

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

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Years 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics Festival

Well done to the 12 children who represented OV in the Sports Hall Athletics Festival at Park Community School. Our team competed against 7 other schools and finished in 2nd, place only missing out on top spot by 6 points.

The children took part in long jump; 1 lap sprint; 2 lap sprint; chest throw; speed jumps and a team relay.

An excellent performance by all. Behaviour and sportsmanship were exceptional.



Choir at the Barnstaple Town Council's Christmas Fayre

Our choir were honoured to be asked to perform at the Barnstaple Town Council's Christmas fayre and carol service on Thursday. 'We had a lovely time last night opening the Mayor's carol concert with three of our favourite songs and singing the rest of the carols with the two adult choirs. There was a big audience watching and we met these two very tall people.'



Antarctic Week

On Wednesday, a group of STEM enthusiasts from years 4-6 were chosen to take part in a live web chat with a polar scientist. The scientist's name was Julien Bodart, who is currently studying the Thwaites Glacier in Antarctica, investigating how the glacier is retreating and how this connects to rising sea levels. Julien was very impressed with the questions the children had prepared; he could see they had researched them thoroughly. It was such a fantastic opportunity for the children to be inspired by someone working within STEM subjects.

Any one of them may be a scientist of the future!

You can find out more about Julien on

<https://thwaitesglacier.org/people/julien-bodart>



Christmas Dinner and Christmas jumper day—Wednesday, 11th December

All meals MUST to be pre-booked

Price is £2.30

If you would like your child to have a Christmas dinner on Wednesday, 11th December please ensure you have ordered this from the school office in advance.

Foundation/KS1 children MUST pre-book this meal even though you receive the Government Free School Meals. (please see the poster at the end of this newsletter).

Menu

Roast turkey, stuffing, pigs in blankets,
mixed vegetables, roast/creamed potatoes with gravy
or vegetarian roast

Ice cream or Christmas pudding with ice cream.



Design a coat for the OV sheep

We have already received some wonderful designs for the OV sheep and some great suggestions for it's name.

South Molton Community College and The Big Sheep have provided us with a life sized resin sheep which is grazing on the Key Stage 2 corridor at the moment. The children have been invited to create a design to cover it. The winning design(s) will be recreated by us onto our sheep.

The long term aim is for the sheep to become a traveling exhibition raising awareness of mental health issues for the young. If your child would like to submit a design a copy of the entry form is at the bottom of this newsletter.



After School Sports Clubs

Key Stage One after school Ball Club with Mr Quilter on Thursday has now finished this term.

Running Club—Monday, 9th December will be the last running club of the term.

Other after school sports club with Mr Ovey will continue into the last week of term.

IMPORTANT—To ensure the safety of the children, if your child no longer wishes to attend an after school sports club Mr Ovey requires a letter from parents to this effect so that class teachers can be made aware that a child should remain in school at the end of the day or are allowed to leave to walk home/be collected.



Spring Term after school clubs—Letters will be sent out in the Spring term for children to sign up to new clubs.

Christmas Performances 2019



We are in full swing with our performance rehearsals.

If you are attending a day time performance could you please wait in the courtyard near the Main Office ready to be let into the school hall at 9.15am to be seated.

Don't forget to let your class teacher know if you intend to come so that we can ensure we have enough seating for everyone. Initially allocation will be 2 seats per family to allow every child to have a family member present.

For Safeguarding reasons, If you are planning on taking photos or videos, we have children at Orchard Vale whose photos should not appear in the public domain. On entry to the hall you will be asked to sign to say you will not put photos of any child, other than your own, onto social media.

Reception—Thursday, 12th December—9.30am to 10.30am

Please could the children bring in their party outfits by Monday 9th December in a bag labelled with their name.

Key Stage One—Friday, 13th December— 9.30am to 10.30am

Please could the children bring in their festive jumper next week ready for our performance on Friday. Don't forget it is Christmas jumper day on Wednesday.

Nursery—Monday, 16th December—9.30am to 10.30am (If your child does not attend Nursery on Monday mornings, but you would like them to take part in the performance, please could we ask you to bring your child to Nursery for 9am and stay with them until just before the performance in order for us to adhere to our adult:child ratios.

Key Stage Two—Wednesday, 18th December—3.30pm to 4.30pm—in the Forest School area.

Parents and children are invited back to school and the Forest School area to join us in singing carols. It would be lovely if the children could wear their Christmas jumpers. Children will be the responsibility of their parents at this event.

General Election Day—Thursday, 12th December

Orchard Vale's Community Room will be used as a polling station for the General Election next Thursday.

Please could all parents be aware that there may be a higher than normal demand for parking spaces throughout the day from 7am until 10pm.

Your co-operation, consideration and understanding would be greatly appreciated.

Wanted

Miss Gulliford and Mr Whapham would be very grateful for any empty, clean, glass jam jars.



Drinks Bottles

It is a proven fact that having access to a drink of water throughout the day enhances children's concentration at school.

Children are able to bring a drink in a labelled, plastic drinks bottle which is usually kept next to the class sink/or on the class trolley.

To avoid the spread of germs we do not recommend the use of cups in the classroom or for children to share drinks so please do send your child into school with their own drinks bottle.



Nursery this week:

This week we have been learning about the Nativity story. We had 'Nativity' themed colouring and puzzles and have been practising our cutting skills to make angels. We learnt about Advent and have been taking it in turns to open a window on our calendar each day. As part of our festive celebrations, all the children will make a Christingle to bring home. In maths, we have been looking at patterns and making paper chains using two then three colours. We have also been busy of course practising our play and singing lots of Christmas songs.

Dress rehearsal 9th December. Nursery performance 16th December 9.30am

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Youll

Reception Class'/Miss Cawthorne's Year 1's week:

We have had a fantastic week learning about 'We're are Going on a Bear Hunt'. The children have learnt the story and acted it out with their friends. We all enjoyed collaging bears and building our own bear caves.

This week Miss Boundy's class have been revising all sounds learnt so far.

Miss Cawthorne's class have begun to look at the sounds **oa o**. Please continue to read and look at your word charts at home. Let your class teacher know when your child has learnt their words.

We are continuing our reading challenge next week and will total up the number of times your child has read next Friday. There will be a prize for the child who has read the most.

Year 1- This week the children have been writing about a Christmas scene and have completed some amazing sentences independently. In maths, we have continued to look at estimation. Please continue with the reading challenge next week.

Christmas Performance- Please bring in all children's' party outfits by Monday 9th December in a bag labelled with their name.

Next week we will continue studying 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and will be start our Christmas stories.

Have a great weekend.

Miss Cawthorne

Miss Boundy

Key Stage One's week:

In English, Mr Quilter's class have finished writing our instructions using time connectives. Mrs Grimwood/ Mrs Huggins' class enjoyed their shared story of 'How to wash a cheeky chimp' and have started writing their own versions with loads of imaginative ideas.

In maths, Year 2's have continued to grapple with subtraction and practised adding 3 small numbers together, looking for pairs of numbers that were easy to add. Year 1's have begun exploring 100 squares and looked for patterns.

We have been learning about what Christmas means to Christians and are busy making Christmas crafts for the children to bring home.

We loved making the props for our performance. The children have been fantastic learning their songs in preparation for our Christmas celebration next Friday (see details above).

Have a super weekend.

Mr Quilter

Mrs Grimwood

Mrs Huggins

Mrs Oldfield

Years 3 and 4's week:

This week we have been working hard on our own play scripts. We are beginning to plan and write our own versions of traditional tales. We must say that there are some wonderful performers in each class and the charismatic performances have been brilliant to watch!

We are starting to explore light within science - finding out which sources of light are natural, artificial and if they are primary or secondary sources - eg those that reflect.

Next week we are looking forward to Christmas dinner day and watching the lower key stages performances.

Homework— Don't forget to continue completing Times Table Rock Stars online, learn your spellings ready for the test next week, read a book and complete a book review.

Years 5 and 6 week:

In English, we have been starting to write our newspaper reports for King Duncan's death in Macbeth.

We have put information about homework etc on Seesaw. Don't forget to practise your times tables/spelling for testing next week. They can practise maths on the website www.mathstest.org and spellings/homework on Seesaw <https://app.seesaw.me/>.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Lavictoire

Miss Squire

Mr Lewis

Friends of Orchard Vale News



The Friends of Orchard Vale (FoOV) have some fun events this year to raise funds to help subsidise trips and events across the school as well as equipment for classes and bigger projects.

Wed, 18th Dec—We will be providing refreshment for the Key Stage Two carols in the Forest School—3.30pm to 4.30pm.

We would like to thank all our families and friends for their tremendous support this term with our fundraising activities. We are always on the look out for new members. If you are interested please speak to Claire Knight or another member of the Friends of Orchard Vale.

Dates and Events

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

Mon, 9th Dec—10.30am—Nursery rehearsal for Christmas celebration

Mon, 9th Dec—1pm to 2pm—Nursery January Starter Taster session

Wed, 11th Dec—School Council Xmas Jumper day (children can wear their jumpers over their uniform)

Wed, 11th Dec—Whole school Xmas dinner

Wed, 11th Dec— 9.30am—Reception dress rehearsal for Christmas celebration

Thurs, 12th Dec—9.30am to 10.30am—Reception Christmas celebration (school hall)

Thurs, 12th Dec— 9.30am to 2pm—Choir Community Carol Singing Day

Fri, 13th Dec—9.30am—Key Stage One—Christmas celebration (school hall)

Fri, 13th Dec—Stagecoach—Santa bus visit

Fri, 13th Dec— 6.45pm to 7.30pm—Choir Christmas carol concert—Christ Church, Bear Street.

Mon, 16th Dec—Stagecoach—Santa bus visit

Mon, 16th Dec—9.30am to 10.30am—Nursery Christmas celebration (school hall)

Mon, 16th Dec—1pm to 2pm—Nursery January Starter Taster session

Tue, 17th Dec— 9.45am to 1.15pm—Panto—Snow White—Queen's Theatre, Barnstaple—10am to 1.30pm

Wed, 18th Dec—3.30pm to 4.30pm—Key Stage Two—

Carols in the Forest School 3.30pm to 4.30pm. Children and their families can join us in the Forest School area for festive carols. (Children will be the responsibility of their parents)

Fri, 20th Dec—Last day of term.

Lunch menu week commencing 9th December 2019

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

School dinners are now £2.30.

Menu available: 28th Oct, 18th Nov, 9th Dec, 13th Jan, 3rd Feb, 2nd Mar, 23rd Mar	Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Mains	Hot dogs	Lasagne	Roast chicken, stuffing and gravy	Steak pie	Fish fingers
	Vegetarian	Roasted vegetable bolognaise	Veggie sausages with gravy	Vegetable roast	Quorn chilli cups with rice	Quorn nuggets
	Served with	Pasta or Potato wedges/peas	Focaccia bread and sweetcorn	Roast/mash and chefs veg	Potato cubes and peas	Tomato ketchup, fries and veggie sticks
	Dessert	Jelly and custard	Lemon Drizzle	Fresh fruit	Toffee banana cake	Chocolate cookie



The Big OV Christmas Giveaway!

This Christmas, we are going to give away presents to 12 deserving children of OV.

As Christmas is a time of giving, thinking of others and spending time with those who are important to you, we would like you to think about who at school deserves a present from us this year.



This is a free competition!

How to enter:

- Get your nomination slips from your class teacher.
- Fill in your nominations (include the persons first/last names and class).
- You must have a valid reason for nominating someone. (Reasons can include; being a good friend, being kind or thoughtful, helping others, working hard in class etc.)
 - Write the reason on the slip.
- Once completed, post the nomination into our Christmas box by the School Council Board.

Rules of entry:

1. Children cannot nominate teachers.
2. Teachers can nominate children.
3. You can only nominate others, you cannot nominate yourself.
4. You can nominate as many people as you like as long as you have a good reason for nominating them.

Nominations MUST be in by Wednesday, 11th December

Winners will be drawn on Friday, 13th December

Christmas Dinner 2019

Wednesday 11 December

Main

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

Dessert

Ice Cream or Christmas Pudding with Ice Cream

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 school office with payment (if required) no later than **Wednesday 20th November** (this is so enough food can be ordered)

Don't forget to make a note of this date on your calendar at home!

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

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

To have a Christmas Dinner on **Wednesday 11th 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 (cash only in the school office)

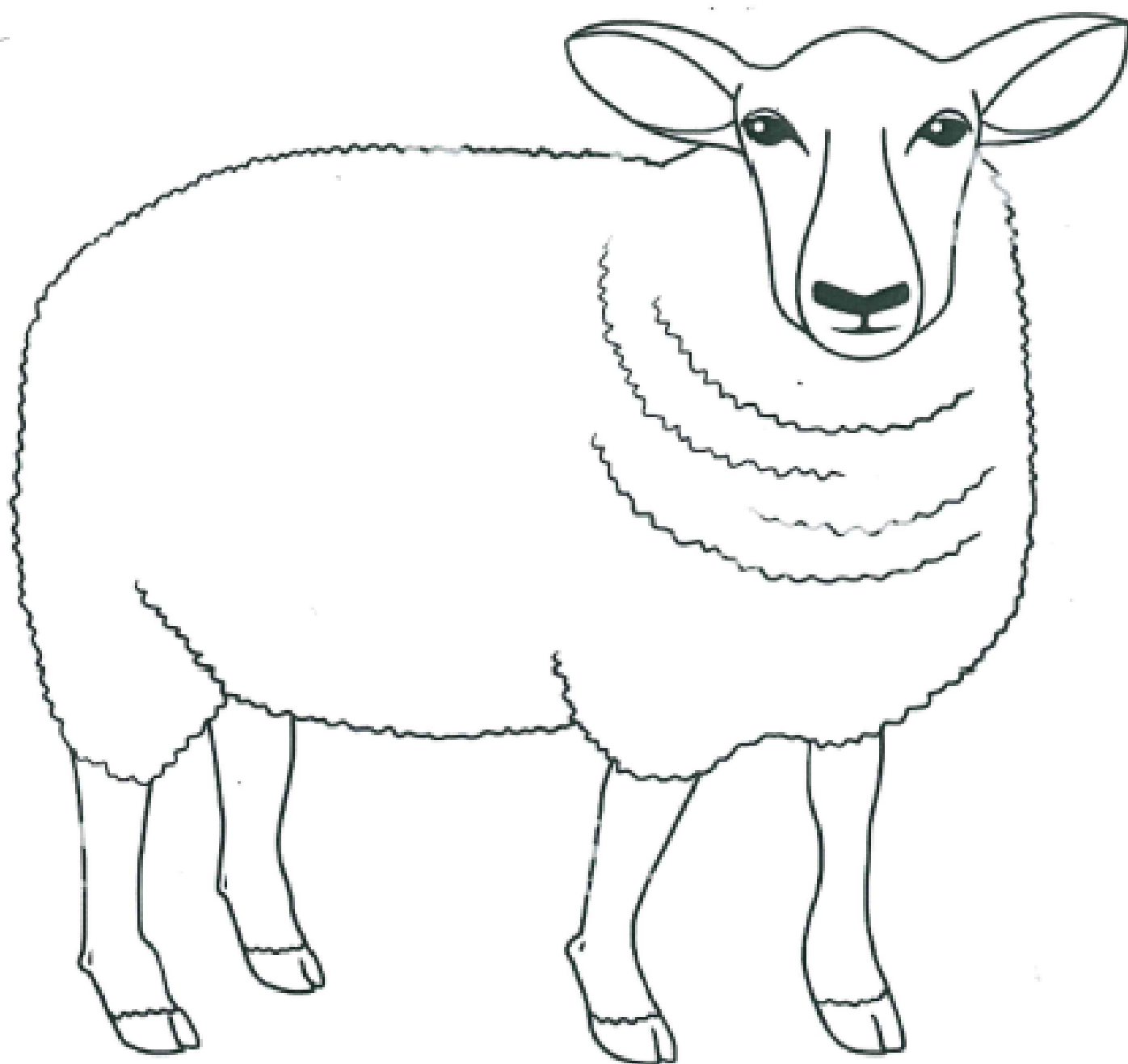
I have paid on ParentPay. Date.....

Signed _____ Parent/Carer

ALL CHILDREN WHO WANT CHRISTMAS DINNER MUST RETURN A SLIP

Mental Health Awareness - Design a sheep!

Name: _____



Return your design, along with 50p to your class teacher by Friday 13th December
The best designs will be recreated within school. This will be painted directly onto
our real life resin sheep.

These will then be displayed around North Devon and the Big Sheep to raise
awareness of young mental health issues.



What's on January at Barnstaple Library 01271 318780

**Wednesday 15 January then every Weds
14.00-15.00**

**Wednesday
Wanderers group**



Are you aged 55 and over? Want to enjoy the outdoors more? Want to be a bit more active? Join us for a friendly walk exploring the walking routes around Barnstaple and over the 12 weeks maybe make some new friends too. Funded by Connecting Actively to Nature-Active Devon. Suggested donation of £2 per session to help cover costs. Book your place barnstaple.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk or on 01271 318780 or in person at the library.

**Tuesday 21 January
10.30-17.30**

Bowen Technique Taster Sessions

Book a 1-2-1 taster with local qualified Bowen Technique practitioner Rosie Roome. This gentle and subtle treatment method can provide relief from pain and relieve the symptoms of a wide variety of conditions. Try it for yourself & use the £10 price as money off your next session. Book and pay at the library. A variety of appointment times available throughout the day.



**Thursday 23 January 10.00-15.00
Book Lovers at Barnstaple Library**

Book yourself a bookish treat! An hour long reading lovers appointment with one of our Barnstaple Library team. Over a drink and some cake enjoy informally discussing your reading loves and come away with a tailored list of recommendations. The £20 price includes a book bag, refreshments and goodies. Book your appointment via eventbrite on <https://booklovers-barnstaplelibrary.eventbrite.co.uk> or if you would like assistance to book please ask a member of staff.



Libraries helping to build happy, healthy communities

Friday 24 January 14.00-16.00

Stroll Down Memory Lane

Enjoy a stroll down memory lane at this friendly session to explore the library's reminiscence collection which includes a wide variety of items to stimulate memory and the senses. Refreshments provided for a donation. Free session. Everyone welcome.



Devon Libraries is part of



Libraries Unlimited is a registered charity. Every penny raised goes directly towards library services that help make a difference to people's lives and communities. Registered charity number: 1170092

**Tuesday 28 January
14.00-15.00**

Mindfulness Meditation Session

Join Sue Keane from The Boost to learn more about Mindfulness Meditation & give it a try. Bring focus & clarity to your life and improve your sense of well-being. Tickets £2. Places limited, please book your place at the library.



Thursday 30 January 14.00-16.00

Pamper session with Clarins

Have we got a treat for you! January pampering is back. The ladies from Clarins join us to provide interactive demos, beauty treatments and show makeup techniques and products during this lovely relaxed pampering session. Tickets £5 include interactive demos and treatments, refreshments and goodie bag to take away. Book your place at the library.



Friday 31 January 15.30-17.30

Let's talk about Apps!

An introductory session with Q&A to find out about apps. Learn how to find, use and install apps. What are they and what are the benefits to you? Tickets £2-Book in the library.

FabLab events

FABLAB
Devon

Find out more & book at fablabdevon.org

Monday 13 January 2-3 Explore with Go pros
Ever wanted to try out a Go Pro camera? We will be taking our Go Pros and exploring outside Barnstaple Library on Castle Green and capturing some nature shots. Suitable for all ages. Free.

Tuesday 14 January 12-1 Green screen envy
Ever wanted to visit the Leaning Tower of Pisa or swim with the dolphins? Take some photos and edit using our green screen to show many different exciting and fun scenes. Suitable for all ages. Free.

Thursday 16 January 4-6 Laser cut colour changing USB Lamp

Design and make your own mood lamp to help you relax at home. Create a design which will be laser cut and engraved onto amber Perspex then assembled with wood base and top. Take away your own handmade USB Lamp with on and off switch. Suitable for ages 14+. £18.50 Spaces Limited to 6.

**Thursday 30 January 4-5.30
Interactive sound painting**

Make some interactive paintings with Makey Makeys. While you paint with red, listen to birds singing then switch to yellow which could be rain. Continue until you finish your creative art piece to take home. Suitable for adults. £5. Limited to 4 spaces.

The churches of Barnstaple invite you to join the

Nativity

Trail!



WHEN?

Saturday 14th
December,
11.00am—1.00pm

HOW MUCH?

Nothing!! Entry is
free and there will
be free
refreshments for all
participants.

WHAT?

Various characters
from the first
Christmas will be
dotted around the
High Street and
Green Lanes area!

HOW?

Simply collect a
passport from
any of the
characters to get
started.

WHO?

Children will be invited to
find them all and collect
stickers and a code word
from them. Get a prize at
the end in exchange for
the coded message.

Christmas Special

Here at Orchard Vale School

This Sunday December 8th
From 4.00pm - 5.30pm

- Singing
- Stories
- Refreshments.

This month we are hoping to show the animated film

"It's A Boy"

The event is organised and led by North Devon Christian Fellowship
The leaders are DBS checked and First Aid trained.

Children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

You are welcome to just turn up but it will help us with refreshments if you
message us on 07999 752 852 to let us know that you are coming.

See you there! Come and be a TRAILBLAZER!