

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

10th July 2020

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Message from the Headteacher



We have finally made it to the last week of term and I am sure everyone is looking forward to the summer break. Let's hope we get some long sunny days so we can enjoy the outdoors and have some fun.

I want to take this opportunity to say a very well done for everyone working at home over the last few months. I know it has not been easy but I have so enjoyed seeing the range of work being sent back into school and all the creative things you have been doing at home. You have all been brilliant! It has also been wonderful seeing all of those children who were able to return to school and again you have coped brilliantly with all of the changes in school.

Gifts for teachers/staff

As mentioned last week, I know that many of you would like to send in cards/gifts to your teachers and staff involved in your child's education. However, in order to comply with the Government guidelines, we are unable to accept anything on site that may cause cross contamination.

If you would like to express your thanks you can email staff through the school email orchardvale@ventrus.org.uk and we will forward on your messages.

Annual reports and classes for September

We will be sending your child's annual report to you by email next week. This will include details of your child's new class. We have tried to keep classes the same as this year, where possible, simply moving children to a new teacher and have tried to keep the amount of disruption to a minimum.

Summer Food Fund/free school meal vouchers

The final orders for free school meal and the Summer Food Fund vouchers have now been placed with Edenred to cover the rest of this term and the summer holidays. The ecodes will be sent as normal over the next week or so.

Summer holiday club

The last day of school will be Friday, 17th July. Unfortunately, we have been advised that CANPlay will NOT be open for the summer holidays.

Back to school

I am delighted that we are going to be able to welcome you all back in September. The new term will start on Monday, 7th September 2020. We will be working in bubbles again in September and are currently finalising arrangements. I will be writing again soon with full details of how drop off and collection will be arranged to keep everyone safe.

Personal items left in school

If your child has any personal items left in school (books, PE kits, wellington boots, clothing) these will be made available to them when they return to school in September. At the moment these items have all been labelled and moved out of classrooms to a safe storage place to comply with the Government guidelines.

Communication

As you are aware, our main mode of communication with parents is via email. Please could you ensure the school office has your up to date email address. If you have not been receiving emails and would like to please contact the school office on orchardvale@ventrus.org.uk.

Reception Applications

If your child is starting in Reception in September and you have not yet returned the S11/1 Data Collection on Admission to School Form, please could you send this to the school office as soon as possible.

Fiona Pearce, Headteacher

Returning to School - [The film for primary school pupils can be found here:](#)

Government advice—[Government Guidance for parents/carers of children attending out-of-school settings](#)

[Government advice to parents and carers—what you need know about schools in the autumn term](#)

What to do if families are being tested for coronavirus (COVID-19)



If your family are being tested for coronavirus (COVID-19) please contact the school office in the first instance to advise that your child will be absent from school.

Once you have received your test results please contact the school office before sending your child back in to school:

- if someone tests negative, if they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating.

They could still have another virus though, such as a cold or flu – in which case it is still best to avoid contact with other people until they are better. Other members of their household can stop self-isolating.

- if someone tests positive, they should follow the '[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)' and must continue to self-isolate for at least 7 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste.

This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. The 7-day period starts from the day when they first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days.

Managing confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19)

Orchard Vale will take swift action when we become aware that someone who has attended school has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19). We will contact the relevant authorities who will also contact Orchard Vale directly if they become aware that someone has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) and attended the school – as identified by NHS Test and Trace.

The relevant authorities will carry out a rapid risk assessment to confirm who has been in close contact with the person during the period that they were infectious, and ensure they are asked to self-isolate.

The relevant authority will work with Orchard Vale in this situation to guide them through the actions they need to take. Based on the advice we received Orchard Vale must send home those people who have been in close contact with the person who has tested positive, advising them to self-isolate for 14 days since they were last in close contact with that person when they were infectious. Close contact means:

- direct close contacts - face to face contact with an infected individual for any length of time, within 1 metre, including being coughed on, a face to face conversation, or unprotected physical contact (skin-to-skin).
- proximity contacts - extended close contact (within 1-2 metres for more than 15 minutes) with an infected individual
- travelling in a small vehicle, like a car, with an infected person

The relevant authorities have provided definitive advice on actions to be taken should a child be confirmed as having a positive result.

Household members of any children who are sent home do not need to self-isolate themselves unless the child, young person or staff member who is self-isolating subsequently develops symptoms. If someone in a class or group that has been asked to self-isolate develops symptoms themselves within their 14-day isolation period they should follow '[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)'. They should get a test, and:

- if the test delivers a negative result, they must remain in isolation for the remainder of the 14-day isolation period. This is because they could still develop the coronavirus (COVID-19) within the remaining days.
- if the test result is positive, they should inform their setting immediately, and must isolate for at least 7 days from the onset of their symptoms (which could mean the self-isolation ends before or after the original 14-day isolation period). Their household should self-isolate for at least 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms, following '[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)'

[Stay at home: what to do if you or someone you share your home with has coronavirus symptoms](#)

Star of the Week

Foundation Stage and Key Stage One



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

Bella for being a good friend and trying hard in all her activities.

Henry for great listening and doing some super shape work.

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

Darcy for fantastic listening and working hard.

Francis for working so hard at home, especially with his reading and phonics.



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

Liam has worked really hard on his phonics this week, especially his writing. Well done Liam!

Megan always works really hard in her phonics and has produced amazing pieces of writing this week. Well done Megan!

Mr Quilter's nomination

I've not seen or heard from Dexter for a while but he has burst onto the scene with a BOOM his week. What hard work you have shown and what incredible maths especially you have produced.



Mrs Oldfield's nomination

James has continued to work very hard since being back in school, he is a super mathematician and often does extra maths or sets challenges for the teachers to complete. He is such a character and makes his teachers laugh everyday. Well done James x

Mrs Grimwood's/Mrs Huggins' nomination

Nieve has produced some beautiful art work over the last week of a sunset and a sunrise. She has worked hard at all the tasks and her work is consistently of good standard. Her handwriting has improved tremendously. Well done Nieve you are a shining star.



Star of the Week

Key Stage Two

Miss Gulliford's nomination



Zac has worked incredibly hard during lock down, producing a constant stream of work, clearly putting effort and time into each piece. Well done Zac! We appreciate the efforts you are making to take part in your home learning!

Mrs Johnson's nomination

Ria has been focused on her home learning tasks from day one of lockdown, and is often one of the early birds, sending in work before I have even logged on! She has also kept the class entertained with her art tutorials as well as sharing her lovely artwork. She is a breath of fresh air in this unusual time!

Kaito has been a technological whizz during lockdown, with many of his pieces of work produced using PowerPoint and other programs. He has consistently uploaded quality pieces of work and his topic tasks have been very impressive, including his art, DT and science! Well done Kaito!



Mr Whapham's nomination



Flynn has worked really hard during this period and has really kept up the pace with his learning. He has completed a huge range of tasks daily and I can tell that he has put in a lot of effort to ensure these are of good quality. He has engaged well with our topic tasks and seems to have enjoyed the range of art projects that were sent home. Keep working hard Flynn, 1 week to go!

Miss Squire's nomination

Ollie has had a fantastic attitude to learning since being back in school and has continued to work hard and put a smile on everyone's face.



Mrs Rana's/Mrs Lowrey's nomination



Megan has thrown herself into home learning and we have been so impressed by her attitude and the quality of her work. She has requested more difficult work in order to challenge herself and her topic work is always thorough and original. You should be very proud of yourself, Megan!

Mrs Harding's nominations

Mitchell and Annalise for all of their hard work and commitment to learning over the last 14 weeks.



Mr Lewis' nomination



Ernest has been in school since we opened back up and the work he has produced has been fantastic! In particular, his writing over the recent weeks has demonstrated clearly, his creative powers and his imaginative ideas. His determination to tackle any maths challenge thrown his way has also been very impressive. He ought to be very proud of the work that he has done. Great effort, Ernest!

Mr Ovey's Virtual Sports Days 2020

Nursery Virtual



Years 3 and 4



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Something to share? What have you been doing?

If you would like to share photos of things you have been doing whilst at home please either send photos/ comments to your class teacher via Seesaw or Tapestry and confirm you are happy for it to appear on the newsletter or email the school on orchardvale@ventrus.org.uk.



Ayden's rainbow fish



Hugo's rainbow fishes

One of the tasks in year 1/2 this week was to make a comic strip.



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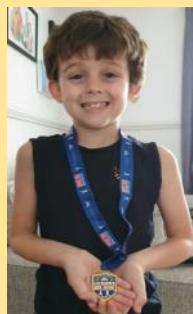
Grace's den.



Logan found a four leafed clover



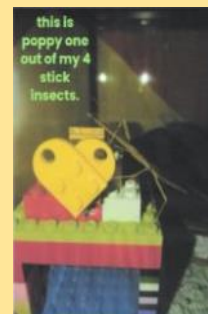
Ruby climbed Mount Everest at Home for the North Devon Hospice! 3,229



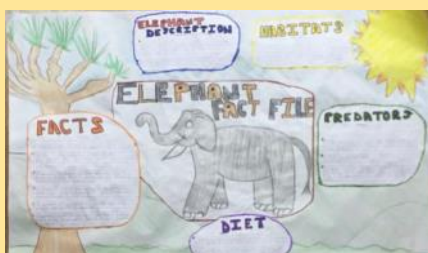
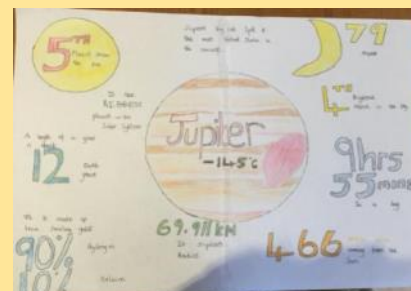
Kaleb's medal for running 20K



Tyler



this is poppy one out of my 4 stick insects.



We have been basing our work on the local environment this week.



Owen



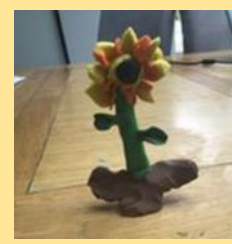
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Anisa's bug hotel.



Olivia



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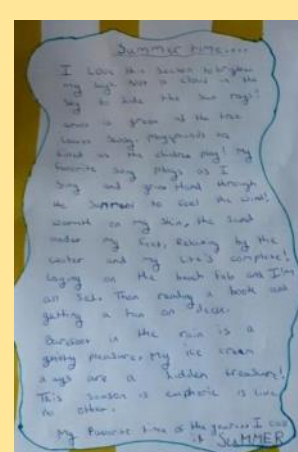
Elisha



Molly's bug hotel



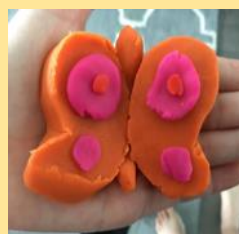
Kyra's birdfeeder



Elisha's poem

One summers evening the Beach was glistening in the light of the sun.
There were jelly fish washed up by the shore.
As if they were like sprinkles on a cake scattered carelessly.
Flattering fish all different shapes, sizes and colours.
The sand dunes as tall as the light fluffy clouds.

Laila's poem



Will P

Year 6 leavers!

As we begin to move towards a more normal school life, we wish to be able to give you some of the leaving experience that you would typically have as you move on to secondary school.

As a part of this celebration, we would like to put together a video for you, similar to the early video that our staff put together during the lockdown.

Although our leaving celebrations are limited to what we can do safely this year, a video can be put together with those of you who continue to work at home and at school.

What I need:

Please send me a **short video clip** (roughly 15 seconds or more if you wish) of yourself either dancing or doing something fun and upbeat! As you may recall from the staff video, dancing works well or dressing up and revealing your face, giving a wave or please come up with your own idea! I will not say which music I am using – but it is upbeat!

If you are at school, you can still do your video at home if you wish and email it to the school. You may wish to ask your teacher if you can do this during school time and remember to do this safely!

You can also do both – eg. You could dance with your friends and do an individual video at home. You can also record a short message if you wanted to add this – I will do what I can!

If you wish to take part, please note that by sending in your video clip, you will in turn be granting permission to use the video on seesaw and this will be shared to pupils in school.

Please ask an adult to email the video to the school admin email address and the adult will need to state that they are giving permission to use the clip. Please include the statement: Year 6 leavers video in the subject box and state permission in the email. As always, all videos should be appropriate in every aspect.

Good luck, Year 6 – I will hopefully put together a video that you will be able to keep for years to come and you can look back on as a souvenir of a particularly special and unique time.



Kids Summer Activity Programme

Holiday Club

10.00-15.00pm £45 per day
Max 10 participants (in 2 separate groups)

Coastal Day

Exciting adventure day exploring the cliffs & caves of Baggy Point. Climb, abseil, firefighting, rock pooling, beach art, scrambling, smores & more.

Mon 20th July Baggy Point
Wed 22nd July Baggy Point
Thur 23rd July Baggy Point

Forest Adventure

Fun packed day exploring the woods: orienteering, treasure trails, shelter building, firefighting, smores, cooking, games, whittling & more.

Mon 27th July Wistlandpound
Tues 28th July Wistlandpound
Wed 29th July Wistlandpound

All activities will be run within Government COVID-19 guidelines and National Governing Body activity recommendations. See our website for details www.thekidsadventurecompany.co.uk

Booking essential



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We are really excited because we are starting to get out on some adventures again both with the kids and with our adult groups too.

At The Kids Adventure Company we have decided to start off very slowly and to build things up as and when Government and National Governing Body advice allows us to do so, but more importantly when we feel it's right to do so. As the advice has now reduced to 1m+ social distancing we feel we can start our climbing courses: we have attached a copy of the Adult Climbing Programme and it would be fab if you fancied joining us!

There will be a maximum of 5 participants at the moment, with Mike instructing. If you have your own kit then we'd encourage you to bring and use that, however we have plenty of kit available if you don't have your own: this will be appropriately cleaned before and after every session. We will ask that you bring and use hand sanitizer before, during and after the session and there will also be some paperwork for you to confirm that you have not shown any symptoms or have been in contact with anyone with symptoms of Covid-19 for the previous 14 days.

If there is another lockdown or guidelines change and we have to finish the course early then there will be a full refund for the remaining sessions left (not a voucher or credit note).

We really hope you're free to join us in some great locations for some cool climbing and enjoy some great sunsets... Weather isn't guaranteed - but enjoyment and learning is!

These are some of our favourite courses to run and we're so glad we'll get the opportunity to run them this year. If you have kids we will be sending out that programme later so hopefully they will be able to enjoy some outdoor climbing and activities too!

Hope to see you next week!

Mike and Jo
The Kids Adventure Company



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Kids Summer Activity Programme

Climbing £15 a session

Max 4 participants Age 8+ all abilities welcome

Thur 9th July	session 1	14.00 - 15.30	Baggy Point
	session 2	15.45 - 17.15	
Fri 10th July	session 1	14.30 - 16.00	Baggy Point
	session 2	16.15 - 17.45	
Wed 15th July	session 1	17.15 - 18.45	Baggy Point
	session 2	19.00 - 20.30	
Thur 16th July	session 1	15.00 - 16.30	Valley of The Rocks
	session 2	16.45 - 18.15	
	session 3	18.30 - 20.00	
Fri 24th July	session 1	13.45 - 15.15	Baggy Point (abseil into cave and climb)
	session 2	15.30 - 17.00	
Fri 31st July	session 1	09.00 - 10.30	Baggy Point
	session 2	10.45 - 12.15	

Coasteering £30 a session

Max 5 participants Age 8+ competent swimmer

Wed	8th July	18.00 - 20.30	Baggy Point
Fri	24th July	9.00 - 11.30	Baggy Point
Thurs	30th July	13.00 - 15.30	Baggy Point

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Adult Climbing Courses

Climbing Set Up Skills

4 weeks, 3 hours a week £120

18.00 - 21.00pm

Every Mon, 6th-27th July

Outdoor Climbing

4 weeks, 3 hours a week £120

18.00 - 21.00pm

Every Tues, 7th-28th July

This is a 4 week course that will teach you how to safely set up climbs and abseils including placing your own gear. We will cover top rope, bottom rope and abseil set ups. The first week will be at Valley of the Rocks, followed by 3 weeks where we will base ourselves at different areas of Baggy Point. Whilst there will be some climbing on this course, the emphasis will be on the ropework and safety.

This is a 4 week course that is suitable for anyone who would like to experience climbing on real rock, from beginners through to experienced climbers. The first week will be at Valley of the Rocks, followed by 3 weeks where we will base ourselves at different areas of Baggy Point. The emphasis will be on climbing routes rather than spending time on set ups.

Max 5 participants

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One Off Adult Climbing Session

Wed 29th July 18.00-21.00 £30
Suitable for all

Booking essential



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Barnstaple Library 2020 Summer Reading Challenge

The [Summer Reading Challenge](#), presented by The Reading Agency and funded by Arts Council England, encourages children aged 4 to 11 to set themselves a reading challenge to help children to keep reading to build their skills and confidence. Last year more than 14,000 children across Devon and Torbay took part.

With the disruption caused by COVID-19 and the impact of social distancing on schools and public libraries, the 2020 Challenge will launch as a digital activity to keep children reading over the summer and support parents and carers with children already at home. The Challenge will run from June to September.

This year, Silly Squad, the Summer Reading Challenge 2020 celebrates funny books, happiness and laughter and features bespoke artwork from award-winning children's author and illustrator:

Laura Ellen Anderson
Amelia Fang
Evil Emperor Penguin
I Don't Want Curly Hair

Children taking part in the Challenge will join the Silly Squad, an adventurous team of animals who love to have a laugh and get stuck in to all different kinds of funny books!

The digital Challenge is free to access, featuring games, quizzes and digital and downloadable activities to incentivise and encourage children and their families to take part in reading-related activities at home.

Although our library buildings are closed we have boosted the number of children's books available to borrow via our e-lending platforms which can be accessed from our [Devon Libraries](#) website. From July we will also be hosting lots of Silly Squad events and activities on our Facebook pages, so look out for those!

Parents can sign their children up [here](#).

OR

Parents can visit their Facebook pages
<https://www.facebook.com/BarnstapleLibrary/>

which will be hosting lots of Silly Squad digital events throughout the summer.

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