

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

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Well, what a dramatic change in the weather it has been this week. Thank you all for your help in keeping the turning circle clear at both ends of the day. It has been extremely helpful for us to be able to keep our families safe.

Under our new routine in school our only opportunity to get all the children out and active is to go outside. We will be taking the children out onto the playground as often as we can in any weather. It is, therefore, essential that you send your children to school with a good coat and suitable footwear every day. The playground is very wet at the moment, a matter which we are addressing.

We appreciate there are occasions when you need to speak to your class teacher. As parents are not permitted into school at the moment, if you need to speak to your class teacher/pass on information regarding your child, please send an email to orchardvale@ventrus.org.uk or call the school office, 01271 375074, and a message will be passed on for you.

We will be starting a Breakfast Club from 7.30am to 8.30am after half term. Those parents who have expressed an interest in booking a place have been asked to confirm which days/dates they wish to book. If you have not registered your child but would like to be considered for a place please contact the school office in the first instance.

Annual Parental Consent

If you haven't already completed the online Annual Parental Consent Form please could we ask you to do this as soon as possible. All parents are required to complete a separate form for each child.

[Annual parental consent link](#)

New package to support and enforce self-isolation



People on low incomes, who must self-isolate if they have symptoms or they are told to do so, and who cannot work from home and have lost income as a result, can receive £500. It was announced earlier this week, at the same time as an announcement about fines for people who breach self-isolation rules, which rise to £10,000 for repeat offences. Fines now also apply to people who prevent others from self-isolating when they should be. For example, a business owner who threatens self-isolating staff with redundancy if they do not come to work.

[New Government packed to support/enforce self isolation link](#)

We have been advised by the Immunisation Team that 64.6% of our parents have responded to the online form for the annual free nasal flu.



Annual Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination Consent Required—Reception to Year 6

All children in **Reception to Year 6** are eligible for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination. Nurses from the immunisation team will be at Orchard Vale on Tuesday, 13th October to administer the vaccinations to those children they have received consent for.

Flu vaccination is one of the most effective interventions to reduce pressure on the health and social care system which is going to be more important than ever this year. For this reason, it is essential we deliver the vaccine to as many children as possible to prevent the spread of infection to those most at risk in society.

ACTION REQUIRED -please [Provide/withdraw your permission for 2020/2021's Flu Vaccination on this link](#)

If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form please contact the Immunisation Team on our Single Point of Access (SPA).

Tel: 0300 247 0082 Email: vc1.immunisations@nhs.net

School Age Immunisations Team, Virgin Care Services Limited Telephone: 0300 247 0082

Star of the Week

Foundation Stage and Key Stage One



Mrs Youll's

Tommy is my star of the week for amazing listening and concentration in Mr Ovey's P.E lesson.

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

Riley - for fantastic listening and settling well into school.

Lily - for working hard in phonics and maths.



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

Bella has been amazing at playing with new friends this week and has tried hard in phonics and maths. Well done Bella

Luka tries his hardest in phonics and maths. He is always kind to his friends and enjoys playing with lots of different children. Well done Luka

Mr Quilter's nomination

James is a quiet young man who slowly gets on with his work; he completes tasks carefully and efficiently with little fuss. His work this week has been outstanding!! His written work was especially accurate and full of detail. You are my super star this week James; Great effort!!!



Mrs Oldfield's nomination

Wow, what a difference we have seen in Rory over the past two weeks. After a wobbly start, he is now showing much more confidence and enthusiasm in himself and is glowing with pride during our English sessions. It is a pleasure to watch him have a go at something he doesn't find particularly easy, he attacks each new task with a positive attitude and a smile. Keep this up Rory we are very proud of you.

Mrs Grimwood's/Mrs Huggins' nomination

Mila is a lovely ray of sunshine and has a calming influence in the classroom. She is a positive role model for her peers and has a super attitude to learning. Well done Mila you are our shining star



Star of the Week

Key Stage Two

Miss Gulliford's nomination

Charlotte! She has our exceptional effort into learning, is trying her best to overcome any learning wobbles and is showing resilience that sometimes tasks are difficult but there is always a way though. She has really shone in her dedication to improve and Mrs Quilter and myself are exceptionally proud.



Mrs Johnson's nomination

Nix has shown just how fabulous he is this week by trying so hard and putting 100% effort in both his reading, writing and maths. I cannot fault his attitude this week to his learning and his sheer energy and enthusiasm to really make progress. Well done Nix you are a much deserved star of the week.



Mr Whapham's nomination

Shalia has really engaged in her learning this week, putting her hand up to answers questions across all subjects. I have seen a growth in confidence when sharing her views and ideas. She has also been very inquisitive during our topic lessons, asking lots of probing questions! It is lovely to see her so interested and engaged in our new topic. Keep it up! Well done



Miss Squire's nomination

Macie is my star this week for her hard work and fantastic friendship. She gives everything a go and has become a really conscientious learner this year. Well done Macie!



Mrs Rana's/Mrs Lowrey's nomination

Alesha has shown great maturity in her attitude to school this week, proving herself and hard-working and dedicated member of the class. She has worked hard at everything this week, from Maths to Art to PE and English. In particular, we have noticed her absolute willingness to work and has pushed herself to the limit this week. On top of this, she has also proven herself to be an excellent friend to others, always seeking to include everyone in her games and managing situations sensibly and in a very grown up manner. Alesha is always a joy to be around in the classroom, she smiles continuously, and this week has shown true star attitude. Well done, Alesha!



Mrs Harding's nominations

Logan has produced some excellent work this week. He takes pride in his presentation and has been working hard to improve his sentences and spelling. In maths Logan has shown a good understanding of place value and addition. We are also impressed at how much reading Logan has done; he has nearly completed 25 nights of reading. We are so proud of you Logan! Mrs Harding, Mrs Knight and Miss Passmore



Mrs Lavictoire's nomination

Florence has had several 'light bulb' and fantastic learning moments, this week. She always works her hardest to ensure she is completing what is asked of her. She has listened carefully to her next steps in her writing to make her creative pieces more atmospheric and interesting for the reader. In maths, this week, she was unsure about her ability to multiply using different methods, but proved to herself that she could apply one day's learning to the next and be confident in knowing that learning can sometimes involve some struggling before having a 'eureka' moments. Keep being resilient, Florence.



COVID19 School Absence

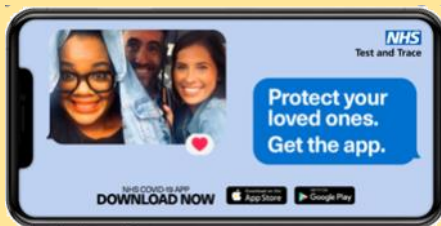
There's always a rise in the number of bugs and illness at the start of term, and this year for obvious reasons, there has been a heightened awareness of when our children feel unwell, though in most cases this will not be coronavirus (COVID-19).

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.

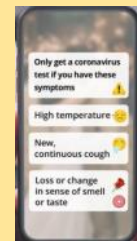
We've created some useful resources to help you identify the symptoms of coronavirus compared to a cold or seasonal flu and what action you need to take if your child or anyone in your household develops symptoms of coronavirus. [You can find them on our website.](#)

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.



[New NHS Covid-19 track and trace APP](#)



If your child has:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in, sense of
smell or taste

This could be a sign of
coronavirus

Book a test

If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or
feeling unwell
But they don't have:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in,
sense of smell or taste

These are
**not normally symptoms of
coronavirus**

Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial
111 or see your GP



Nursery and Reception

The Foundation Team have been using the online platform Tapestry for a few years now and find this a wonderful media to:

- Share observations with parents during the week.
- Share photos of some of the activities your child has been doing.
- Sharing communication with parents.
- Setting homework.

We hope you have all managed to log in and are finding the feedback useful.

Please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher if you are having any difficulties.



To further develop our home learning/in-school provision and provide more opportunity for discussions we are gradually rolling out the use of Microsoft Teams' blended learning across Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, to replace Seesaw.

So far all children in Key Stage 2, years 3,4,5 and 6, have been issued with logins and parents have been sent information on how to upload Teams.

Mr Quilter's class are piloting the platform for Key Stage 1 and his parents have been sent logins, via email, together with an explanation on how to use the system.

Accessing Teams

For the most convenient and accessible solution, we recommend downloading the app. If you have an Android or IOS smartphone/tablet. Download the free app to your device from the relevant app store – just search for Microsoft Teams. On a PC or Mac you can download the desktop app from the following URL:

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/download-app>

You may also need to download Microsoft OneNote to gain full access to anything we upload!

(Our students have been set up with a Ventrus email account which they will use as their User Name. This entitles our students with Teams logins to download the Microsoft Office package, as part of the Ventrus Office 365 subscription, (which is used, as verification for the download.? (This can be accessed via the 'Install Office' button on the Start page following login at office.com)

1st October 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians

Update from the Ventrus Catering Lead

We just wanted to update you on the current school food provision during Covid-19.

We decided as a Trust to continue with the hot food provision where other schools have chosen a cold food option, as we understood this to be an important part of your child's day.

We pride ourselves on the quality of food served at our in-house kitchens and the dedication our staff have shown to ensure your child receives a hot, healthy meal.

Although our current menus may not look as exciting or varied as we would like them to, they are planned using the freshest local ingredients, home cooked and contain as much hidden vegetables as possible.

We have taken steps to reduce plastic by purchasing biodegradable containers and cutlery which can be disposed of alongside our food waste.

As you may be aware, we are currently following Covid-19 guidelines for food service in schools and this has restricted the menu choices and service options for the following reasons:

- Food has to be served in classrooms or individual pods
- Food needs to be served in disposable containers that can be disposed of when finished
- We are working with staggered times for members of staff in the kitchens to follow guidelines
- Food choices have to fit in disposable containers and be chosen to reduce the water absorption when placed in the boxes
- Stock shortages or changes from suppliers
- No food can be placed out for self-service and all food needs to be wrapped or served in a sealed container

Due to the above, we are restricted to what we can offer, although all the products that we use are of the highest quality and in no way replaced with substandard alternatives.

The menus chosen were not derived for ease or cost but to protect the quality of the food that has to be transported to the classroom.

Please be assured that we will return to the normal menu as soon as guidelines allow and we will be monitoring and changing the menus accordingly. We are hoping it won't be too long before your child can have full access to the wider healthy nutritional menu we would normally provide along with the wonderful 'help yourself' salad bar.

May we take the opportunity to thank you for your patience and understanding during these uncertain times.

Kind regards

Rob Stevens
Catering Lead

Menu—w/c 5th October

Ventrus Primary School Menu Week 2 – 5th Oct / 19th Oct / 9th Nov / 23th Nov / 7th Nov

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main – Focaccia bread pizza with crispy round potatoes and sweetcorn.	Main – Breaded fish with potato wedges and peas.	Main – Roast chicken, potatoes and fresh vegetables with gravy	Main – Hotdog with crispy round potatoes and sweetcorn	Main – Chicken breast nuggets, fries and vegetable sticks
Vegetarian -Vegetable bolognese with pasta and sweetcorn	Vegetarian - Haloumi stuffed peppers with potato wedges and peas	Vegetarian -Cauliflower and broccoli cheese bake potatoes and fresh vegetables	Vegetarian – Roasted vegetable pasta bake, with crispy round potatoes and sweetcorn	Vegetarian – Quorn nuggets, fries and vegetable sticks
Jacket potato – Cheese only	Jacket potato – Cheese / Beans	Jacket potato – Tuna or cheese	Jacket potato – Cheese / beans	Jacket potato – Cheese / tuna
School packed lunch option	School packed lunch option	School packed lunch option	School packed lunch option	School packed lunch option
Sausage Roll, desert, fruit and crisps	Cheese Sandwich, desert, fruit and crisps	Ham Sandwich, desert, fruit and crisps	Cheese and onion pasty, desert, fruit and crisps	Ham sandwich, desert, fruit and crisps
Dessert – Fruit Slices	Dessert – Lemon drizzle cake	Dessert – Various ice-creams	Dessert – Banana and raspberry cake	Dessert – Cookie