

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

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Welcome back ! It has been an amazing start to the school term and I am delighted to see everyone after such an unsettled period.

After a few teething problems on Monday, we have started to fall into a new school routine and this is working well. The children are all very settled and happy and are beginning to start working on this terms curriculum.

We will be getting your child to complete some basic assessments over the next couple of weeks in the core areas so we are able to adjust the curriculum accordingly. If your child has any gaps in their learning we will endeavour to fill these gaps first before moving on.

The children are very keen to get started and we have been so impressed with their enthusiasm and interest on returning to school.

Fiona Pearce, Headteacher

Coronavirus Symptoms

If your child has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus please keep them at home, follow the recommended actions and advise the school office by 9am. Main symptoms are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal
- To protect others, do not go to places like a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital if you have any of these symptoms. Get a test to check if you have coronavirus and stay at home until you get your result.
- Call 111 NHS for advice. See page 3 for more information.

Parking around Orchard Vale



Please could we ask for your co-operation in making children's journey to and from school as safe as possible. Careful driving and sensible, safe parking is essential, especially during the busy drop off and collection times.

Unless you hold a blue badge, please could you park your car on either side of the road **after** the school (just after Kingfisher Drive) or in one of the local residential roads. Please be mindful of blocking residential driveways or restricting access for other road users.

If you are dropping a child off please could you use the space available sensibly and exercise some patience with other drivers by moving on as soon as possible.

It is also important to acknowledge that pedestrians have the right of way on footpaths and careless parking, as seen earlier this week by one of our neighbours (see the photo above) could be considered an offence in the eyes of the law and could put the safety of our children and the wider community at risk.

Thank you for your help in making the roads around Orchard Vale as safe as possible by driving and parking carefully.

Orchard Vale do not have any jurisdiction on the road or with parking issues so if you witness any incidents or dangerously parking please contact the Parking Enforcement team via the website link [Devon County Council Roads and Transport](https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport).

Key Stage 2 children – Times Tables Rockstars



We will be using Times Tables Rockstars again this year to support the children with the learning and practising of their times tables.

All children in KS2 will be provided with a login, as well as a parent letter to explain how to download and use the app at home.

Uniform

It is lovely to see the children in their uniforms. If you need to buy sweatshirts, polo shirts, PE bags or book bags with the Orchard Vale logo on please could you pay for these online, using Parentpay, and email the school office confirming your order. We will put your order together and advise you when you can come in to collect it.

Please could you ensure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled to help your child keep track of it.

Parentpay

If your child is new to the school you should be receiving your Parentpay login details in the next week or so. Please bear with us.

School Lunches

Liz and her team offer wonderful school dinners every day. The options are main, vegetarian, jacket potato and school packed lunch (see the copy of the menu on our website or at the end of this newsletter).

For children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 school dinners can be purchased in advance for £2.30 via our online payment system, ParentPay. **Parents of year 3 children please note that unless you are registered under the Government Benefit Related Free School Meals system you will now need to pay for lunches.**

Universal free school meals

All children in Reception, years 1 and 2 are entitled to book a school dinner which will be paid for by the Government under the Universal Free School Meal scheme.

Benefit related free school meals

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 at state schools in England automatically get free school meals. However, parents and guardians are encouraged to apply for free school meals when they enrol their child in school, as this can help their child's school to attract additional '[pupil premium](#)' funding to support learning.

If your child is in Years 3,4,5 or 6, and parents are getting any of the following you may be entitled to free school meals:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income Support (IS).
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA).
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA).
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, that does not exceed £16,190).
- Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment you get for a further 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

How to apply for benefit related Free School Meals

If you believe you may be eligible for the benefits related free school meals you can apply online and get an immediate response.

[Devon County Council Citizen Portal](#)

This is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision. Alternatively, call the Education Helpline on 0345 1551019

What to do if families are being tested for coronavirus (COVID-19)



If your family are being tested for coronavirus (COVID-19) please contact the school office in the first instance to advise that your child will be absent from school.

Once you have received your test results please contact the school office before sending your child back in to school:

- if someone tests negative, if they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating.

They could still have another virus though, such as a cold or flu – in which case it is still best to avoid contact with other people until they are better. Other members of their household can stop self-isolating.

- if someone tests positive, they should follow the '[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)' and must continue to self-isolate for at least 7 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste.

This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. The 7-day period starts from the day when they first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days.

Managing confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19)

Orchard Vale will take swift action when we become aware that someone who has attended school has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19). We will contact the relevant authorities who will also contact Orchard Vale directly if they become aware that someone has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) and attended the school – as identified by NHS Test and Trace.

The relevant authorities will carry out a rapid risk assessment to confirm who has been in close contact with the person during the period that they were infectious, and ensure they are asked to self-isolate.

The relevant authority will work with Orchard Vale in this situation to guide them through the actions they need to take. Based on the advice we received Orchard Vale must send home those people who have been in close contact with the person who has tested positive, advising them to self-isolate for 14 days since they were last in close contact with that person when they were infectious. Close contact means:

- direct close contacts - face to face contact with an infected individual for any length of time, within 1 metre, including being coughed on, a face to face conversation, or unprotected physical contact (skin-to-skin).
- proximity contacts - extended close contact (within 1-2 metres for more than 15 minutes) with an infected individual
- travelling in a small vehicle, like a car, with an infected person

The relevant authorities have provided definitive advice on actions to be taken should a child be confirmed as having a positive result.

Household members of any children who are sent home do not need to self-isolate themselves unless the child, young person or staff member who is self-isolating subsequently develops symptoms. If someone in a class or group that has been asked to self-isolate develops symptoms themselves within their 14-day isolation period they should follow '[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)'. They should get a test, and:

- if the test delivers a negative result, they must remain in isolation for the remainder of the 14-day isolation period. This is because they could still develop the coronavirus (COVID-19) within the remaining days.
- if the test result is positive, they should inform their setting immediately, and must isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms (which could mean the self-isolation ends before or after the original 14-day isolation period). Their household should self-isolate for at least 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms, following '[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)'



Foundation Stage and Key Stage One



Mrs Youll's

Well done to all the nursery children who have all done so well settling after a long break. It has been lovely seeing everyone and meeting all our new children. Next week we will be starting a topic 'Ourselves' and starting our self-portraits.

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

Evie E, for fantastic listening and a great first week at school.

Dexter for a great first week at school and being super helpful.



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

Renzo has settled into school amazingly this week and has been very kind to his friends. Well done Renzo!

Mila has had a great first week at school and is always so helpful! Well done Mila!

Mr Quilter's nomination

It was very tough this week. I have got to know some awesome children making it a really hard decision! Noah, however, has clearly tried ever so hard all week! He has already learnt that he needs to put his hand up in order to get recognition and is also waiting his turn patiently! He has shown a great attitude towards learning and it is only week one! Noah is loud but clearly loveable, he makes me smile and I have loved getting to know him this week!



Mrs Oldfield's nomination

Asher has made a fantastic start to school he is very polite and listens beautifully. He has been a great help showing others how to keep his work space nice and tidy. He has loved learning about space and has been popping his hand up to answer lots of space questions. Well done Asher!

Mrs Grimwood's/Mrs Huggins' nomination

Logan has had an amazing week. He has settled into his new class and new routines with lots of enthusiasm. He has been full of smiles and a delight to have in the classroom. Well done Logan. You are a shining star.



Star of the Week

Key Stage Two

Miss Gulliford's nomination

Kaleb has been a true star. He has come into year 4 full of energy and wanting to do well. He is a kind and caring member of the class who has shown ease with being a positive role model and embracing the changes of a new class. He is polite and full of wonderful comments, which bring a delightful energy to the classroom. Well done!



Mrs Johnson's nomination

This week I have chosen Kobi as my star of the week. He has come into Year 3 with such a positive attitude and has impressed me with his amazing attitude to his learning. He has tried hard in every task, with a smile on his face every day. Well done Kobi for a fab start to the year!



Mr Whapham's nomination

Oscar B has transitioned really well back into school life and has shown a real enthusiasm for learning! He has tried extremely hard with our learning tasks this week and has been able to work independently. Oscar is working in a slightly different way to last year but he has shown me that he is ready to embrace this and really work his socks off this year! Well done!



Miss Squire's nomination

Alfie has come back to school with a fantastic attitude to learning and is so ready to be in year 6. He has given everything 100% effort and I couldn't have asked for more this week.



Mrs Rana's/Mrs Lowrey's nomination

Ava has written some super poetry which includes some excellent vocabulary. Her drawing is amazing. Not only that but Ava is kind, funny, popular and polite and she has set such a good example. She has really blown us away with her first week of term. Well done Ava, we are very proud.



Mrs Harding's nominations

Tyler has settled in very well despite being a little anxious at the start of the term. He has worked exceptionally hard this week giving all tasks 100% effort and producing work of a high quality. We have all enjoyed working with Tyler this week. Mrs Harding, Mrs Knight and Miss Passmore.



Mrs Lavictor's nomination

Kaden has really settled in his first week. He has really impressed both myself, Mr Borg and Mrs May with his reading. He has read absolutely everything; things you have asked him to read, things you haven't asked him to read. We are really excited to see what else he will bring to our class this year.



How does Orchard Vale look at the moment?

It is wonderful to see everyone back this week. We thought you might like to see how things look in school.



All children have their own resources (pens, pencils, scissors, glue and exercise books). These are kept on their desks in a zip wallet and their drinks bottles.



Lunch is made by Liz and her team in our kitchen and is taken up to class bubbles for the children to eat.

All tables are sanitised before lunch and children are instructed to wash their hands before and after eating.



In class there are no more than 2 children to a desk. Children have a chair/desk assigned to them. Whilst staff try to keep socially distanced they are also able to assist the children in their bubble when required.



Each bubble has an allocated playtime and lunch time and an area outside for them to exercise during this time.

Something to share? What have you been doing?

If you would like to share photos of things you have been doing whilst at home please either send photos/ comments to your class teacher via Seesaw or Tapestry and confirm you are happy for it to appear on the newsletter or email the school on orchardvale@ventrus.org.uk.



At 1pm on Tuesday, Lilly rang a bell in the playground with her friends to celebrate the official end of her brother, George's, chemotherapy treatment.

It was lovely for her to have the support of her friends and the staff around her to celebrate this milestone for George, Lilly and her family.

We wish them all well, especially George.



Sophie L.



Kaleb's bearded dragon called Beasty

Ventrus Primary School Menu **Week 1** – week commencing **7 Sept / 21st Sept / 5th Oct / 19th Oct**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main - Macaroni cheese 2711 Veg - Quorn hotdog Potato squares and sweetcorn Jacket Potato with cheese and beans Various Ice-creams	Main -Sausage, mash and peas Veg - Jacket potato with cheese and beans Cookie	Main - Pizza with potato squares and sweetcorn Veg - Cheese and tomato pasta bake with focaccia bread Jacket potato with cheese and beans Various yoghurts	Main - Breaded fish with potato wedges and peas Veg - Jacket potato with cheese and beans Cake	Main - Chicken nuggets, fries and vegetable sticks Veg - Quorn dippers, fries and vegetable sticks Jacket potato with cheese and beans Various Ice-creams
School packed lunch option	School packed lunch option	School packed lunch option	School packed lunch option	School packed lunch option
Sausage roll, dessert, fruit and crisps	Ham sandwich, dessert, fruit and crisps	Cheese and onion pasty, dessert, fruit and crisps	Cheese sandwich, Dessert, fruit and crisps	Ham Sandwich, dessert, fruit and crisps

Ventrus Primary School Menu **Week 2** – week commencing **14th Sept / 28th Sept / 12th Oct**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main - Hot Dog Potato squares and Peas Veg - Vegetable bolognaise with pasta Jacket potato with cheese and beans Various Ice-creams	Main - Breaded fish Fingers with potato wedges and peas Veg - Jacket potato with cheese and beans Cookie	Main - Pizza with potato squares and sweetcorn Veg - Quorn sausage roll with potato squares and sweetcorn Jacket potato with cheese and beans Various yoghurts	Main - Beef Bolognaise Pasta and Sweetcorn Veg - Jacket potato with cheese and beans Cake	Main - Crispy chicken goujons, fries and vegetable sticks Veg - Quorn dippers, fries and vegetable sticks Jacket potato with cheese and beans Various Ice-creams
School packed lunch option	School packed lunch option	School packed lunch option	School packed lunch option	School packed lunch option
Sausage roll, dessert, fruit and crisps	Ham sandwich, dessert, fruit and crisps	Cheese and onion pasty, dessert, fruit and crisps	Cheese sandwich, Dessert, fruit and crisps	Ham Sandwich, dessert, fruit and crisps

Chulmleigh College

School Tours



Every Friday at 4pm until October 16th

Our results are amongst the 'BEST IN THE SOUTH WEST'



We are delighted to invite prospective Year 6 pupils and their parents/carers for a tour of the College with our Executive Headteacher Mike Johnson and our Deputy Executive Headteacher Neil Payne.

Tours will be limited to 10 people, and will adhere to Covid-19 regulations.

Tours will take place every Friday at 4pm, until October 16th 2020.

Booking is essential and can be made via the link: [Chulmleigh College Tours](#)

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