

Orchard Vale's Weekly News Friday, 27th November 2020

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parent/Carer



Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you to all parents. Your engagement and perseverance in getting Teanis and Tapestry to work on your devices and signing up to the Parent Portable has been brilliant. We really appreciate your support and patience in getting to know a new system and ensuring it works in the way we want it to.

We are going to try to deliver parents consultations next week for most of you. Although we would like to get these online, this term we have opted for a phone call. This is to ensure we are able to include as many of you as we can. Due to the number of calls staff have to make these will be timed, they have been booked 10 minutes apart and we will be strict on this. This time is for your teacher to explain how well your child has settled in and the areas of development they are working on.

There may not be time for questions. If you do have questions you would like to ask it would be really helpful if you could email these to orchardvale@ventrus.org.uk or post on Teams (Key Stage 1 and 2) in the general channel or Tapestry (Reception) in advance or after the call. Teachers will try to answer these and may share them with other parents if this is helpful. This is the first time we have conducted consultations over the phone so please bear with us if there are any teething problems or it just doesn't work.

Our Nursery teacher will not be holding consultations next week but will be uploading a written report on Tapestry shortly. If you have any concerns please again send a detailed email and Mrs Youll will get back to you.

Hopefully we will learn from this trial and develop this for future consultations.

This afternoon the children have enjoyed celebrating birthdays with those who have had a birthday in August, September, October and November, but been unable to celebrate with their friends. Liz and Becky did a fantastic job making individual cakes for the birthday boys and girls and each class had music, fun and games.



Our classes have been sounding very seasonal with the children starting to practise for their class contributions towards their virtual Christmas performances. It is so wonderful to hear. Don't forget Parentpay will be open next week for you to place your order for Christmas goodies made by the children, to receive a link to the Christmas Teams platform to take part in the activities, possibly win a prize and to pay for a virtual Christmas performance DVD featuring all of our classes.

We are aware that at this time of year children like to send Christmas cards to their friends and teachers. To ensure we are adhering to the Covid regulations, if your child would like to give their friends or teacher a card/present they should place these in the box in each classroom (**no later than 11th December**) to be quarantined until the last day of term.



Have a wonderful weekend.

Fiona Pearce, Headteacher



Freedom Community Alliance—Christmas Treat Boxes

This year instead of Christmas food hampers we will be supporting the local charity for the homeless.

If you would like to support this project, please pop your donations into the box from the

1st December.

The **RED BOX** will be just outside the Management Suite in the courtyard.

*Orchard Vale's
Virtual Christmas Fayre
Tuesday, 1st to Thursday 10th December*



*Guess the
Elf's name.*



*How many sweets
in the jar?*



*Pledge an amount
for a Reindeer.*

Top 20 bids win.

Christmas Bake Off

*Make your biscuits or cake and
send us a photo. A winner will be
chosen from each year group.*

Dress your pet up

*Send in your photo.
Most quirky wins a prize.*



To take part in the virtual Christmas Fayre entry is via Parent Pay.

*£3 per child includes:
Your child's handmade Christmas Craft items;
Guess the name of the Elf;
How many sweets in the jar;
Dress your pet and the Bake Off.*

£6 includes all of the above plus a one-off special Christmas concert DVD.

Once we have received your payment, you will be sent an email link to join our Christmas Fayre on Microsoft Teams. This platform will enable you to participate.

If you would like to place a bid for one of the limited Reindeers please send your bid to orchardvale@ventrus.org.uk by Thursday 10th December, midday. The top 20 bids will be contacted on Thursday afternoon and you will then be able to pay via Parent Pay for your Reindeer.

Parent Consultations



Thank you to everyone who has activated their Parent Portal Account and booked your parent consultations. These will be carried out over the telephone for children in Reception to Year 6.



Please ensure you have activated your parent portal account and that we have your correct email address and contact number.

Some of the time slots are already fully booked. If you have not managed to book a consultation with your teacher and you would like one please contact the school office by email if the sessions are full.

Time slots are scheduled at 10 minute intervals and teachers will need to adhere to the timings to avoid over running. If you have anything to discuss with your teacher which is likely to take longer than the time slot allocated please email orchardvale@ventrus.org.uk and we will arrange for the class teacher to either email or call you when they are available.

If you are having difficulty with the Parent Portal please contact the school office.



CHRISTMAS DINNER— WEDNESDAY, 16TH DECEMBER (book by Monday, 30th November)

You can now book a Christmas Dinner for your child to eat with their classmates and staff in their bubbles on Wednesday, 16th December.



MENU

Turkey or vegetarian roast
Pigs in blankets
Stuffing balls
Roast potatoes
Peas and carrots
Gravy



Biscuits and ice cream

If your child would like to have a Christmas Dinner, with all the trimmings, please pre-book this by clicking on the link below (**ALL MEALS MUST BE PRE-BOOKED TO ENSURE WE ORDER ENOUGH SUPPLIES**).

[BOOK YOUR CHILD\(REN\)'S CHRISTMAS DINNER BY CLICKING HERE](#)

(Please complete a separate form for each child).

Dinners must be pre-booked for all children whether or not you pay for your meals. This includes those who usually pay for their meals, those children in Reception and Key Stage One who receive Universal Free School Meals and those children entitled to Income Related Free School Meals.

WE ARE NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE JACKET POTATOES OR SCHOOL PACKED LUNCH ON THIS DAY.

Children can, of course, bring in their own packed lunches as usual.

If you pay for your child's meals, once you have completed the form, please would you make your payment using Parentpay of **£2.30** per meal, per child.

Star of the Week

Foundation Stage and Key Stage One



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

Lily for good settling in and always being willing to have a go at new activities.

Oliver for good listening and being a good friend.

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

Joshua for great listening and working hard.

Jessica for fantastic phonics and being helpful.



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

Evalyn is such a great friend to all and is always so kind. She has also been amazing in phonics this week. Well done Evalyn

Archie has been super brave this week and we are all so proud of him. Well done Archie

Mr Quilter's nomination

This week I have chosen 'lovely' Lily-Mae. She has impressed me greatly with her writing where she has been both accurate and precise. Her hard work and effort is tremendous and she thoroughly deserves to be my shining star! Well done Lil you're just fabulous!



Mrs Oldfield's nomination

Isabella has really impressed me with her writing. Since September I have been nagging her to use finger spaces but this week I have not had to say anything at all and she has used them beautifully. We have been practising our singing for our Christmas celebration. She has impressed me with how quickly she has learnt the words and she has been giving excellent input and ideas on how we can include dance moves and action into our song.

Mrs Grimwood's/Mrs Huggins' nomination

Nori is amazing. She is an absolute bundle of joy and enthusiasm and brightens everyone's day. She also has developed a super positive learning attitude. Well done Nori. You are our shining star





Star of the Week

Key Stage Two

Miss Gulliford's nomination



Ryder adds such sunshine and joy to the classroom. He has worked his socks off to show he can do the right thing and his Norse myth had incredible language showing how engaged he has been with Vikings and how much he has enjoyed the unit of writing. Well done keep it up!

Mrs Johnson's nomination

Our star of the week is consistently one of the most well behaved in the class and has really been progressing well in our English lessons soaking up information like a sponge cake! He has been scoring goals during break and lunch and getting really involved at football club. Our star of the week is Rafi!



Mr Whapham's nomination



Our star of the week is Mila-Rose. She has been doing brilliantly in maths this week and always has a really positive attitude towards her work. She made a great comic this week and she has been practising our Christmas dance at home.

Mrs Lavictoire's nomination

My star of the week, this week, has had a particularly starry moment with their maths. They have been listening carefully to their next steps, focussing on breaking down the procedural steps and then using this to reason with fractions. Well done, Rosa! You've also been a good friend this week, helping and supporting others. What a fantastic year 6 role model.



Mrs Harding's nominations



Lewis is a kind, generous and thoughtful young man who is an excellent example to his class. He takes pride in all that he does and works hard to challenge and extend his learning by listening carefully to adult advice and trying out new ideas or learning. We are so proud of Lewis and it is a privilege to teach him. Well done! Mrs Harding, Mrs Knight and Miss Passmore.

Mrs Rana's/Mr Boulton's nomination

Naima has been a fantastic learner all week and all year so far, even taking the time at home to complete extra work! It was great to see her painting of Sir Isaac Newton after our science lesson last week, even adding more facts! Well done Naima, you are a pleasure to have in our class and a wonderful influence to others around you!



Miss Squire's nomination



Katie-Jayne for her fantastic approach to learning. She has shown incredible focus when listening in class and this has led to her developing a much deeper understanding of the content we have covered in class, particularly fractions. Well done Katie-Jayne, you are a superstar learner, keep it up!

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. When children reach 50 they will receive their first certificate. Well done to:

Miss Gulliford class 50—Leo Lara

Mrs Johnson's class 75—Martha

Years 5 and 6—Tri-Reading Tournament



The children in Years 5 and 6 are taking part in a Tri-Reading Tournament.

Congratulations to the following children who have achieved 25, 50...nights of reading at home:

Mrs Lavictoire's class 75—Mya

Miss Squire's class 50—Ewan Lily-Mae 25 - Katie-Jayne Max

Mrs Rana's/Mr Boul't's class 100—James 25—Sophia H Flynn

Mr Ovey's PE Champions



Mr Ovey has been impressed with everyone positive attitude to PE this week. Well done to the PE Champions from Key Stages 1 and 2.

Year 1/2—James R for always helping other children in his class

Year 3/4—Larissa for excellent leadership skills

Year 5/6—Khloe for always being so polite and for outstanding recognition from Mrs Farr during the Rising Stars session.

KEY STAGE 2 – TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS COMPETITION

Well done to our Key Stage 2 classes for doing so well in Times Tables Rockstars competition this week. Here is the score board.



1st place—Miss Squires' class—129,946

2nd place—Mrs Lavictoire's class—115,744

3rd place—Mrs Rana/Mr Boul't's class—21,883

4th place—Mr Whapham's class—14,995

5th place—Mrs Johnson's class—11,796

6th place—Miss Gulliford's class—10,647

Miss Squire's class will get a class treat and cakes one afternoon next week.

Watch out for our next competition coming soon!

Nursery News.

We will be having our last session in the big forest school next Monday 30th November. Therefore, for the last two weeks of the term, you will not need to send your child to nursery in their wellington boots and waterproof suits.

I will not be doing parent telephone appointments next week but will be uploading a written report on Tapestry shortly. However, if you have any concerns or would like to discuss your child's progress further please email orchardvale@ventrus.org.uk and I will contact you as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

Mrs Youll

Menu—w/c 30th November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Main – Macaroni cheese, focaccia bread and sweetcorn</p> <p>Vegetarian – Vegetarian Hotdog with crispy round potatoes and sweetcorn</p> <p>Jacket potato Cheese / beans / tuna</p>	<p>Main – Sausage, mash and gravy with peas</p> <p>Vegetarian - Butternut squash, spinach and courgette casserole with potato mash and peas</p> <p>Jacket potato Cheese / beans / tuna</p>	<p>Main – Roast chicken, gravy potatoes and fresh vegetables</p> <p>Vegetarian – Vegetarian sausage roll with potatoes and fresh vegetables</p> <p>Jacket potato Cheese / beans / tuna</p>	<p>Main – Beef bolognese, Pasta with sweetcorn</p> <p>Vegetarian – Focaccia bread pizza with pasta and sweetcorn</p> <p>Jacket potato Cheese / beans / tuna</p>	<p>Main – Fish fingers, chips and veggie sticks</p> <p>Vegetarian – Quorn nuggets, fries and vegetable sticks</p> <p>Jacket potato Cheese / beans / tuna</p>
<p>School packed lunch option</p> <p>Sausage Roll, desert, fruit and crisps</p>	<p>School packed lunch option</p> <p>Cheese Sandwich, desert, fruit and crisps</p>	<p>School packed lunch option</p> <p>Ham Sandwich, desert, fruit and crisps</p>	<p>School packed lunch option</p> <p>Cheese and onion pasty, desert, fruit and crisps</p>	<p>School packed lunch option</p> <p>Ham sandwich, desert, fruit and crisps</p>
<p>Dessert Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>Dessert Carrot cake</p>	<p>Dessert Various ice-creams</p>	<p>Dessert Apple flapjack</p>	<p>Dessert Chocolate cracknel</p>



COVID19 School Absence

The national lockdown restrictions have helped bring coronavirus transmission back under control, slowed its spread and eased pressure on the NHS. However, coronavirus has not gone away so you can't rule it out, especially as children and young people experience much milder symptoms of the virus than adults.

Devon County Council have created some useful resources to help you identify the symptoms of coronavirus compared to a cold or seasonal flu and what action you need to take if your child or anyone in your household develops symptoms of coronavirus. [You can find them on our website.](#)

It's extremely important that [anyone with coronavirus symptoms stays at home and gets tested](#) to avoid the risk of spreading the virus to others, including the more vulnerable in our communities.

That means if your child, or anyone in your household, has any of the symptoms of coronavirus, no matter how mild, you must keep your child off school and self-isolate your whole household while the person with symptoms gets tested and waits for the results. Just the person with symptoms needs to get tested. If you don't have symptoms, you don't need to get tested unless you are asked to by a health professional, but you do need to self-isolate until your household member gets their results.

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COVID-19—What does Tier 2 Mean to you?

It means that from Wednesday 2 December:

- You must not socialise with anyone indoors who is not in your household or part of your support bubble, at home or in a public space.
- If you are outside, you can meet in groups of up to six people from different households.
- Everyone who can work from home should do so.
- You should reduce the number of journeys you make, avoiding busy times and routes on public transport, and car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble. Walk or cycle instead if possible.
- Pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants. Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals. Venues must stop taking orders at 10.00pm and must close by 11.00pm.
- Some businesses such as non-essential retail, leisure and sports venues can reopen providing they are COVID-secure.
- You must continue to follow Tier 2 restrictions if you travel to a Tier 1 area. You should avoid travel to a Tier 3 area other than where necessary, for example for work, education, medical treatment or to carry out caring responsibilities.



Covid Christmas Bubbles

Forming a Christmas bubble - You can find out more about [forming an exclusive Christmas bubble](#) with no more than three households on the government's website.

Between 23 and 27 December:

- you can form an exclusive 'Christmas bubble' composed of people from no more than three households.
- you can only be in one Christmas bubble.
- you cannot change your Christmas bubble.
- you can travel between tiers and UK nations for the purposes of meeting your Christmas bubble.
- you can only meet your Christmas bubble in private homes or in your garden, places of worship, or public outdoor spaces.
- you can continue to meet people who are not in your Christmas bubble outside your home according to [the rules in the tier where you are staying](#) you cannot meet someone in a private dwelling who is not part of your household or Christmas bubble.



If your income has changed and you are struggling to pay for basic household essentials, [the Government have made money available via local District Councils](#) to provide small emergency grants to people in financial hardship as a result of COVID-19.

The funds can be used for different things such as access to emergency short term support through shopping vouchers, utility top ups, paying for essential travel needs or essential advice and support services.

The Government have also published information on our website about [financial help in your local area](#), including links to national support and information on what to do if you were employed but have now lost your job.

There's [more information about what to do if you're employed and cannot work](#), on the government's website.

If you're [self-employed and getting less work or no work because of coronavirus](#) (COVID-19), there is also support available, such as the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme.

The government is [extending the Job Retention Scheme \(furlough\) until March 2021](#). This means that workers in any part of the UK can retain their job, even if their employer cannot afford to pay them, and be paid at least 80 per cent of their salary up to £2,500 a month.