause."

"My ask to all young people and their parents is to not allow yourselves to be distracted from what is still a very real pandemic. You might feel we're over it, but we're not and it is down to every one of us to take control and to follow the rules."



Download the free HANDi app

Emergency departments across the UK report high numbers of young children coming into hospital, mostly with a mild fever that could be treated at home.

The thinking is that the usual ailments associated with winter - coughs and sniffles - weren't seen so much this winter because people weren't socialising due to COVID-19 restrictions. And now with socialising opening up, some of those winter-type ailments are coming to the fore.

In Devon, the Royal Devon and Exeter (RD&E) Hospital has confirmed that they're seeing more under 18 year olds at their emergency department - although not to the high extent that many other hospitals are seeing. And a proportion of those are for things that can be treated at home.

Emergency departments are still the option for parents in an emergency, or if they remain concerned about a young person's health. But otherwise NHS 111, pharmacies, GPs and the NHS HANDi app should be the first option.

The HANDi app has been developed by paediatric consultants, and provides advice for common childhood conditions. It's free to download to your phone.

More information about HANDi app, including how to download it, is [available on the Devon Clinical Commissioning Group \(CCG\) website.](#)

Whole School Approach - Feedback from Parents and Carers

Next academic year we are going to be a pilot school for the Mental Health Support Team for Schools. We will be working with Education Mental Health Practitioners to develop our mental health education and provision for support.

To develop an action plan for improvement we are seeking feedback from our whole community on what is already working well and areas that could be improved.

We invite you to complete this feedback form anonymously to be part of this exciting process.

[Click here to complete an online survey](#)

**Non-uniform
day!**

Orchard Vale's Virtual Summer Fair Wednesday, 14th July

Although we are busy planning a summer fair it is unlikely that we will be able to open this to our school community this year due to Covid restrictions. So that the children do not miss out we are therefore planning a virtual school fair instead (along the lines of the Christmas Fair).

During the day children can take part in:

- A non-uniform day.
- Picnic lunch on the school field, in bubbles, weather permitting.
(you can book a school packed lunch or bring your own)
- Coconut Shy.
- Splat the rat.
- Plinko.
- Mini assault courses.



Although parents will not be able to be with us we will ensure every child has access to the games on offer in school

We will be setting up a Summer Fair Teams for parents and children to access a selection of games and prizes to win from home.

As you will know we rely on donations from parents at events like this to enable us to offer extra enrichment activities for the children throughout the year. We use the money raised to organise further fun days, support the funding of playground equipment or supplement the costs of trip when we can.

For a small donation of £3 you will have access on Teams to:



- Guess the name of the rabbit and mouse
- How many pieces of pasta in the container
- Spot the ball
- And much more



Win a fabulous family hamper in our prize draw
Children will be making handcrafted items to bring home



Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances we are unable to offer an end of term DVD.

Once the Summer Fair goes live on Teams we will let you know and you can access it through your child's Teams login, once you have made your donation. Please contact the school by email on orchardvale@ventrus.org.uk if you have forgotten this login.

To make your donation please log into [Parentpay](#) and make your donation under the Summer Fair, once it goes live.

Thank you in advance for your continued support

OV's Got Talent 2021

Well done to everyone who auditioned for the OV Talent Show.

It was such a difficult decision.

The finalists are:

Years 1 and 2

Mrs Huggins' and Mrs Grimwood's class

Nori, Jessica and Alexa

Years 3 and 4

Miss Gulliford's class

Vinny, Sophie, Libby, Larna, Ruby and Leah

Mr Whapham's class

Zane and Kelsey

Mrs Johnson's class

Emily, Letti, Nieve, Larisa, Amelia, Martha and Lilly May

Years 5 and 6

Mrs Rana's and Mr Boulton's class

George, Coby, Kelsey, Alesha and Niamia,

Harrison, William and Joseph

Miss Squire's class

Katie Jayne, Ella, Macie, Lilly and Phoebe

Mrs Lavictoire's class

Alice, Chloe, Heidi, Libby and Penny and Michael

Adventurers

Sophie



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The poster features a collage of images showing football coaches and children in various activities. The background is a dark grid pattern. Several colorful speech bubbles contain text about the courses. In the bottom left, there is a graphic of a red football kit. The bottom right corner features the Southampton Football Club crest.

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