

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

Friday, 18th February 2022

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

What an unexpected way to start a half-term! I hope you have all managed to kept safe today in this wild weather.

The launch of our Raise a Heartbeat fundraising initiative on Monday was a great success. The uplifting messages on the red hearts you sent in will be displayed around the school and it was lovely to see so much red everywhere. Thank you all for your kind donations towards the non-uniform day and to our wonderful sponsors, TJR Retail Limited the owners of the SPAR convenience stores in Newport Road and Boutport Street and Nina Clark, who have made donations towards the community defibrillator. So far we have raised an amazing £1,551.00.



Mr Whapham took his class to the industrial estate on Whiddon Valley on Tuesday and after half term the children will be writing letters to some of the businesses there asking for sponsorship.

After so much separation it has been lovely to work alongside Park Community School again. Mrs Scott's class took part in a biology workshop with Mr Plaza, Science Teacher and Primary School Liaison. The children absolutely loved it. It has given them a really good taste of things to come.

Well done to our Year 5 children who have completed 6 weeks of swimming lessons. Ms Richardson said that everyone can swim five times further than they could at the beginning of the lessons. She is really proud of them all.

Another first since the beginning of the Pandemic were our school discos yesterday. It was absolutely wonderful to see the children in their disco outfits having such fun and It was a huge success. Thank you to Mr Ovey who was our DJ for the night and to the Orchard Vale Community Group for organising the event. Funds raised will be used to support and subsidise school trips and other projects.

After half term we are all looking forward to World Book Day on Thursday, 3rd March. Children can come to school in fancy dress. David Lawrence Jones, author, visit us to talk about being an author and where he gets his inspiration. Children should have brought home their World Book Day voucher yesterday together with information about the Scholastics Book Fair we will be hosting on 10th, 11th, 14th and 15th March. This is being run slightly differently this year; you will be able to view the full range of books and make your payment from 23rd February online. Full information can be found in the information sent home or on page 5.

Have a wonderful half term and see you all on Monday, 28th February.



Fiona Pearce
Headteacher

Early Bird Breakfast Club and OV Explorer after school provision

The breakfast club and after school provision will continue running through to Easter. If you would like to book your child a place please click on the appropriate link to select required dates.

[Bookings for Early Bird Breakfast Club up to Easter 2022](#)

[Bookings for OV Explorers after school provision up to Easter 2022](#)

Star of the Week



Mrs Youll's nomination

Aiden for showing lovely manners and kindness to others.

Myah for settling in well and playing nicely with her peers.

Mrs Oldfield's nomination

Jensen has really impressed us this week with his confidence. He has been demonstrating division to others and supporting them when showing groups of. He stood in front of the class and demonstrated this method on the board to everyone.

All the adults that have been working with you are incredibly proud of you Jensen. You are a super star. x



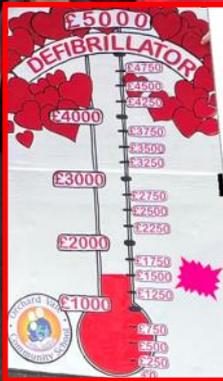
Mrs Grimwood's nomination

My star of the week is Dexter. Dexter is such a lovely, cheerful and friendly member of our class. He is always smiling and looking on the bright side. Dexter tries really hard with his learning and his reading and writing are coming along a treat. He is also making good progress in his maths. Dexter has an impressive knowledge of the Great Fire of London and is great at recalling facts. Dexter is a kind and loving friend and always cares for other in the class. Dexter, you are brilliant!



Ethan was busy making
Devonshire scones for his
homework.

Raise a heartbeat launch—Friday, 14th February



We have had some very generous donations from:
TJR Retail Limited
the owners of the SPAR convenience stores
in Newport Road and Boutport Street
Nina Clarke
£1,551.00
raised so far



Year 3— Finding Change

This week, Year 3 have been working on finding change. We finished the week playing shopkeepers and shoppers! We used our whiteboards to calculate the correct change from each purchase and then used the coins to make the total. Some brilliant learning all round!



Mrs Scott's Class visited the Science Department at Park School

On Wednesday, 16th February, Mrs Scott's class went to Park School to study biology. The main focus of the lesson was Micro-organisms. Microscopes were the primary pieces of equipment used to have a closer look at different materials such as snake skin, sugar paper and fabric. Baby sea monkeys (very small, aquatic creatures, the same size as a grain of sand) were viewed and amoebas were given to students to view. Amoebas are small, miniscule creatures which can morph into a giant mouth when they need to eat and grow legs when they need to move.

Slides were provided to students with samples such as honeybee legs and dried human blood. Fresh human blood was viewed on the main screen in the classroom.

We enjoyed walking up to the school and looking inside the building. Thank you to Mr Plaza for giving up his time to teach us and show us a whole other, microscopic world!

Mya T, Year 6



Scholastics Book Fair
visiting **Orchard Vale** on

Thursday, 10th March and Friday, 11th March
8.30am to 9am / 3.15pm to 3.45pm

Monday, 14th March and Tuesday, 15th March
3.15pm to 3.45pm

1. **Preview** the titles available by clicking this link [Books Available](#) (see emailed copy of poster) and wish list)
2. **Pay online from 23rd February** by clicking here [Click here from 23rd Feb to pay for books.](#)
3. **Alternatively—Visit the book fair in** the school hall—bring your Wish List.
4. **Wish List (order form)—** (payment options can be found on this form)

All orders must have a completed Wish List to be returned to the school office for books to be taken from the shelf.

5. **How to pay**— online click [Paying for books.](#) Or Use the QR code
Type in—EX32 8QY.
Select — Orchard Vale and follow the prompts.

You can use World Book Day Vouchers to take £1 off the cost of your order.



IMPORTANT PLEASE RETURN WISH LIST TO SCHOOL OFFICE

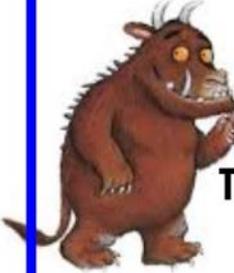
If we do not have enough copies of books on the shelves these will be ordered and delivered shortly after the end of the fair.

Week commencing Monday, 28th February 2022

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
M	Toad in the Hole, Creamy Mash with Gravy	Chicken & Vegetable Pie with Creamy Mash Potato	Roast Turkey with Herby Stuffing	See World Book Day menu below	Beef Lasagne & Garlic Bread
V	Spinach, Pepper & Mozzarella Pasta Bake		Vegetable Gratin		Roasted Vegetable Bolognese
Sides	Sliced Carrots & Peas	Sides - Sweetcorn & Green Beans	Roast Potatoes, Fresh Sliced Carrots, Broccoli & Gravy		Cabbage & Peas
JP	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans, Tuna		Cheese, Beans or Tuna
SPL	Egg Mayonnaise Bap	Ham Bap	Turkey Bap		Sausage Roll
D	Fresh Fruit	Iced Sponge	Fruit Smoothie		Flapjack

Yoghurts, Fresh Fruit & Bread will be available daily

Gluten free menu available on request



World Book Day

School Dinner Menu

Thursday 3 March 2022

Grumpy Gruffalo **Chicken Goujons** 

Percy Jackson & the Lightning Thief **Chips**

 Harry Potter Magic **Baked Beans**
Or
Peter Rabbit **Peas** 

 Veruca Salt **Vegan Nuggets**
Or
Cat in the Hat **Chicken Salad** 

 Jack & Jill **Jacket Potato**

Willy Wonka **Chocolate Cake**
Or
Gangsta Granny **Fresh Fruit** 

(please note: Chicken Goujons & Vegan nuggets contain Gluten)

School Diary Dates

Mon, 21st to Fri, 25th Feb

HALF TERM WEEK

Thurs, 3rd Mar

World Book Day—Non-Uniform - fancy dress
(Please don't feel you have to go out and buy an outfit.
What have you got at home already that the children can wear?)

Thurs, 3rd Mar

David Lawrence Jones visiting author assembly and book signing KS1 and KS2

Wed, 9th Mar

Year 4—Tennis Festival—Tarka Tennis

Wed, 9th Mar

KS1—Mr Quilter's class visit to Guildhall and tour of Barnstaple

Wed, 9th Mar

Mr Boulton's class visit to Park School—science workshop

Thurs, 10th Mar

KS1—Mrs Grimwood's class visit to Guildhall and tour of Barnstaple

Thurs, 11th Mar

Scholastics Book Fair—8.30am—9am & 3.15pm—3.45pm

Fri, 12th Mar

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Mon, 14th Mar

Scholastics Book Fair — 3.15pm—3.45pm

Tue, 15th Mar

Scholastics Book Fair —3.15pm—3.45pm

Wed, 16th Mar

KS1—Mrs Oldfield's class visit to Guildhall and tour of Barnstaple

Thurs, 31st Mar

Y5/6 Boys football festival at Park School

Fri, 8th Apr

Easter celebrations

Mon, 11th to Fri, 22nd Apr

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Mon, 2nd May

Bank holiday

Mon, 9th May

KS1—Group 1—Visit to Rock and Rapid Adventures

Tue, 10th May

KS1—Group 2—visit to Rock and Rapid Adventures

Wed, 18th May

Wilcombe Wobbler—Ventrus cross country event

Thurs, 26 May

Jubilee Celebration

Fri, 27th May

Non Pupil Day

Mon, 30th May to Fri, 3rd June

Half Term



connectme
news update

Devon
County Council

To view the Devon Connectme news update online click the link below:

[Devon Connectme](#)

COVID-19 response

Friday 18 February 2022

WANT THE BEST FOR YOUR CHILD?

Kids Matter is a free friendly group for anyone with children aged 0-10 years. We discuss how to build strong families & help kids do their best in life.

During the 6 weeks, we cover the following:

Taster – Come and see what it's like to be a Kids Matter group

Session 1 – Being a strong family

Session 2 – Loving our children well

Session 3 – Play, encouragement and listening

Session 4 – Routines, choices and rewards

Session 5 – Family rules and consequences

Session 6 – The bigger picture

Booster – Checking in 3 months later

Every session will have tea & cake and a Free crèche.



KIDS

Kids Matter will be running for 6 weeks for parents and carers in your area soon!

For more information contact:

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