Orchard Vale's Weekly News
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Headteacher's message



We would like to welcome Mr Boult to our Year 5 and 6 teaching team. He has recently moved to Devon after teaching in Dubai and is a welcome addition to our staff team. He will be working alongside Mrs Rana with our Year 5 children, allowing Mrs Lowrey to return to her deputy head duties.

Well, this half term seems to have flown by. I can't believe that we only have one more week until half term. The nights are drawing in and I love the smell of winter in the air. We are dressing in purple on Wednesday next week for the charity Above and Beyond and don't forget that Friday, 23rd October is a NON-PUPIL DAY. We hope you have some lovely plans for the half term break.

After half term our Breakfast Club will start again for those parents who have expressed an interest and pre-booked/ pre-paid for a place.

Virgin Care were very impressed that we had a higher than average uptake of children from Reception to Year 6 receiving the nasal flu vaccination on Tuesday. If your child did not receive the vaccination and you would like them to you can contact Virgin Care on 0300 247 0082 to book an appointment at a local venue.

Fiona Pearce, Headteacher



Wear purple for the day—Wednesday 21st October

In aid of Over and above Cancer and Wellbeing Centre Appeal.

During the week of 19th - 22nd October we will be taking part in the Great Purple Week.

On Wednesday, 21st October, if children would like to take part, they can come to school wearing purple over the top of their school uniform unless they have a full purple outfit.

Thank you for returning so many of the beautifully coloured rainbow sheet filled with coins. Keep them coming. Don't forget to fill them with coins donated by family and friends. Every penny raised will go to the charity, Over and Above.

The children can bring in their completed sheets, with any donations they have collected pre-stuck on, which they can place in a box in the playground on arrival at school in the mornings.

School Photos (individual photos only)



The children all behaved brilliantly for their school photos yesterday, hopefully the photographers managed to get a smile out of everyone.

ONLINE ORDERS—The quickest way to order your photos is by using the Order Online option on the forms sent home with your child. Proofs will be available from Monday, 19th October when you will be able to view a high definition copy of the photo.

Visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk; enter the reference number, found under or at the side of the photo and the Web Access Code. To receive FREE post and packaging back to Orchard Vale you will need to place and pay for your order by Thursday, 29th October. Orders placed after the cut off date can be sent directly to your home by Tempest at an extra cost of £5 per package.

ORDERS VIA SCHOOL—If you place your order with the Order Form sent home this should be returned to us with full payment. Payments should be placed in the envelope, with the order form and sealed (correct cash or cheque, payable to 'Tempest Photography') and handed to the school office by Thursday, 22nd October. We will not be able to forward any orders received after this date.

Star of the Week

Foundation Stage and Key Stage One

Mrs Youll's

Elana for joining in with all the P.E activities and playing some super games with her peers.

Pixie for trying hard in all her activities and doing some super tidying.

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

Lilah for fantastic phonics and great listening.

Hugo for working hard and always being helpful.

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

Jasmine is a star. She tries her best at everything she does and is a great friend to everyone. Well done Jasmine.
Franklin is such a lovely boy and has grown more independent this week. He is a good friend to everyone. Well done Franklin.

Mr Quilter's nomination

Bella is always kind, considerate and loving towards others.

She works hard, puts in lots of effort and is lovely to have in class.

Bella is a role model for others; thank-you Bella 'Boo'.
Mr Q

Mrs Oldfield's nomination

Sofia is a quiet, hard working young lady, recently she is showing more and more confidence in putting her hand up to answer questions, she has wonderful ideas and has given us some amazing expanded nouns phrases this week. I must also mention her handwriting, it is simply beautiful! Well done Sofia keep up the great work. Mrs O

Mrs Grimwood's/Mrs Huggins' nomination

Cole has really been using his super phonic knowledge and his writing has improved so much. Cole is very kind and is a very good friend to have. Well done Cole it is a joy to have you in the classroom

Star of the Week

Key Stage Two

Miss Gulliford's nomination

Vinny is such a shining example of hard work and determination. He is quietly assertive, extremely well mannered and is such a gentle soul. He is the first to check on friends to make sure they are included on the playground, the first to offer to be helpful with classroom jobs and he glows in all that he does. Vinny doesn't need to be the loudest in the class to be noticed as his personality, brilliant contributions and kind ways always shine the brightest. Well done.

Mrs Johnson's nomination

Thomas has been such a star over the last few weeks. He has been working really, really hard. His handwriting is incredible and he is a maths whizz. He has worked hard at controlling his emotions, keeping calm and talking to someone when he feels frustrated or cross. Well done Thomas!

Mr Whapham's nomination

Daniel has worked exceptionally hard in maths this week and has really wowed me with the quality of his work. He is thinking carefully about the problem she is given and has also showed great reasoning skills, explaining and justifying his choices well. Daniel is a quiet boy in class but has really shone this week. Well done.

Mrs Lavictoire's nomination

Anisa has been such a star, already this year. She has been working so hard in all of her lessons, making fantastic progress in her writing, maths and music. Anisa listens carefully to others before adding to our class debates and conversations, strictly with thoughtful and considered points. Keep working your socks off, Anisa. Whilst you're not the loudest in class, you've got such power in your ideas and support of others. This gentle way with others is so lovely to have in our classroom. Keep shining!

Mrs Harding's nominations

Abi for 100% effort and great improvements in writing and maths this week. Abi has been very focused on everything we have asked her to do with great results. She has worked hard on her presentation and has been a great example to others.

Well done; we are so proud of you. Mrs Harding, Mrs Knight and Miss Passmore

Mrs Rana's/Mrs Lowrey's nomination

Sophia H is attentive, ready to listen and learn and is incredibly hard working.

Well done Sophia!

Miss Squire's nomination

Noah makes me laugh all the time. He has an excellent sense of humour; often a little bit more than needed. He works incredibly hard and is a really great friend to everyone. Even at this point in the term, when we are getting tired, he is still making us smile and giving everything his best.

Year 3 and 4—Proud Cloud



This week 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. When children reach 50 they will receive their first certificate. Well done to:

Miss Gulliford's class— Mila-Munroe Ruby Larny

Mrs Johnson's class—Ezra Amelie Elena Nieve

Years 5 and 6—Tri-Reading Tournament



The children in Years 5 and 6 are taking part in a Tri-Reading Tournament.

Congratulations to the following children who have completed 25 to 50 nights of reading at home:

Mrs Lavictoire's class— Penny Rosa Mya Florence Jasmine Corbin

Chloe-Rose Heidi Sophie G

Mrs Harding's class—Jessica Tyler Logan

Miss Squire's class—William P Amber

Mrs Rana's/Mr Boult's class—Coby K Logan K Will R George E

Year 3 Multiskills Festival—Tuesday, 20th October

Chris Farr - Barnstaple Primary School Sports Coordinator will be running a Multi Skills Sports event with our Year 3 children on the playground as part of an inter schools competition.

The children will take part in 6 activities based around netball, football and rugby - on a netball court.

Menu—w/c 19th October

Please note that the menu for Thursday has changed, for this week only, from that on previous information sheets published.

Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday** (change of menu)
Main – Focaccia bread pizza with crispy round potatoes and sweetcorn. **Vegetarian** -Vegetable bolognaise with pasta and sweetcorn **Jacket potato** Cheese / Beans/ Tuna	**Main** – Breaded fish with potato wedges and peas. **Vegetarian** - Haloumi stuffed peppers with potato wedges and peas **Jacket potato** Cheese / Beans/ Tuna	**Main** – Roast chicken, potatoes and fresh vegetables with gravy **Vegetarian** -Cauliflower and broccoli cheese bake potatoes and fresh vegetables **Jacket potato** Cheese / Beans/ Tuna	**Main** – Chicken breast nuggets, fries and vegetable sticks **Vegetarian** – Quorn nuggets, fries and vegetable sticks **Jacket potato** Cheese / Beans/ Tuna
School packed lunch option Sausage Roll, desert, fruit and crisps	**School packed lunch option** Cheese Sandwich, desert, fruit and crisps	**School packed lunch option** Ham Sandwich, desert, fruit and crisps	**School packed lunch option** Ham sandwich, desert, fruit and crisps
Dessert Fruit Slices	**Dessert** Lemon drizzle cake	**Dessert** Various ice-creams	**Dessert** Cookie

Mr Ovey's PE Champions



This week Mr Ovey has selected his PE Champions from Key Stages 1 and 2.

Years 1 and 2— Theo C—for being an excellent saver in the noodle game.

The award goes to Key Stage Two children have been completing a gymnastics challenge this week.

Years 3 and 4— Emily P for being extremely bendy in her yoga.

Years 5 and 6— Ernest Z for excellent effort and trying his best in basketball and gymnastics.

Mrs Huggins'/Mrs Grimwood's class Musical Forest School





Miss Gulliford's class have started to build a Viking settlement in their forest school session.







Generations of Success

THE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Dear Parent/Carer

The Park Community School Virtual Open Event - Thursday 15th October

I hope this letter finds you and your family well and looking forward to the half-term break. At this time of the school year we normally invite parents/carers and students to our Open Evening and Open Morning activities. Unfortunately, this is not possible this year. To try and replace these events staff at Park have been creating a series of videos and guides to help introduce Park School and the main elements that we would normally cover during an Open Evening. The videos are designed to be short and enable the viewer to select the areas they feel are appropriate to them.

Videos available

- Introduction from the Headteacher
- Presentation from a few of our senior students and newest students
- Transition
- Curriculum
- Park Culture and our House system
- A tour of our school site, classrooms and facilities
- Frequently Asked Questions - responses to questions already submitted from prospective parents.

The videos will go live on our website www.theparkschool.org.uk from 5pm on Thursday 15th October. You may want to see this evening as a virtual Open Event and gather around an appropriate screen to view with your son/daughter/family.

If you have any question relating to our virtual Open Event or to ask a question please contact us via admin@theparkschool.org.uk

I hope you find the virtual Open Event informative and helpful in your decision making. Please do not forget that applications to secondary schools must be made via the DCC admissions pages or search 'DCC apply for a secondary place'. Applications must be submitted before 31st October 2020 and DCC will inform parents regarding which school place has been offered on Monday 1st March 2021.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher

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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.