

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

What a week we have had!

Our new lunch menu has gone down a real treat, particularly the chicken pie and the brunch. Perhaps your child would like to try it next week!

It was great for Debbie, our Mental Health Support Worker, and Miss Porter to meet some parents at the first workshop this week. Thank you to those who joined us, we hope you found it informative. Future dates will be advertised on the newsletter if you would like to join us.

Our Year 6 have been enjoying their swimming lesson, it's great to see how enthusiastic the children are. Years 5 and 6 also enjoyed watching the Adams Family 2 at the cinema today as part of the Into Film Festival. Thank you to Mr Boulton for sourcing the tickets. Years 3 and 4 are looking forward to their visit next week.

Due to some of our Year 3 and 4 classes attending a trip on National No Pens Day next week we celebrated it early. On Wednesday, we were encouraging the children to put down their pens and use speaking and understanding skills instead. Teachers adapted their usual lessons by using debating, physical maths, art and miming character descriptions instead of writing things down.

We had a wonderful response for places at the Cinderella Panto this year. We were unfortunately, unable to obtain any extra tickets as the Queen's Theatre have sold out of seats this year, which is great news for them.

The School Councillors are doing a fantastic job in keeping Miss Knight busy with all their suggestions. We should have more details shortly about the forthcoming school disco.

Our children's WOW Board is filling up with wonderful achievements which already includes art, gymnastics, and surfing. Don't forget to send in photos and an explanation of things your children have been achieving outside school for them to celebrate with us.

Finally, with Christmas just around the corner we will be running a Virtual Christmas Fayre again this year, dates and information will be sent home soon.

Have a restful weekend, stay warm and dry.

Fiona Pearce
Headteacher



COVID UPDATE

As you are all aware cases of Covid-19 are on the rise locally. Orchard Vale have been very fortunate so far during the pandemic but we are now seeing a few cases. Please rest assured that we are continuing with good hygiene measures for everyone, maintaining appropriate cleaning regimes, keeping occupied spaces well ventilated and making use of appropriate PPE.

In line with Public Health England (PHE) instructions we are not required to operate a track and trace system within the school. We are aware other schools in North Devon have received instructions from PHE and are being guided through the correct procedure to communicate cases with parents. At the moment Orchard Vale is not at this stage but we are vigilant and will pass on information should PHE advise us to do so.

Symptoms of Covid-19

A high temperature

A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours.

A loss or change in sense of smell or taste – they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

What should you do if your child exhibits **ANY** symptom?

If they show **any** of the main symptoms of Covid-19, even if they are mild:-

Get a PCR test (test that is sent to a lab and not a Lateral Flow Test) to check if they have Covid-19, as soon as possible.

Your child should stay at home and not have visitors (self-isolate) until you get the test result – they can only leave home to have the test.

Please call the school office by 9.30am advising the reason your child is away from school and let us know once you have received the results.

Visit to Queen's Theatre



This term Years 5 and 6 have enjoyed studying many of Shakespeare's plays, including The Tempest. In order to give the children an insight into the structure of a theatre prior to writing their own Shakespearean play scripts, we visited the Queen's Theatre and were kindly given a guided tour backstage, on stage and in the auditorium.



The children had many thoughtful questions and came back with some wonderful ideas.

Mrs Grimwood's class



We made leaf pictures in Forest School.

Tahlia and Lola made a face.

Henry made a tree.



Stoneage Roundhouses in Years 3/4



In Years 3 and 4 we have had fun in design and technology.

Theo C - 'we have been making stone age shelters for the last 2 weeks. We have used most of the schools' resources such as: corrugated card, bubble wrap, dowel and our own creativeness. We had to make sure it was strong, well-insulated and waterproof. I think the best bit was using and figuring out how we were going to make our structures.'

DONATIONS WANTED

We are beginning to think about Christmas and would be grateful for any donations of:

Jam jars (empty and clean)

Hamper items:

Smellies for both adults and children

New toys

Bath Bubbles

New hair accessories

Biscuits

Non-Alcoholic Wine or Beer

Savoury biscuits

Christmas food in tins

Games again adults and children.

Candles

Perfume

Jewellery

Chocolates

Tin Meat

Cordial Juice

Soap

Talcum Powder

Craft kits

Christmas Pudding

Cheese with a long lasting date

Sweets



Foundation Stage and Key Stage One



Mrs Youll's nomination

Hendrix for playing nicely with your friends and doing some super joining in with music and carpet time.

Miss Cawthorne's and Miss Boundy's nominations

Leelan for working hard and being helpful.

Lucas for fantastic listening and working hard.



Mr Quilter's nomination

Isla is a kind, sweet and considerate young lady who I love working with! Isla is now beginning to believe in herself where her 'writing confidence' is through the roof. She now completes all tasks with greater independence and I am very proud of her efforts.

Thank you Isla for being such an amazing and helpful member of my class. You make me smile every day; keep it up!! Mr Quilter

Mrs Oldfield's nomination

Myla-Mae continues to shine and impress not only me but also all the other adults she works with. She always gives 100% in all she is asked to do and never fails to impress us with her excellence.

Myla-Mae has shown incredible bravery this week, talking through worries and taking each day one step at a time. We are all so very proud of you Myla-Mae.
Keep shining super star. Mrs O x



Mrs Grimwood's nomination

Lilah is my star of the week. She is a ray of sunshine in our class. She bounces in to school every day, raring to go. Lilah is helpful and always ready to learn. She puts 100% into all her learning and keeps on trying even if things go wrong. She is also very creative and loves to make and paint. Keep doing what you're doing, Lilah. You are fabulous.

Star of the Week

Key Stage Two



Miss Gulliford nomination

Archie has made a huge improvement in his confidence, attitude and approach to learning. He has developed his understanding of the importance of learning and knows how to push himself. He has shown enthusiasm with his learning and is using his knowledge within his writing. He has shown a great amount of perseverance and his work ethic has sky rocketed! We are super proud of how you have become a tremendously focused year 3 learner.

Mrs Johnson's nomination

Travis is someone who could be on the Happy Bench every week - he is such a fun, kind, considerate member of the class. He makes us laugh, he is an excellent friend, and he always works hard and tries his best no matter what the task. This week in particular, Travis has impressed me with his DT skills. Not only did he choose a more challenging shape for his Stone Age dwelling, but he was also able to construct the frame with his partner, strengthening it so that it was sturdy. He faced any challenges positively, quietly working to solve the problems. I can't wait to see the finished product, Travis! Well done!



Mr Whapham's nomination

Alexa is my star of the week for her positive attitude towards work and towards helping others. These skills particularly shone during our Stone Age House DT project this week. Not only did Alexa listen to instructions carefully and work hard to complete her Stone Age house, but she then used her understanding to support those around the room. It was lovely to see this level of maturity and confidence from Alexa when supporting her class mates. Well done ☺

Mrs Rana and Ms Richardson's nomination

Since arriving at Orchard Vale, Jared has impressed us with his enthusiasm for learning and his willingness to be involved in school life. He contributes positively to all our discussions and always has something interesting to say. He gives 100% effort and commitment to his work and regularly helps others with their learning. Jared has been a fantastic addition to Year 5!



Mr Boul't's nomination

Our star of the week in my class this week is Freddie!!! I am always blown away by Freddie's great attitude towards his learning and his real resilience and perseverance! Freddie has always done his best in school, and now his work at home is really showing through too! He's brought in some incredible art pieces over the last few weeks, which have all been put up on our homework shelf. He has always been working so hard on his spellings, so much so that he is now getting 100%!! An amazing achievement Freddie, well done!!

Miss Squire's nomination

My star this week is Leo. Since starting year 5, he has had many new routines and people to get used to, but he hasn't let this affect his positive attitude and cheeky smile! Leo listens carefully, focuses on his learning and has shown some great learning as a result. Well done, Leo, we are really proud of you!



School Diary Dates

Tue, 23rd Nov	Year 3 and 4—Stoneage Roundhouse Experience
Tue, 23rd Nov	Year 6—Rising Stars—Gymnastics Day
Wed, 24th Nov	Year 3 and 4—Stoneage Roundhouse Experience
Thurs, 25th Nov	Year 6 Swimming Lessons
Fri, 26th Nov	Year 3 and 4—Into Film Festival
Wed, 1st Dec	Tuck Shop - 9.30am to 10.30am
Thurs, 2nd Dec	Year 6 Swimming Lessons
Fri, 3rd Dec	Rec—Y 6—Virgin Health Care - Flu Vaccinations
Fri, 3rd Dec	Choir Carol Singing at Residential Homes
Tue, 7th Dec	Whole School Christmas Dinner
Thur, 9th Dec	Year 6 Swimming Lessons
Fri, 10th Dec	Xmas Jumper Day - donations in aid of Edukid
Mon, 13th Dec	Key Stage One—Christmas celebration outside (details to come)
Tue, 14th Dec	Foundation—Christmas celebration outside (details to come)
Wed, 15th Dec	Cinderella Panto at Queen's Theatre
Thur, 16th Dec	Discos—Foundation/KS1 during the day 6.30pm to 7.30pm —KS2
Mon, 20th Dec to Mon, 3rd Jan	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Tues, 4th Jan	First Day of Spring Term.

Week 1 22nd November

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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/guardians,

Virgin Care—Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination

Your child is in **Year R to Year 6** from September 2021 and is therefore eligible for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination. The immunisation team will be visiting Orchard Vale on:

Friday, 3rd December 2021.

Flu vaccination is one of the most effective interventions we have 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 protect them and prevent the spread of infection to those most at risk in society.

Considering the above, we are expecting demand to be high and therefore we urge you to follow the below link to consent to your child's vaccination asap. Even if you do not want your child to receive this vaccination, please complete the consent form stating "decline". On this link you will also find answers to your FAQ's and links to the current Public Health England and manufacturers leaflets. We recommend you discuss this vaccination with your child prior to the date of vaccination.

Prior to completion of the consent, we would like each individual child's unique NHS number – this can be found in their red book, or via this link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/search/results?q=find%20your%20nhs%20number>

Please note, this field is not mandatory so if you are experiencing problems finding/accessing your child's NHS number then you can leave this blank.

To complete the consent/decline please click on the link below:

[CLICK HERE TO CONSENT OR DECLINE](#)

We will be **operating a strict policy of closing the consent links and your school's link will close at midnight on the 24th November 2021**. If you miss this deadline, your child(ren) will not be vaccinated at school and you will be offered the opportunity to book them into a community catch up clinic. This also applies if your child is absent or refuses the vaccination at school.

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 (lines are open 9.00 to 11:00 am and then 14:00 until 16.30)
Email: vcl.immunisations@nhs.net

Many thanks for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

Virgin Care Immunisation Team

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Virgin Care Services Limited**

**Telephone: 0300 247 0082
e: VCL.immunisations@nhs.net
w: www.virgincare.co.uk**

Registered Office: Virgincare Service Ltd, 6600 Daresbury Business Park, Cheshire, WA4 4GE
Registered in England & Wales: Number 07557877

5 reasons to get your child vaccinated

1. Protect your child

The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia

2. Protect you, your family and friends

Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family

3. No injection needed

The nasal spray is painless and easy to have

4. It's better than having flu

The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record

5. Avoid costs

If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare



Christmas Dinner 2021

Tuesday 7th December

Main

Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Pigs in Blankets, Mixed Vegetables, Roast or Creamed Potatoes with Gravy **or** Vegetarian Roast

Dessert

Shortbread, Ice Cream or Christmas Pudding with Ice Cream

All Christmas Dinners have to be pre-ordered

If you would like your child to have Christmas Dinner please complete the tear off slip and return it to the your **class teacher** no later than **Wednesday 24th November**.

(this is so enough food can be ordered)

****Please note, we are unable to provide jacket potatoes on this day****

I would like my child.....Class.....

To have a Christmas Dinner on **Tuesday 7th December**

Please delete the following as appropriate

My Child is entitled to Free School Meals

My Child is in Reception or KS1 and is entitled to the Government Free School Meals

I pay for my child's meals @ £2.30 each and I have paid on ParentPay.

Signed _____ Parent/Carer

ALL CHILDREN WHO WANT CHRISTMAS DINNER MUST RETURN A SLIP



Has your child done or achieved something outside school that they and you are proud of?

We would love to hear about it.

Please email your picture and a brief explanation to orchardvale@ventrus.org.uk

FOR THE ATTENTION OF MRS MANLEY.

Amity was the flag bearer for 1st Barnstaple Brownies at Remembrance Sunday Parade in Rock Park.

What an honour!



This Christmas we would like to support our local charity

Over and Above

They are looking for resources for the Dementia patients.
We have a large purple box next to the door at School Office.

Suggested items they are looking for are:

Playing cards – both normal size and large print ones.

Dominoes

Pens

Colouring pencils

Colouring book

Picture books, various ones, gardening, farming etc.

Cuddly toys – NEW only please.

Fidget spinners

Squashy stress balls

Connect 4

Draughts and similar board games

Thank you in advance for your donations.

Registered Charity No. 1051463

Wanted

Your School Kitchen Needs You

Do you have free time whilst your children are at school?

Would you like to gain confidence in the workplace?

Would you like the possibility of a new career plus a transferrable qualification?

Would like to work as part of a team?

If you answered yes to the above...

Then your school kitchen needs YOU!

If you would like to be considered for a casual role in catering and are flexible with your availability, to cover when catering staff are absent, then please contact:

Christine Guard—Mobile Number 0789 1505816

Or for more information please email
hr@ventrus.org.uk

Hourly rate: £9.25

Please note that this position is neither a permanent nor temporary position, and there is no guarantee of the offer of any minimum number of hours of work.

Assignments may be offered at the sole and absolute discretion of the Trust when available, and there is no obligation on any worker to accept a minimum number of assignments, if offered.

Was your child born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018?

How to Apply for a Primary School Place in Devon

You can apply online at
www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline
from 15th November 2021 to 15th January 2022

If you cannot access the school
admissions website you can get
more information by calling our
Education Helpline on

0345 155 1019
or email: admissions@devon.gov.uk



Even if you have already given
details to a primary school, you
must apply for a place through the
Admissions Team. This is the only
way to apply; other forms or lists
held by schools will not count.

Education & Learning
Room L60, County Hall
Topsham Road
Exeter
EX2 4QD

Tel: 0345 155 1019
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Dear Pre-School / Early Years Provider / Childminder,

Re:- Admission to Primary School 2022 for children born between 01/09/2017 and 31/08/2018

You will be aware that children born between the dates above are entitled to start full time Primary Education in September 2022

The application facility opens on 15th November 2021 and closes at midnight on 15th January 2022. It is important that parents apply before the closing date, even if they are intending to defer their child's admission until later in the academic year, they must secure a place before that decision need be made.

In the past we have included posters/flyers for you to display in your settings, however, due to the current situation we are no longer producing physical copies of posters, as we are shifting to promote our services online.

The Step by Step Guide is now available for download from the School Admission webpages, <http://devon.co/prospectus>

We know that most families will apply using the online facility at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline. They should receive a letter from the Admissions Team shortly, providing a Unique Identifying Number which will facilitate that application. It is not essential to have this number to apply and any parent who does not receive a letter may proceed through the screens by first selecting 'NO UID'. We are anxious that no application is delayed beyond the closing date as Schools have limits placed upon them and we must offer places up to the determined number in the first round – no places can be held in reserve for late applicants. Each year there are parents who are disappointed that places at local schools are not available because they did not apply on time.

I know you will do your best to support your children's progression to statutory education and to this end would ask that you promote the application facility. The Education Helpline Advisers are on hand to manage queries and will help parents navigate the system if necessary, telephone 0345 155 1019.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support in this matter and ask that you continue to raise awareness by looking out for our posts on our social media channels and resharing the content and posters electronically. You can find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/DCCSchoolAdmissions> and twitter www.twitter.com/DevonAdmissions

Please contact us if you have any queries yourself regarding the application facility.

Yours sincerely

Neil Keen
Admissions Manager

QUEEN'S THEATRE

BARNSTAPLE

Christmas Card Competition

WIN A FAMILY TICKET TO PANTO!

This year we would like to ask our younger audience members to design our Christmas Cards!
Keeping with the Cinderella theme we would like you to design your very own

MAGICAL TRANSPORT

Dont forget to put your NAME & AGE on the back!

(Adults - we will need a phone number too please so we can let the winners know!)

★ 4 Lucky Winners will be chosen ★

ALL designs will be on display in the theatre!

Pop in or Send your special pictures to The Queen's Theatre, Boutport Street, Barnstaple, North Devon

Closing Date
30th November 2021

Designs to be no bigger than
A4 and can be portrait or
landscape!



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