

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

Friday, 4th December 2020

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you found the Parent Consultations of use this week and that our technology managed to stand up to this new format.



The school is well and truly in Christmas mode. The children have been busy making their Christmas craft for the Virtual Christmas Fayre.

The classrooms are ringing with voices and instruments practising for our Christmas performances which will be available for parents to buy in DVD format.

Parentpay is now open for you to make your contribution and to receive the Teams invite to access the Virtual Christmas Fayre activities/competitions and to pay for the DVD. If you would like to pledge for one of the lovely wooden reindeer don't forget to email the school with your bid. The Teams invitations will be sent out on Thurs, 10th December.



So that we can ensure we are adhering to the Covid regulations, class teachers have organised boxes for children to put Christmas cards and gifts they wish to give to their friends/teacher. Children can place their cards/presents in these boxes in their classes (**no later than 11th December**) to be quarantined until the last day of term when they will be handed out.

Stay warm and safe this weekend.

Fiona Pearce, Headteacher



COVID-19—What does Tier 2 mean to you?

- You must not socialise with anyone indoors who is not in your household or part of your support bubble, at home or in a public space.
- If you are outside, you can meet in groups of up to six people from different households.
- Everyone who can work from home should do so.
- You should reduce the number of journeys you make, avoiding busy times and routes on public transport, and car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble. Walk or cycle instead if possible.
- Pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants. Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals. Venues must stop taking orders at 10.00pm and must close by 11.00pm.
- Some businesses such as non-essential retail, leisure and sports venues can reopen providing they are COVID-secure.
- You must continue to follow Tier 2 restrictions if you travel to a Tier 1 area. Avoid travel to a Tier 3 area other than where necessary, for example for work, education, medical treatment or to carry out caring responsibilities.

[Full details of Tier 2 restrictions are available on the government's website.](#)

Free School Meals over the Christmas Holidays

DCC have put in place arrangements to provide supermarket vouchers for children who currently receive free school meals to help their families buy groceries over the Christmas holidays.

Don't miss out on this vital support, if you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals due to a change in family circumstances you can take complete a check through DCC by clicking on the following link **by Friday 18 December**. You will be given an instant decision. [Is my child entitled to Free School Meals?](#)

If you have registered your child for Free School Meals you will receive a letter/email next week with a unique code per child and details about how to access your vouchers/alternative food box. Each child will be entitled to £30 for the school holidays to be used at Sainsbury's, Tesco, Morrison's, Asda, M&S Food and Waitrose. You can save the vouchers to your phone or tablet to use online (depending on the supermarket) or show at the checkout in store. Alternatively, you can print the vouchers off to give to the cashier.

If you do not have access to the internet or a mobile device to receive and store the vouchers please contact the school office. DCC helpline 0345 155 1019. [More information about the scheme on the DCC Website.](#)

To take part in the Virtual Christmas Fayre

firstly make your payment on ParentPay
Payment window 1st to 10th December



Guess the
Elf's name.



Christmas Bake Off

Make your biscuits or cake
and send us a photo.
A winner will be chosen from
each year group.

£3 per child includes:

Your child's handmade Christmas Craft item;
Guess the name of the Elf;
How many sweets in the jar;
Dress your pet and the Bake Off.



How many sweets in the jar?
Guess correct and win a prize.



Dress your pet up
Send in your photo.
Most quirky wins a prize.

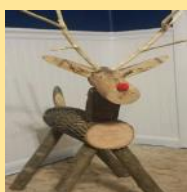
**£6 includes all of the above plus a one-off special
Christmas performance DVD
(this includes clips from each class)**

DVD only - £3 - if you would like to receive the DVD only, please make your payment
on Parentpay and write **"DVD ONLY"** in the note section of the payment item.

Link to activities and competitions

On Thursday, 10th December, if you have made a donation in Parentpay, we will send a link to you via your
child's school Teams account which you can use to access the Christmas Fayre activities and enter any
competitions.

If you have a child in Reception or Nursery we will email you a login for Teams at the same time so that you
can join in.



Pledge an amount for a Reindeer

If you would like to pledge an amount for one of the limited Reindeers please send your
bid to orchardvale@ventrus.org.uk by Thursday 10th December, midday.

The top 20 bids will be contacted on Thursday afternoon and you will then be able to pay
via Parent Pay for your Reindeer.

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Reindeer.

Top 20 bids win.



Here are some examples
of our Christmas crafts.



Menu—w/c 7th December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main – Focaccia bread pizza with crispy round potatoes and sweetcorn.	Main – Breaded fish with potato wedges and peas.	Main – Roast chicken, potatoes and fresh vegetables with gravy	Main – Hotdog with crispy round potatoes and sweetcorn	Main – Chicken breast nuggets, fries and vegetable sticks
Vegetarian Vegetable bolognaise with pasta and sweetcorn	Vegetarian Haloumi stuffed peppers with potato wedges and peas	Vegetarian Cauliflower and broccoli cheese bake potatoes and fresh vegetables	Vegetarian Roasted vegetable pasta bake, with crispy round potatoes and sweetcorn	Vegetarian Quorn nuggets, fries and vegetable sticks
Jacket potato Cheese / beans / tuna	Jacket potato Cheese / beans / tuna	Jacket potato Cheese / beans / tuna	Jacket potato Cheese / beans / tuna	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 Cheese and onion pasty, 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 Banana and raspberry cake	Dessert Cookie

CHRISTMAS DINNER— WEDNESDAY, 16TH DECEMBER

If you have not booked already please do so as soon as possible.

You can now book a Christmas Dinner for your child to eat with their classmates and staff in their bubbles on Wednesday, 16th December.



MENU

Turkey or vegetarian roast
Pigs in blankets
Stuffing balls
Roast potatoes
Peas and carrots
Gravy

Biscuits and ice cream



If your child would like to have a Christmas Dinner, with all the trimmings, please pre-book this by clicking on the link below **(ALL MEALS MUST BE PRE-BOOKED TO ENSURE WE ORDER ENOUGH SUPPLIES)**.

[BOOK YOUR CHILD\(REN\)'S CHRISTMAS DINNER BY CLICKING HERE](#)

(Please complete a separate form for each child).

Dinners must be pre-booked for all children whether or not you pay for your meals. This includes those who usually pay for their meals, those children in Reception and Key Stage One who receive Universal Free School Meals and those children entitled to Income Related Free School Meals.

WE ARE NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE JACKET POTATOES OR SCHOOL PACKED LUNCH ON THIS DAY.

Children can, of course, bring in their own packed lunches as usual.

If you pay for your child's meals, once you have completed the form, please would you make your payment using Parentpay of **£2.30** per meal, per child.



Foundation Stage and Key Stage One



Mrs Youll's – I have two stars of the week:

Reggie for super puzzle making and settling in well at nursery.

George for super sharing and trying hard

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

Benjamin for working hard and great listening

Dexter for being an amazing friend



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

Lola has been working so hard this week in her phonics and her maths and she is always such a great friend. Well done Lola.

Scarlett is showing a lot more confidence in talking to friends and adults. She has also been amazing in phonics this week. Well done Scarlett

Mr Quilter's nomination

Lola is always so helpful around class, she is always organising me and making sure I'm behaving. She is starting to make some real progress in her learning and I am very proud of her!

Great job Lola!



Mrs Oldfield's nomination

George has worked very, very hard since September but this week in particular we have seen a huge improvement in his work. George has produced a fantastic piece of writing this week with wonderful handwriting and really great descriptive language to describe the Mouse King from the Nutcracker.

Mrs Grimwood's/Mrs Huggins' nomination

Our Star of the week is Theo. Theo has had an amazing week and has worked super hard at everything. He produced some lovely writing this week, the best we have seen this term. He is very kind and a good friend to have. Well done Theo.



Star of the Week

Key Stage Two

Miss Gulliford's nomination

Mahi has really earned star of the week this week. He brings such joy and cheer to adults and children alike - never a day goes by when someone doesn't tell me how much Mahi makes them smile. He has been working hard on sharing his enthusiasm at the right time and has shone in his learning. Mahi never gives up with his work, he is determined to achieve his best and is never deterred by working hard. Keep being a wonderful learner Mahi



Mrs Johnson's nomination

Alexa is always in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing. She is a kind and caring girl and such a good role model for the other children. She is friendly to everyone and always happy to help. She gives 100% in every piece of her learning but is very modest and understated about her achievements. Keep doing what you do Alexa - you are a joy to teach and have in our class!



Mr Whapham's nomination

Zac is our star of the week! He is a hard working boy, who has really tried hard this week in his learning. He is helpful and kind to his peers and sets a good example for others in the playground. He makes sensible choices and is a great friend. Well done on a fab week.



Mrs Lavictoire's nomination

I have chosen someone that always shows great dedication and commitment to their learning. This person is someone who is always willing to help around the classroom and finds every opportunity to help his peers. He has also shown great progression in maths this week and continues to shine every day, therefore our 'Star of the Week' is Tyler. Well done Tyler, keep up the great work!"



Mrs Harding's nominations

Abi has been brilliant at helping with our Christmas music and poetry this week. She has also been working hard on her multiplication skills and using her keywords in her writing. Well done Abi; enjoy being star of the week! Mrs Harding, Miss Passmore and Mrs Knight



Mrs Rana's/Mr Boulton's nomination

Star of the week for year 5 is Coby. Coby has been working so hard on his learning, and I love to see his enthusiasm and confidence at sharing his answers, especially in maths. He's been really focused during the last few weeks, and it has really made his work shine! Well done Coby!



Miss Squire's nomination

Ewan for his continuing hard work in all areas of his learning. He is always positive, no matter what is asked of him and he is a fantastic member of our class. Well done Ewan, keep shining



Year 3 and 4—Proud Cloud (High Flyer Readers)



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 class 50 - Frankie Kaleb

Mrs Johnson's class 25 - Jack Thomas Nevaeh

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 achieved 25, 50...nights of reading at home:

Mrs Lavictoire's class Michael

Miss Squire's class 25 Khloe Max 50 Ewan 75 Amber and Will

Mrs Rana's/Mr Boul't's class 75 – Ava George James H Logan



Mr Ovey's PE Champions

Mr Ovey has been impressed with everyone positive attitude to PE this week. Well done to the PE Champions from Key Stages 1 and 2.

Year 1/2 Toby for always trying his best and being a great role model

Year 3/4 Oscar B for excellent vortex throwing and excellent behaviour at clubs

Year 5/6 Finn K for excellent control of his vortex throw

Mr Boul't and Mrs
Rana's class science



Well done Mila!



4 years ago Mila asked if she could give some toys to children who wouldn't get many presents for Christmas. She has continued to do this every year.

This year her mum feels she has gone above and beyond as she knows everybody is struggling. Her mum reached out on social media and came across a family who don't know how they are going to have a Christmas.

Mila donated 3 brand new toys, 1 for each of the family's boys, aged 7, 9 & 11. Their mum said this is likely to be the only presents her boys receive.

Mila's mum thinks she has now realised what a difference she made to these children and is looking forward to doing the same next year.

She believes it is so important to learn to give without receiving and she is so proud Mila has achieved this belief on her own.



Freedom Community Alliance—Christmas Treat Boxes

This year instead of Christmas food hampers we will be supporting the local charity for the homeless.

If you would like to support this project, please pop your donations into the box from the

1st December.

The **RED BOX** will be just outside the Management Suite in the courtyard.

Help Barnstaple Library create a new Reading Challenge and win a Samsung Galaxy Tablet

Book Track is the reading challenge for primary-aged children run by Libraries Unlimited through your local public library.

Complete our survey for your chance to
WIN A SAMSUNG GALAXY TABLET



Lots of children enjoy taking part, earning badges and stickers as a reward for reading lots of books and talking about them. Now Libraries Unlimited has received some funding, from Tesco Bags of Help, to create a brand-new reading challenge to replace Book Track.

This is where you can help. Before making any changes or creating something new, Libraries Unlimited would like to find out what you think. They are interested in the views of all parents and children that are interested in books and reading.

Please follow [this link](#) to a short survey that is designed for children aged 5+ and a parent/carer to complete together. It won't take long to complete, and you could win a fantastic prize.

The survey is open until Friday 11th December 2020 and all entries submitted before then will be entered into a prize draw to win a Samsung Galaxy Tablet! (T&Cs apply)

COVID19 School Absence

The national lockdown restrictions have helped bring coronavirus transmission back under control, slowed its spread and eased pressure on the NHS. 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.

Devon County Council have 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.



Covid Christmas Bubbles

Forming a Christmas bubble - You can find out more about [forming an exclusive Christmas bubble](#) with no more than three households on the government's website.

Between 23 and 27 December:

- you can form an exclusive 'Christmas bubble' composed of people from no more than three households.
- you can only be in one Christmas bubble.
- you cannot change your Christmas bubble.
- you can travel between tiers and UK nations for the purposes of meeting your Christmas bubble.
- you can only meet your Christmas bubble in private homes or in your garden, places of worship, or public outdoor spaces.
- you can continue to meet people who are not in your Christmas bubble outside your home according to [the rules in the tier where you are staying](#) you cannot meet someone in a private dwelling who is not part of your household or Christmas bubble.



If your income has changed and you are struggling to pay for basic household essentials, [the Government have made money available via local District Councils](#) to provide small emergency grants to people in financial hardship as a result of COVID-19.

The funds can be used for different things such as access to emergency short term support through shopping vouchers, utility top ups, paying for essential travel needs or essential advice and support services.

The Government have also published information on our website about [financial help in your local area](#), including links to national support and information on what to do if you were employed but have now lost your job.

There's [more information about what to do if you're employed and cannot work](#), on the government's website. If you're [self-employed and getting less work or no work because of coronavirus](#) (COVID-19), there is also support available, such as the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme.

The government is [extending the Job Retention Scheme \(furlough\) until March 2021](#). This means that workers in any part of the UK can retain their job, even if their employer cannot afford to pay them, and be paid at least 80 per cent of their salary up to £2,500 a month.

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11 to 13
December 2020

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Joy

*To the World
The LORD has come!*

Holy Trinity, Barnstaple - Christmas Services

Sunday 20th December - Children's and Youth Service 10:30am, Church
Sunday 20th December - Open Air Carol Service 4:30pm, Car Park
Christmas Day Online - link via our website

www.trinitybarnstaple.org.uk

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