

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers



We had a fantastic day yesterday celebrating World Book Day together. The children and staff all looked amazing in their costumes. David Lawrence Jones, author, visited us and explained how he became a published author and where he gets his inspiration from. David visited classes in Key Stage 1 and 2 where the children were able to choose a book to take home from a selection of his titles. I saw many children reading their books in the afternoon and I hope it has inspired them to read more and maybe try to write some stories of their own.

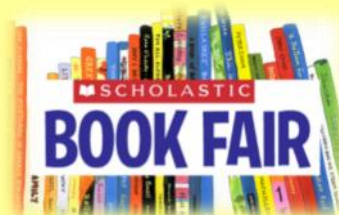
I am sure you are all aware of the news this week and the distressing reports on the invasion on Ukraine by Russia. We are aware that children are also finding this news distressing and unsettling. Over the next few weeks we will be supporting children to share their worries and thoughts in a sensitive and age appropriate way. In school we use a resource called Picture News that encourages children to discuss global issues in a way that informs their learning.



With the unsettling weather we have been experiencing some busy mornings regarding parking and the use of the turning circle. Although we are happy for parents to use the turning circle this should only be to drop your child off and should allow a continuous movement of cars. Please do not park your car in the turning circle. The DCC School Transport minibus is required to drop off children with accessibility needs who must use the area directly outside the school gates. If you need to park up please do so in the designated area on the main road, just after Kingfisher Drive in or one of our neighbouring roads. I appreciate it is a very busy time but please be patient or arrive earlier to avoid the morning rush. Please be considerate of all road users and courteous to our neighbours when doing the school run.

This term we welcome a new member of staff to the school team. Mrs Lowin joins our year 5 and 6 team as a teaching assistant. Sadly, after Easter we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Rana who is exploring an exciting teaching opportunity in another school. Mrs Richardson will continue to support the year 5 children.

Next week we will be hosting the annual book fayre. Children will be able to use their World Book Day tokens to get £1 discount (teachers handed these out before half term). The fair will be running slightly differently this year so please make sure you have read the information provided on page 3. For every book you buy the school is given credit towards books for the classrooms.



Have a relaxing weekend.



Fiona Pearce
Headteacher

Parentpay



As the year is flying by please could we remind parents/carers to regularly check Parentpay and clear any outstanding sums you may have for Early Birds Breakfast Club, school dinners and OV Explorers after school provision. Thank you.

Star of the Week

Foundation and Key Stage 2



Mrs Youll's nomination

Coby for settling in well and doing some super mark making using chalk.

Mila for good listening and playing nicely with her friends.

Miss Cawthorn/Miss Boundy's nomination

Oscar for great phonics and listening well.

Alfie Griffin for working super hard this week.



Miss Guilliford's nomination

Jack is a true gentleman. He is a kind, meticulous and all round wonderful child. Jack has had some exciting changes happen which haven't interfered with his learning. He helps set up for the day and tidy away, he is supportive of his peers and ensures that no-one is without a friend or someone to work with. He is accepting of everyone in the class and only notices their achievements. He has had some tricky moments where he has found friendships challenging and has managed to be mature and deal with these in a very grown-up manner. I am really impressed with Jack and how he handles anything that is thrown at him. His positive attitude, charming manner and sense of pride with his learning has not gone un-noticed. I couldn't be any prouder.



Mrs Johnson's nomination

This week I have chosen Joseph as my Star of the Week for the enthusiasm for learning he shows every day in the classroom. He is a sponge when it comes to facts, and I just love the extra knowledge he brings to our lessons! This week he decided to draw his own diagram of how light reflects from the sun, onto the moon, and down to Earth. He even wrote his own explanation to go with it! He regularly informs us of fascinating facts and extra snippets of information, whether they be about our topic, or something completely different. Well done Joseph for being such a learning super star - you really do shine so brightly!



Mr Whapham's nomination

Theo is my star of the week for his effort and determination this week. He has really impressed the adults he works with during phonics and has moved up multiple phonics groups following his most recent assessment! We are all super proud of Theo and the hard work he has been putting in. Keep up the hard work!



Mr Boulton's nomination

Flynn and Gracie - I have been blown away by the brilliant confidence that these two have shown over the past week! They are really working hard in maths, showing that they can confidently explain why an answer is right or wrong, and can even spot when they have made a mistake themselves. They have also both made fantastic models of lighthouses for their homework, showing their dedication to their learning even when at home! Well done to the both of you!



Mrs Rana/Ms Richardson's nomination

Our star of the week is Ronnie. Ronnie is such a caring member of the class- he is constantly checking in with staff and children to see if they are ok and whether they need anything. He is polite, respectful and sensible at all times, making the right choices and encouraging others to do the same. Ronnie also has an excellent general knowledge and loves to share interesting facts with others; he works hard and takes pride in all that he does. Well done, Ronnie!



Mrs Scott's nomination

My star of the week, this week, is Phineas. Throughout the year, Phineas has worked tirelessly and I have noticed, over the past half term, a real push to achieve his best. Phineas has always worked hard, but would sometimes choose a challenge lesser than his capabilities, in order to ensure its completion. Now, he will actively apply himself to challenges set by me, his peers, or even himself. It has been wonderful to see Phineas continue the fantastic journey he had already begun in year 5 (I have no doubt he has been on this journey for far longer). Well done Phineas - reach for the stars.



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

This is being run slightly differently this year.

You are able to view a wider selection of books online now at Scholastics (click link below in number 1).

You can pay for your books in advance (click link below in number 4).

1. **Preview** all titles available on the Scholastics website click this link [Books Available](#)
2. **Alternatively—Visit the book fair**—bring your Wish List.
3. **Wish List (order form)**— (payment options can be found on this form)
4. **Advanced online payment** click here [-Click here to pay for books](#)

Type in—EX32 8QY.
Select — Orchard Vale and follow the prompts.

OR use the QR code.



You can use World Book Day Vouchers to take £1 off the cost of your order.
Your class teacher should have handed one to your child before half term.

All orders must have a completed Wish List which should be returned to the school office.
This will let us know which books to take off the shelf/order from Scholastics.

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.

For every book you buy the school will be given credit towards buying books for our classes.

Thank you in advance for your support.

World Book Day 2022



Week commencing Monday, 7th March 2022

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| M | Cheese & Ham Pasta Bake | Butchers Sausage, Mash & Gravy | Roast Chicken & Stuffing | Fish Fingers | Beef Bolognaise |
| V | Quorn Hotdog & Sweet Potato Wedges | Sweet and Sour Quorn Pieces with Rice | Broccoli & Cauliflower Bake | Quorn Nuggets | Roasted Veg. Bolognaise |
| Sides | Sweetcorn & Fresh Broccoli | Peas & Green Beans | Roast Potatoes, Fresh Sliced Carrots, Cabbage & Gravy | Chips, Tomato Sauce, Peas & Beans | Pasta & Sweetcorn |
| JP | Cheese, Beans or Tuna | Cheese, Beans or Tuna | Cheese, Beans or Tuna | Cheese, Beans or Tuna | Cheese, Beans or Tuna |
| SPL | Egg Mayo Bap | Cheese Bap | Chicken Bap | Chicken Salad | Sausage Roll |
| D | Fresh Fruit | Chocolate Cake | Fruit Smoothie | Cookie | Banana Cake |

Yoghurts, Fresh Fruit & Bread will be available daily

Gluten free menu available on request

Dear Parents/Guardian

Primary Times Magazine

As you will be aware, over the past couple of years Orchard Vale have been providing more and more documents and communications to parents via email.

Feedback received confirms that this enables the vast majority of parents to access information immediately, and it also reduces the quantity of paper and photocopying needed in schools.

We have now come to the decision, as a group of schools, to stop receiving printed copies of the Primary Times Magazine.

You can access an electronic version of the magazine from their website using the link below.

[Family activities and events for primary school children](#) | [Primary Times](#)

School Diary Dates

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| 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 |
| Fri, 11th Mar | Dance Festival—Years 4, 5,6—Park School |
| Thurs, 11th Mar | Scholastics Book Fair—8.30am—9am & 3.15pm—3.45pm |
| Fri, 12th Mar | Scholastics Book Fair —8.30am—9am & 3.15pm—3.45pm |
| 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 |
| Tue, 22nd Mar | Dental Survey—Selected children with parental consent |
| 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, 4th April | Reception—Vision Survey (with parental consent) |
| 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 |

Ukrainian Refugees.

If you would like to donate to the local collections for the refugees, please see the information below.

Items required: Sleeping bags.

Blankets.

Flash lights, torches, batteries.

Thermos type flasks.

Toiletries.

First Aid Equipment.

Baby Milk, nappies, wipes.

Personal hygiene items including sanitary items.

Gloves.

Face Masks.

Drop off points: Air Extreme Barnstaple on FRIDAY

North Devon Tyres. Barnstaple

Polish food shop, Joy Street, Barnstaple

Pilton Bluecoat Junior School

Please ensure that any Sleeping bags or Blankets are clean.

Please DO NOT drop your items off to the school.

We hope you find this information helpful.

Orchard Vale's

Easter celebrations

Thursday 7th April



This year's Easter competition will have a twist,
hidden in your entry we would like to see a heart,
alongside the normal Easter ideas.



Categories:

Easter Bonnets

Bake a cake, biscuits or fairy cakes



1st, 2nd and 3rd in each categories will win a prize

Nursery, Reception

Year 1/2

Year 3/4

Year 5/6



Bring your bonnets and cakes to the school hall on Thursday, 7th April.

Please label them with your name and class.

Entries will be judged in the morning and winners will be announced in assembly.

Easter Tuck Shop

Children can bring in 50p for a treat during break and lunch time.

All funds raised will be put towards our Defibrillator Fundraising project.

Easter Wellbeing Competition

Easter is just round the corner and we are excited to announce that we are offering all children across Cornwall and Devon the opportunity to win some incredible Easter prizes. Springtime/Easter is a symbolic time for new beginnings, and the end of the long dark winter.

We want to celebrate the shifting seasons by offering young people across the South West with the opportunity to share what makes them happy by designing an easter egg that represents their core values:

This could be anything from their favorite hobby, role model, favorite song or anything that makes them feel good about themselves.

Example:

Design your own Easter Egg

Name: Brandon
Age: 10
School: OUSLEY
Design Name: Basketball



Prizes:

1st Place - Family Pass to Eden project
2nd Place - Family Pass to Minack Theatre
3rd Place - £25 Amazon Voucher
Runners Up - Mystery Goody Bag

"I love to play basketball it makes me happy and I love being part of a team"

We can't wait to see your designs and display them in our office.

The winning entries will be awarded a variety of prizes:

1st Place - Family Pass to a Cornish Attraction of your choice + £20 Amazon Voucher

2nd Place - Family Pass to a Cornish Attraction of your choice

3rd Place - £25 Amazon Voucher

Runners Up - Mystery Goody Bag

Deadline for submissions is: **Thursday 31st March 2022.**

Entries can be submitted by email, post or school collection.

Email: contact@opuseducation.co.uk

Post: Opus Education Recruitment, Stephenson House, Calenick Street, Truro, TR1 2SF

Collection: Call the office on 01872 279810 to arrange a collection slot.



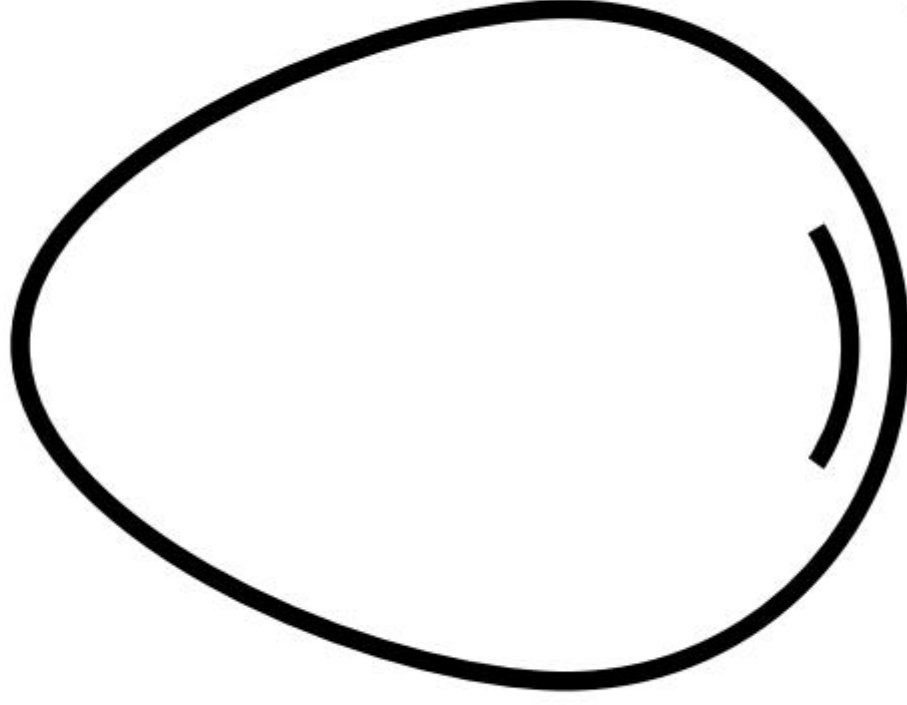
Design your own Easter Egg

Name:

Age:

School:

Design Name:



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Have you got teenagers? Learn about some of the challenges young people are facing today and find out how you can support them.

Free online support sessions for parents and carers of teenagers (and pre-teens) covering topics such as:

- Peer pressure
- Body image
- Mental health
- Social risks
- Safety online
- Drugs and alcohol

These online sessions will help you to support your teenagers to have healthy, positive relationships inside and outside of the family. Each session lasts 90 minutes.

Session dates – all sessions start at 7pm

- **Tue 8th March** – current issues affecting family life
- **Tue 15th March** – respectful relationships
- **Tue 22 March** – family strengthening

Booking a Place

These events are **FREE** to attend [Click here to book your place.](#)

Parents that have joined previous sessions said:

- *The session was punchy, interesting and relevant*
- *It was easy to follow*

I was able to impress my son with things I knew better than him and we were able to compare notes!

“Let’s Talk Teenagers” is a project funded by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, South Devon & Dartmoor Community Safety Partnership and Teignbridge Council for Voluntary Services.

Please feel free to forward this on to anyone you think would find the sessions beneficial.

Kind regards.

Jackie Colby

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