

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

14th February 2020

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High Five Netball



Well done to the nine year 5 and 6 children who represented us at the Park School Netball Tournament last Friday.

It was the first time they had played competitive netball against other teams. They came a very admirable 5th place.

A special mention to Riley A. who was our top scorer.

Design Technology—Catapults

Mrs Johnson's class made their own catapults this week after researching the ancient war machines of China and Rome. The children tested their catapults and made modifications to see who could get their 'projectiles' the furthest.



Key Stage One spreading the LOVE

The children in Key Stage One have all enjoyed spreading the 'LOVE' baking treats for valentines day.

Mr Quilter's class baked some scrumptious heart shaped shortbread biscuits.

Mrs Oldfield's class made delicious pink rice crispy cakes with Ms Whiteley. They cut out some love hearts and wrote messages for the people who are special to them.

Mrs Huggins' class made romantic valentines fairy cakes with Mrs Hyde.



Nursery and Little Seeds Places

We are hoping to be able to increase our Nursery places after Easter.

If you are on the waiting list you will be contacted after half term.

If this is something that you are interested in please contact Heidi Stacey (Tuesday to Friday) in the school office when we return from half term.



Key Stage One— Wednesday, 18th March—11.45am

We would like to invite parents of children in Key Stage One to join their child to sample our delicious roast dinner. We have limited spaces available, which will be allocated on a first come first served basis.



The cost will be £2.30 cash, payable on booking.

Menu

Roast Turkey with stuffing Vegetarian option—Cauliflower/broccoli cheese.
Roast/Mash potato
Chefs veg and gravy
Lemon Drizzle



World Book Day—Thursday, 5th March

It would be great if the children could dress up as their favourite book character on World Book Day.

Nursery—This week

The children have been thoroughly enjoyed our Chinese restaurant so this week we have added woolly noodles to pick up using the chopsticks. In maths, we have been counting quantities and making dragons using shapes. Some of the children have been making paper chain dragons, money bags and cutting out hearts for Valentine's day.

We have been learning about the letter 'p' and practicing how to form it correctly. After half term we will be learning about the letter 'i' so if your child would like to bring in something beginning with that letter we can show it during our learning time.

Have a lovely half term break. Mrs Youll

Reception classes / Miss Cawthorne's Year 1—This week

We have had a fantastic week looking at the story 'How to Look After Your Dinosaur'. The children have done some fantastic writing on how they would look after their own dinosaur. The children have been busy mastering addition and writing their own number sentences. We have enjoyed our outside space by making our own obstacle courses and exploring the sand and water.

Reception - We have been looking at **all sounds learnt so far**. Please let your class teacher know when your child knows all of their words on their word chart.

For homework over half term you could draw and write about your half term adventures or upload some of them on to Tapestry.

Year 1- We have been busy writing about how we would look after dinosaurs and describing different pictures of dinosaurs. In maths, we began looking at subtraction and working out different number problems. **For homework** you could write some sentences about your half term adventures.

P.E days are Monday and Friday for both classes, all children are now getting changed for PE so please bring kit on these days. Next week our book is 'Dragon Post'.

Have a wonderful half term. Miss Cawthorne Miss Boundy

Years 1 and 2—This week

The children wrote their diary entries based on the Great Fire of London as if we were there/what Samuel Pepys had written in his diary! Fabulous work from our little diarists! We looked at the difference the Great Fire of London has made to houses.

In maths, we have strengthened our division skills with a few word problems. The children enjoyed painting their dragon pebbles which are looking fantastic.

Have a great half term.

Mr Quilter Mrs Grimwood Mrs Huggins Mrs Oldfield

Years 3 and 4— This week

We have been exploring catapults and how they work, artists who specialise in sculptures and enjoying multiplication methods in maths. Well done to Shaila for being our first Proud Cloud member.

Thank you for your support in actively encouraging the children to come into class on their own in the mornings by saying goodbye to them in the playground/at the bottom of the stairs. This has been working wonderfully and enabled the classes to start the day calmly with children learning to be independent and to settle themselves quickly and quietly.

Over the half term it would be great if the children wished to have go at creating an entry for the BBC 500 words competition. Any entries should be handed to your class teacher when you return after half term ready to be submitted.

Have a great break over the half term. Miss Gulliford Mrs Johnson Mr Whapham

Years 5 and 6—This week

We have been completing non-chronological reports about The Plague. They have produced some really good, informative work. In year 5, we have also completed our Science topic by giving presentations which compared the lifecycles of birds, mammals, insects and amphibians. In Art, Mrs Rana's class have finished their landscapes, using different painting techniques to create their own images of North Devon.

Homework and updates are all on Seesaw.

Have a super half term. Miss Squire Mrs Rana Mr Lewis Mrs Lowrey



Friends of Orchard Vale News

The Friends of Orchard Vale (FoOV) plan events through the year to raise funds to help subsidise trips and events across the school as well as equipment for classes and larger projects.

We are desperate for people to help out at events. All volunteers must be DBS checked, which is a relatively quick process and free to you. If you are not DBS checked please speak to the school office who will be happy to start the process.



Planned events: Easter Bingo Disney Quiz Night (dates to be confirmed)

This week we bought some much needed equipment for Kev's Kitchen, the school's food technology room, which has already been put to good use.

Wanted



Key Stage One are looking for donations of empty **small cardboard boxes** so for them to build their own Pudding Lane as part of their Fire of London topic.



Dates and Events

Future diary dates (don't forget to check the school website, www.ovschool.co.uk for up to date information)

Mon, 17th to Fri, 21st Feb—HALF TERM

Wed, 26th Feb—Really Wild Learning—School Council treat—Key Stage Two

Fri, 28th Feb—Year 6 Exmoor Challenge—Team walk

Fri, 28th Feb—Years 3/4—Spaghetti Challenge

Tue, 3rd Mar—Mr Quilter/Mrs Oldfield/Year 1— Visit to Barnstaple Guildhall/tour of Barnstaple

Wed, 4th Mar—Sustrans—Walking Zone—Years 3/4—9am to 11.130am

Thurs, 5th Mar—World Book Day— children can come dressed as their favourite book character.

Fri, 6th Mar—Sponsored Pro Strike Shoot Out—Year 1 to 6 (see sponsorship letter below)

Fri, 6th Mar—Year 6—Exmoor Challenge—Team walk

Tue, 10th Mar—Mr Quilter/Mrs Grimwood/Huggins' Year 2— Visit to Barnstaple Guildhall/tour of Barnstaple.

Thur, 12th Mar—Scholastics Book Fair—8.30am to 9am / 3.15pm to 3.45pm—school hall

Fri, 13th Mar—Scholastics Book Fair—8.30am to 9am / 3.15pm to 3.45pm—school hall

Fri, 13th Mar—St Petroc Cross Country, Bude—Team

Lunch menu week commencing 24th February 2020

Please see the website for our Autumn 2019/Spring 2020 menu)

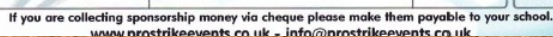
School dinners are now £2.30.

Menu available:
11th Nov, 2nd Dec, 6th Jan,
27th Jan, 24th Feb, 16th Mar

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mains	Macaroni cheese	Brunch grill Sausage and bacon	Roast turkey with stuffing and gravy	Cottage pie	Chicken nuggets
Vegetarian	Quorn hot dogs	Brunch grill Quorn sausage	Cauliflower and broccoli cheese	Pizza	Quorn dippers
Served with	Potato squares and sweetcorn	Hash browns, scrambled egg, beans	Roast/mash and chefs veg	Wedges and peas	Tomato ketchup, fries and veggie sticks
Dessert	Raspberry cake	Chocolate cookies	Fresh fruit	Apple flapjack	Custard biscuits



ProStrike Events Team





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Dear Parent/Carer,

Key Stage 1 Parent invitation to lunch with their child on Wednesday 18th March at 11.45am.

We would like to invite you to come in and sample our delicious roast dinner alongside your child. There will be limited spaces available so it will be done on a first come first served basis. The cost will be £2.30 cash only.

The menu is as follows: Roast Turkey with stuffing.
Roast/mash potato.

Chefs veg and gravy.

Vegetarian option: Cauliflower/broccoli cheese.
Lemon Drizzle

If you would like to take up this opportunity, please complete and return the slip below to the office by FRIDAY 14th February.

Yours faithfully,

Sue Manley.

Project coordinator.

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I would like to come into have lunch with my child Class
and enclose £2.30 cash to cover my lunch.

Signed Name

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Dear Parents/Carers,

At Pilton Community College we offer a varied programme of Extra-Curricular Activities with which to extend students' learning outside school. We challenge all Year 7 students to attend at least one extra-curricular club in their first term with the result that many students learn new skills and challenges which they enjoy throughout their time at Pilton.

Next month we are offering Year 5 students some after-school taster sessions to give them an idea of the clubs and activities they could enjoy at Pilton. The sessions will run from 3.45-4.45 p.m. and will be presented by members of Pilton staff and supported by some of our older students.

If you would like your child to attend one of our taster sessions, please complete and return the form below or confirm a place by phone on 01271 37438 or by email at: mhunt@piltoncollege

Please let us know via phone or email if transport is an issue. Do not hesitate to contact me with any queries.

Please select from the available clubs below and return form to PCC	
Monday 9th March 2020 (3.45pm-4.45pm)	
Netball	Emma Richardson
Climbing/Bouldering	Zoe Ashton/Druce
Gymnastics	Ann-Marie Hall
Basketball	Neil Richardson/Graham Hill
Football	Matt Hunt
Handball	Dave Bliss
Tag Rugby	Tim Lark
Table Tennis	Sophie Russell
Spanish	Jenny Jaye
Poetry/Literacy	Cat New
Green Power Car Technology (STEM)	P Goodland/J Brooks/J Harvest
Maths Puzzles and Problem Solving	Simon Pittman
Science - Acids and Indicators	Seb Rogers
Music	Almea Lang
Courts - PE Kit	
S Hall/Bouldering Room - PE Kit	
Gymnasium - PE Kit	
Sports Hall - PE Kit	
Astro-Turf - PE Kit inc. Shinpads	
Astro-Turf - PE Kit	
Field - PE Kit inc. Boots	
G5 - PE Kit	
L1	
E8	
T8	
M4	
S4	
A4	

Kind regards,

M. Hunt

Matt Hunt

To: Mr M Hunt

Re: Year 5 Extra Curricular Taster Sessions

I would like my child, from primary school
to take part in the following extra-curricular taster session(s):

Club on Monday 9th March 2020.

I confirm that my child will be brought to front reception for 3.45 p.m. and that he or she will be collected at 4.45 p.m.

Emergency phone no:

Issues to be aware of (medical/allergies):

Signed Date

Sustainable Travel

to school and cycle safety

We have a few places available on both levels. If your child would like to take advantage of this FREE Bikeability sessions please complete and return the Consent Form.

Level 1 - Years 3/4—Fri, 20th and Fri, 27th March

These sessions will take part on the playground.

Level 2— Year 6 THIS IS NOW FULL





The children must be able to ride a bicycle without stabilisers and have good balance/control.

They will need to be able to bring in their own bicycles and helmets. Bikes must be roadworthy.

As you are aware this course is valuable in making children aware of how to stay safe when cycling.

If your child would like to take up this offer please read the literature above, complete the form and return it to Mrs Manley.

Letters will be sent home after half term confirming places and arrangements.

Take YOUR CYCLING seriously, don't miss out on Bikeability!

With Bikeability Level 1, you'll learn to control and master your bike in a safe space away from traffic such as a playground or closed car park. Bikeability Level 2 takes place on local streets, giving you a real cycling experience. You'll learn how to deal with traffic on short journeys such as cycling to school or the local shops.

At Level 1 you can:

- Prepare yourself and your bike for cycling
- Get on and off your bike without help
- Start off, pedal and stop with control
- Pedal along, use gears and avoid objects
- Look all around and behind, and control the bike
- Share space with pedestrians and other cyclists

At Level 2 you can:

- Prepare for on-road cycling
- Start and finish an on-road journey
- Recognise typical hazards
- Let others know what you are about to do
- Know where to ride on the road
- Pass parked vehicles and side roads

Parents & Carers

Please read the following information carefully and return the consent form to your child's school. The school will inform you about dates when the course for your child is due. If you sign up for a holiday course, please return the form directly to your local training provider.

Note each child must be able to ride a bicycle (without stabilisers, have good control and balance) before enrolling for this course. There may be people to support those who can't ride.

All trainees must provide a bicycle in a suitable condition (a bicycle check diagram is provided) and a helmet must be worn. In certain areas, spare bicycles may be available. High visibility waistcoats will be provided.

All courses are conducted by approved National Standard Instructors, who are DBS checked and have attended a First Aid course. Please ensure child is wearing appropriate clothing suitable for cycling and the weather conditions of the day.

We request that you discuss the Bikeability course with your child, and encourage them to practice what they have learnt each session - maybe by accompanying them on a bike ride and discussing the Highway Code. Your child must attend every session - if they miss any sessions they may not be able to complete the course.

For more information about Bikeability please visit <https://bikeability.org.uk>

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REGISTER NOW TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING FROM HALFORDS

Once registered you will receive an email confirming your free offers;

- A free bike safety check by a trained mechanic at all stores nationwide
- A voucher with money off incentives (exclusive money off discounts for Bikeability participants and their families)
- Entry into a prize draw to win a free Carrera kids bike

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Bikeability Level 1 & 2 Consent Form
(PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS IF WRITING BY HAND)

Child's Name					
Child's School					
Date of Birth					
School Year					
(all participants must be in Year 5 or 6)					
Parent/Carer Name					
Telephone Number					
Emergency Contact Name & Number (if different from above)					
Please provide details of any medical conditions that we need to know about... <small>Ensure that if your child requires medication e.g. inhalers, that they have it with them at all times during the course</small>					
Please provide details of any learning support your child needs at school... <small>Does your child have any learning or behaviour issues that we should be aware of so that your child has a more positive experience?</small>					
My child can ride a bike competently, without stabilisers <small>(Note that all children will be assessed before going out on the road, as this is part of the Level 1 course)</small>				Yes / No	
My child currently rides a bike to school				Yes / No	
<p>We are offering all adults in Devon* a free two hour adult cycle confidence session!</p> <p>If you want to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • learn to ride a bike • brush up on your skills • get tips for riding as a family • get advice on suitable routes to work or education <p>Enter your email address in the box opposite and someone will contact you to discuss this opportunity further!</p>					

* Age 18+, excluding Torbay and Plymouth

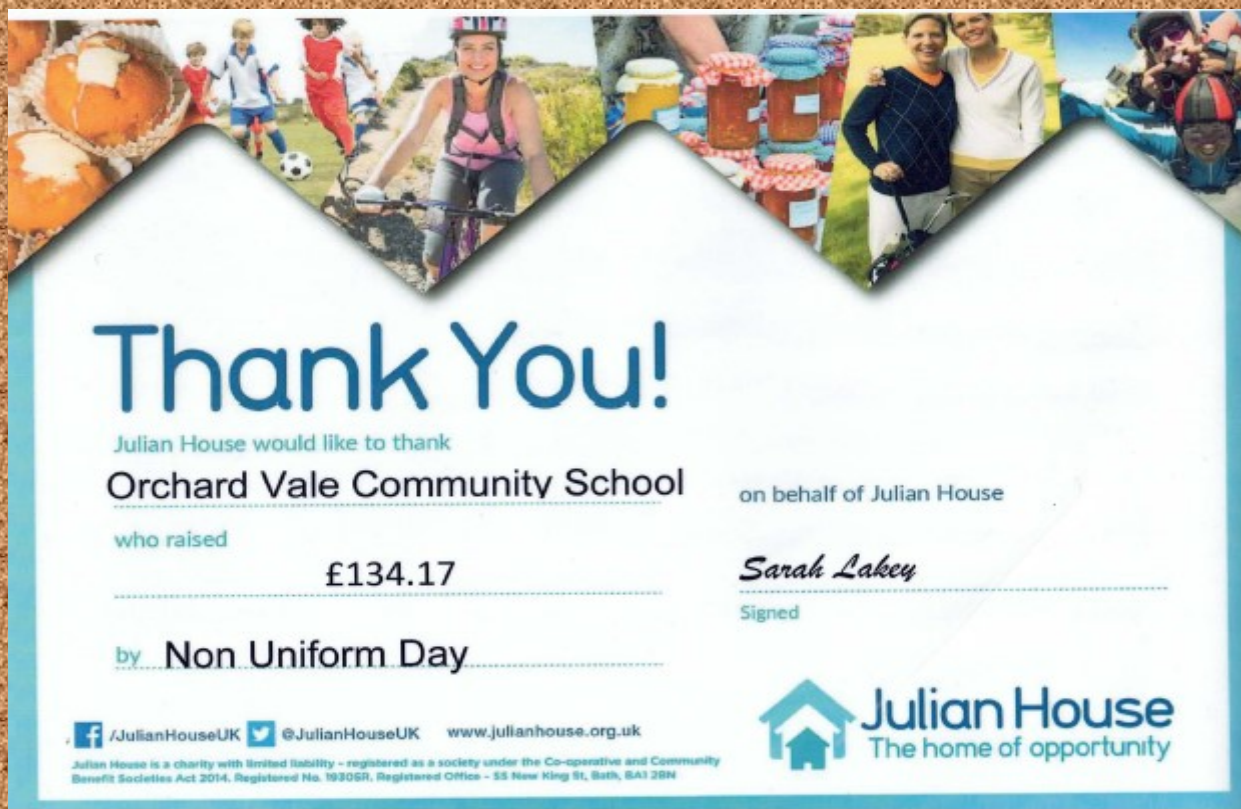
I have read all of the information and understand that completion of this application form acts as my consent for my child to take part in a cycle training course and by signing below I agree the following:

- I give permission for my child to be supported for balance as necessary. If my child cannot ride a bicycle, I consent to them taking part in playground based "Learn to Ride" training where possible
- Whilst every care will be taken to ensure your child's safety, Devon County Council provides public liability insurance only and not personal accident insurance for anyone taking part in this course, nor does it accept responsibility for the actions or personal behaviour of participants. Devon County Council, the Plymouth School Sports Partnership and your training provider are not responsible for any injury to persons, or loss or damage to property which is not the result of the negligence of an instructor
- I will ensure my child's helmet fits and their bicycle is in a safe, usable condition - (please refer to bicycle checklist)
- I consent to allowing the instructor to make necessary adjustments to my child's bike to ensure that my child can take part in the course
- I consent to my child receiving any first aid treatment as required
- I understand that any participants who persistently misbehave or put others in danger will be asked to leave the cycle sessions and will not be allowed to attend in future

Parent/Carer Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Julian House

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations towards Julian House on Wednesday for our non-uniform day. We raised a fantastic £134.17.

Sarah Lakey from Julian House talked to the children about the work they do to help homeless people by giving them a hot meal, providing activities for them to do.

She also showed the children the small amount of possessions a homeless person has.

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Pilton Theatre Productions
Pilton Church Hall
20th – 22nd February 2020



Treasure Island
The Pantomime

NO BAR THIS YEAR. BYOB

Thursday 20th Feb. at 7.30pm
Friday 21st Feb. at 7.30pm
Saturday 22nd Feb. at 2.30pm (Matinée)
Saturday 22nd Feb. at 7.30pm

Tickets from The Reform Inn or Chris on 373621
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