

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

As always the end of the summer term is such a busy time for schools. There is so much to do and not enough time to do it in. We are working hard to finalise assessments, send reports home, advise you of new classes and organise transitions. Again this year this has been severely hampered by the current restrictions in place. We are trying to pack in all the usual school events before the end of term to ensure the children do not miss out this year. Let's hope the weather now improves and we get some sun next week!

We have our fingers crossed that restrictions will be lifted on the Monday, 19th July. The new guidance has been sent out for schools and if everything continues to unlock we are looking at a relatively normal start to the school year in September. I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you for being so patient with us this year. We have all had to learn new ways of doing things, accessing technology we never knew we could use and learning to live differently alongside each other. We have tried to make school a happy place for your children to shelter them from the worry and disruptions elsewhere.

With infection rates rising locally and we are aware that local secondary schools have sent many children home to isolate. We are going to keep the children in their bubbles for the rest of this term in the hope we can have a settled and happy last few weeks before we break up for the summer.

It's coming home – Sunday, 11th July



We know many of the children are likely to be staying up late on Sunday to watch the Euro 2020 final, and we are keen that they are able to be part of this moment in history!

School will be open as usual with our normal drop-off window from 8.30am to 8.45am (unless your child attends Breakfast Club—then it is from 7.30am).

However, if you would like to let them stay in bed a bit longer on Monday, we will reopen our gates from 10.15am-10.30am and children arriving then will not be marked as late. **School lunch option** — please note that we will be unable to offer jacket potatoes as an option for lunch if your child arrives at this time.

We would rather have children well rested and in school ready to learn rather than absent all day or tired and unable to concentrate.

It's 55 years since an England men's team have reached a major football final and we want to recognise it as an opportunity for our children to learn about resilience, possibly (but hopefully not!) disappointment, and be part of a moment of national pride.



Fiona Pearce
Headteacher

Food Vouchers for Summer Holidays

The Government are continuing their support of families with children who are entitled to income related Free School Meals. (Please see full guidance on Page 10)

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 9. Parentpay is now open for you to make your £3 donation which will allow children to also access the competitions on Teams.

All children from Nursery to Year 6 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.

Summer Sounds at the Big Sheep



On Wednesday we were lucky enough to be invited to take part in the Devon & Torbay Music Education Hubs / Babcock LDP's Summer Sounds music event held at the Big Sheep.

What a treat to take the minibus with our singers to take part in this outdoor music festival. The children had the opportunity to listen to a one man band, take part in a samba workshop, listen to some Petroc Students performing live and also join in a Big Sing.

It was lovely for everyone to be singing together again. We sang two songs, Dance Monkey and A Whole New World to which we also learnt the signs. A good day was had by all and the children's behaviour was excellent.



Mrs Lavictoire's/Mrs Squire's Maths Baking Project



Miss Squire's and Mrs Lavictoire's classes have been revising and consolidating their maths learning within a bakery project, over the past couple of weeks, where they have had to use their knowledge of ratio, percentages, fractions and geometry to cost ingredients and create boxes for their cakes. This week, the children baked their cakes as their final product, and took them home in the boxes they had designed and made.



Mrs Youll's nomination for Star of the Week

Oscar for super listening and playing nicely with his friends.

Alex for playing nicely and joining in with activities.

Mrs Youll's nomination

Leelan for being such a kind and caring member of the class, always willing to give a helping hand.



Miss Cawthorne's nominations

Lilah had worked amazingly hard all year. She has made fantastic progress with her reading and writing. Lilah is very helpful in the classroom and is a good friend to everybody.



Miss Boundy's nominations

Scarlett has made so much progress this year in every area! She has gained lots of confidence in making friends and playing with them. I am so proud of you Scarlett. Well done for working so far this year!



Star of the Year

Mr Quilter's nomination

What an amazing year you have had Dexter! You has made the most amazing amount of progress and I am ever so proud of you! You are awesome Dext and I will miss having you in my class next year. I will not miss your wobbly teeth!!
Great job all year mate, both in school and at home!
Mr Q, Miss Paine and Mrs Roberts



Mrs Oldfield's nomination

It is hard to look back and think of the little girl that walked into our class in September and compared her to the girl she is today.

Phoebe has had an amazing year, her dedication and enthusiasm for work has sky rocketed her learning and we could not have asked more of her. She is always such a happy and fun loving member of our class, who smiles her way through each week with her fantastic attitude.

Phoebe we are so very proud of all that you have achieved this year, be proud of yourself Phoebe's, you are a super star. Mrs Oldfield and Miss Freeman xx



Mrs Grimwood's/Mrs Huggins' nomination

Star of the Week is Layla. Layla has worked really hard this week at her writing and has been using adventurous words. She is always happy to settle to any task and we can see the progress he is making.



Mrs Grimwood's/Mrs Huggins' nomination

Our Star of the Year! This has been a difficult choice as we have so many lovely children who were in the running for this. However after careful thought and consideration and lot of input from all the adults working in the classroom this is going to Lexi Ph! Well done Lexi. You have worked so hard this year. You have given us your best every day in all the tasks we have asked you to do. You have had to work really hard to get where you are and deserve a big pat on the back and lots of praise for never giving up even when you found the task a challenge. Your smile has brightened everyone's day. Well done Lexi you are our shining star of the year!





Miss Gulliford's nomination



Ryder has been on an incredible journey this year. He has overcome learning barriers, made new and lasting friendships and has persevered. He has shown commitment and resilience towards his work and does everything with a huge smile eager to please. It has been amazing watching Ryder grow, add charisma and fun to the classroom and become such a gentleman. Well done Ryder, we are all so proud of you!

Mrs Johnson's nomination

This year I asked my class to tell me who they feel should be our Star of the Year. One girl was nominated a number of time and that girl was...Alexa! I couldn't agree more with their nomination. Here are some of the lovely things the children said about her:

"She's always concentrating and doing what she is told with no fuss."

"She is on point, always doing the right thing and makes everybody laugh with happiness."

"She is always on task, doing the right thing. She helped me with my work and she is funny."

"She is friendly, does the right thing and is polite."

"She is very good and she is amazing at maths."

"She does what the teacher says!"



Mr Whapham's nomination



Star of the year is Lexi-Mae. What a star! She has shown a wonderful attitude to learning this year and sets such a great example to the learners around her. She gets on without a fuss and takes huge pride in her work. She always behaves as you would expect a year 4 child to and is never involved in any fuss or drama! I know Lexi is going to grow into a real Orchard Vale star! Well done on a fab year



The Adventurers nomination

Our year 6 star of the year is Lewis. Lewis, you have impressed us with your journey this school year. You are a very funny boy, and your sense of humour has seen us through some very challenging times in class. You have shown courage and quiet determination in all areas of your work, we especially love your enthusiasm for learning new vocabulary. You're a fantastic artist often much better than anything us adults produce. We are especially proud of your courage in drama this week, creating two characters and performing them in an improvised piece, really blew us away. Be brave and be you, Lewis. You will always be our star.

Our year 5 star of the year is Sophie, she is a very hard worker, she has gained so much confidence this year and although she has sometimes doubted herself, we haven't once. She has such an amazing personality and makes us smile and laugh every day. She is an amazing person to have in class, we were very lucky to have her in our class this year. We are so proud of you Sophie, well done!

Mrs Lavictoire's nomination

My star of the year is Finn. Finn has been a star every day, this year. It's been a real pleasure to see his dry sense of humour, friendships and leadership grow over what has been a very difficult year. Finn's home learning was a real credit to him and I have never seen such dedication to a Forest School 'twig towers' project as I saw Finn, from home, with some serious machinery. Keep being a fantastic role model, excellent and resilient student as you move on to secondary school. You will be missed!

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

The Year 5 Star of the Year is Ryan! It has been incredible to see the journey Ryan has been on this year, and such a delight to be a part of it. He has grown in so much confidence this year, proving that he really can do whatever he puts his mind to. He focuses so well in school, which has enabled excellent work and amazing progress. Ryan is a wonderful member of year 5, a great friend and a brilliant learner. Well done Ryan, a truly fantastic year, you are a Star!!

Miss Squire's nomination

The star of the year for our class, this year, is Khloe. From the very first day in September, she has shone brightly, in every way. Khloe gives every task 110% and is a great support to others in our school community. We are so proud of her progress and accomplishments this year - what an incredible year six she has been! We are going to miss you so much, superstar Khloe - keep shining bright! Miss Squire and Miss Jarvis

Mr Ovey's PE Champions for 2020 to 2021

This year's PE champions are:

Year 1 and 2—Marley for always giving a 100%
 Years 3 and 4—Millie for excellent effort throughout the year
 Years 5 and 6—Finn K for being a brilliant sportsmen

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

Leo - 100

School Diary Dates

Mon, 12th July-AM	Reception Sports Day (unfortunately not open to families)
Mon, 12th July-PM	KS1 Sports Day (unfortunately not open to families)
Mon, 12th July	2p to 5pm—Online Year 6 Park School Tutor Meetings (bookable through Park School
Mon, 12th July	5pm—Online Year 6 Pilton Tutor Meetings (bookable through Pilton Community College)
Tue, 13th July—AM	Years 3 and 4 Sports Day (unfortunately not open to families)
Wed, 14th July	OV Virtual Summer Fair
Fri, 16th July—AM	Years 5 and 6 Sports Day (unfortunately not open to families)
Fri, 16th July	OV's Got Talent—Final
Fri, 19th July	Years 5 and 6 visit to Junglaroo
Tue, 20th July	Allotment Team
Wed, 21st July	Year 6 Presentations (parents will be receiving invitations)
Thurs, 22nd July	Last day of school

Sports Days 2021—We will, unfortunately, be unable to invite our families to help us celebrate our Sports Days this year. However, we will endeavour to take photos and videos which will be uploaded onto the children's Teams accounts for you to enjoy.

Menu for week commencing 12th July 2021

Week 1 12th July

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
M – Ham carbonara with pasta and sweetcorn	M – Focaccia bread pizza with crispy round potatoes and carrot sticks	Summer Fair Picnic	M – Crunchy chicken fillets with French fries and peas	M – Beef bolognese with pasta and salad
V – Quorn sausage hotdog with wedges and sweetcorn	V – Butternut squash risotto with focaccia bread and Carrot sticks	School Packed Lunch	V – Quorn nuggets with French fries and peas	V – Sweet tomato cheese quiche with sauté potatoes and salad
JP – Cheese/beans/tuna	JP – Cheese/beans/tuna	Sausage Roll	JP – Cheese/beans/tuna	JP – Cheese/beans/tuna
PL – Pasta pot (pasta with carrot, cucumber, tomato, sweetcorn, diced pepper, onion, ham)	PL – Cheese roll	Cheese Roll	PL – Chicken and bacon salad	PL – Sausage roll
D – Fresh fruit	D – Banana cake	Pommes crisps Cupcake Piece of Fruit Juice drink	D – Apple cake	D – Cookie

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



IMPORTANT NOTICE

We have recently been made aware of a distressed baby left alone in a car, on the main road outside the school, whilst the adult responsible was picking up other children.

We have taken advice from the Police who have said that it is an offence to leave an unattended child in a vehicle where they could be at immediate risk of harm.

If you witness a baby being left alone in a vehicle you should immediately call 999.

Facts about hot cars & heat stroke:

Heat stroke is the leading cause of non-crash, vehicle-related deaths in children under 15.

Heat stroke happens when the body is not able to cool itself quickly enough.

A child's body heats up three to five times faster than an adult's does.

- When left in a hot car, a child's major organs begin to shut down when his temperature reaches 104 degrees Fahrenheit (F).
- A child can die when his temperature reaches 107 degrees F.

Cars heat up quickly! In just 10 minutes, a car can heat up 20 degrees F.

Cracking a window and/or air conditioning does little to keep it cool once the car is turned off.

Heat stroke can happen when the outside temperature is as low as 57 degrees F.

Because of climate change, we can expect more days to be hotter. Also, hotter days can happen throughout the year.

**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

The Summer Fair Teams is now active. To enable your child to access a selection of online games and prizes to win from home you just need to make your donation via Parentpay.

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

Devon County Council's Free School Meals holiday voucher scheme

Summer Holidays 2021

About the scheme

Devon County Council is supporting families of children who currently receive free school meals during term time with supermarket vouchers to help buy food during the Summer holidays.

The unique code you have been sent can be used to get vouchers to the value of £105 per child (£15 a week) to cover the whole Summer Holidays. These vouchers can be used at the following stores; Sainsburys, Tesco, Morrison's, Asda, Aldi, M&S Food and Waitrose to purchase food over the Summer Holidays to replace the meals your child would have received at school during the day. Please be advised that the Morrisons voucher must be used in store and cannot be redeemed online,

If you have more than one child entitled to free school meals, you should receive a unique code for each child, as the holiday vouchers are issued separately.

Getting the vouchers

Devon County Council has partnered with an organisation called Black Hawk Network to help us distribute these vouchers as quickly as possible via their 'Select' website because they have lots of experience managing voucher schemes like this and are working with several other local authorities too.

To get your vouchers you will need to visit a website called 'Select' (www.select-your-reward.co.uk) and input your unique code.

You will then be able to choose your preferred supermarket and add your vouchers to your basket.

Please then checkout of the 'Select' website by providing an email address for them to send you your chosen supermarket vouchers electronically. There is no option to receive physical vouchers by post.

Once you have received the vouchers to your email inbox, you can save them to your phone or tablet to use online (depending on the supermarket) or show at the checkout in store. Alternatively, you can print the vouchers off to give to the cashier.

What if I need some help?

If you are struggling to get your vouchers because you don't have access to the internet or a mobile device to receive and store the vouchers on, and don't have any friends or family to help, please contact Devon County Council's education helpline on 0345 155 1019.

Arrangements are in place to support you if you cannot shop, either in store or online, at one of the supermarkets where the vouchers can be spent. Again, please call Devon County Council's education helpline on 0345 155 1019.

Further information

If your child has siblings attending school in a neighbouring authority (for example Plymouth or Torbay) who are also receiving free school meals, the local authority their school is located within will have arrangements to support them over the holidays.

If you received a voucher code for the May half-term and haven't used it to get your supermarket vouchers via Black Hawk's 'Select' website yet, please do so by Sunday 1st August 2021 before it expires.

More detailed information about the free school meals holiday voucher scheme, including how to use them and what to do if there's a problem, is available on Devon County Council's website. Please visit devon.cc/holidayvouchers or www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/document/free-school-meals-holiday-voucher-scheme.

There are also some useful FAQs on the Select website along with contact details for any technical support if you have a problem using the codes and accessing your vouchers. Please visit www.select-your-reward.co.uk.

If you're experiencing severe financial hardship, support is available. Please visit devon.cc/support or www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/document/support-for-people-and-families for information about how to access local financial support, where to find foodbanks and community larders and what to do if you're on a low income and need to self-isolate.

Finally, if you have received this message in error, please let us know by calling 0345 155 1019 or emailing freeschoolmeals@devon.gov.uk so we can make sure this vital support gets to the right family.



Would you like to support Lauren's fundraising hair cut

Some of you may be aware that Lauren has been growing her hair for a couple of years with the aim to donating it to The Little Princess Trust.

We asked Lauren why she wanted to do this and she replied 'I heard somebody talking on the radio about wigs for poorly children and I wanted to grow my hair to help and make a child happy'.

Lauren is planning to have her hair cut during the summer holidays and would like to raise money for this cause. Lauren would be grateful for any donations via this Just Giving page.

Thank you.

Little Princess Trust

When a child loses their hair to cancer or another condition, we'll be there with a free, real hair wig to help restore their confidence and identity. We won't stop until the research that we fund ends childhood cancer forever. Promise. Please visit us at www.littleprincesses.org.uk to find out how you can help us give young people back what cancer takes away. The Trust relies solely on the efforts of enthusiastic community fundraisers. We receive no formal funding. Please help to raise money for us so that we can help more families.

[Click here to make a donation for the Little Princess Trust](#)



Summer Holiday Club 2021

Hakeford Woods, Chelfham
(near Barnstaple)

Tuesday 31st August,

Wednesday 1st September

Thursday 2nd September

Friday 3rd September

10am til 2.30pm



Come to explore, discover, play and have fun at our fantastic Woodland Camp at Hakeford Woods near Barnstaple. Children welcome aged from 5 to 11 years old. £25 per child per day. Please bring lunch. Leaders will be Iona Dowling (trained teacher and Forest School leader) and Nick Vero (trained teacher and Forest School assistant).

For bookings, please go to:
<https://bookwhen.com/hakefordwoods>

For any queries, please call or email Iona Dowling:
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Coronavirus (COVID-19) response update from Devon County Council

Tuesday 6 July 2021

Devon's Director of Public Health encourages people to not put themselves at unnecessary risk as COVID-19 restrictions set to end.

To read an update from Connectme please click the following link: [Connectme](#)



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Drums, Piano, Keyboard



Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are delighted to be able to offer drum set, piano and keyboard lessons at Orchard Vale Primary School from September 2021. Sue Payne teaches piano and keyboard, Martin Bradshaw teaches drums. Both are experienced teachers working in several of the local primary and secondary schools. All students will have the opportunity to take music exams when appropriate.

Lessons cost £8 for a 15 minute lessons (KS1 only) £11 for a 20 minute individual and £16 for a 30 minute individual. A term will consist of 10/11 lessons and be invoiced at the start of term by Instrumental Music Services.

Lessons are available during the school day and if you would like your daughter/son to receive lessons, and agree with the outline provisions below, please email the information below to imsnorthdevon@gmail.com or phone 07974849303

Students' name.....Age.....Class.....

Instrument..... Lesson length.....

Your name & address (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss)

Post Code.....

Phone number.....E-mail.....

A short "Agreement for Instrumental Lessons" will be included with the first invoice which clearly states the terms on which lessons are provided.

By completing this form, you are agreeing to our privacy policy, for more information please visit

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