

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

Friday, 24th September 2021

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

Another busy week at Orchard Vale. With the change in the weather we are noticing we have a lot more children absent from school with coughs and colds. Thank you all for helping us keep our children and staff safe and well by keeping your child at home if they are very unwell. Obviously, you must seek advice by calling 119 if your child exhibits any of the symptoms of Covid-19.

Throughout the year we encourage our children to get outside as much as possible during breaks and lunch times. This includes when it is wet. Don't forget to send your child into school with a coat and suitable footwear so that they can enjoy the outside areas in comfort.

We hope you are looking forward to Cycle to School Week next week (27th September to 1st October). We would like the children to travel to school by bike or scooter. **DON'T FORGET YOUR HELMET.** Children can park in the school courtyard at the appropriate bike/scooter racks. Please don't bring them into the playground. Throughout the week the children will be learning how to stay safe on the roads.

Coffee morning

It would be lovely to see some of you at our coffee morning in the Coffee Cabin on Tuesday, 28th September – 8.45am to 9.30am. Please do come along and meet Annabel Porter (SEND/CO), Sarah Felgate (Pastoral Support), Debbie Newman (Mental Health Practitioner) and Sue Manley (Project Co-ordinator).

Asda Green Token Giving online

We have until Thursday, 30th September for you to vote for Orchard Vale in the Asda Green Token initiative. See page 6 for more details.

You should all now have access to your child's Tapestry or Teams online learning platform. It would be wonderful if you could encourage your child to complete homework, spellings etc using these platforms. The children will also be using Teams in school so are very used to how it works. Our phonics groups are now up and running across the school and reading books have been sent home. Your child will benefit hugely if you are able to encourage them to read every day for 10 minutes.

Keep an eye on our diary as we start trying to book some fun events into our calendar with the relaxation of Covid rules.



Have a wonderful weekend.

Fiona Pearce
Headteacher

Annual parental consent/Updating medical, dietary and contact information.

Each year parents are required to log into the Arbor Parent Portal to provide fresh consents for photos, local walks, transport in minibus/coaches, watching DVDs and online educational material.

Parents are able to log into the Parent Portal to amend this and check basic contact details.

If you have not already done so please could we ask you to login using the link below

[Parent Portal link to provide consent](#)

[Update/advice Orchard Vale of a medical/dietary condition](#)

School Diary Dates

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| Mon, 27th to Fri, 1st Oct | Bike to school week (bike or scooter to school) |
| Thur, 30th Sept | Years 3 and 4—Cross Country Festival at Park School |
| Thurs 7th Oct | Years 5 and 6—Cross Country Festival at Park School |
| Fri, 1st Oct | Non Uniform Day—Wear Yellow for Mental Health Awareness |
| Wed, 13th Oct | Year 3 Multi Skills Festival at Park School |
| Tues, 14th Oct | Tempest Photography—individual photos |
| Fri, 22nd Oct | NON PUPIL DAY |
| Mon, 25th to Fri, 29th Oct | HALF TERM WEEK (back at school Mon, 1st Nov) |
| Thurs, 4th Nov | Year 6 Swimming Lessons |
| Fri, 5th Nov | Possible Bonfire Night celebration (more information to come) |
| Mon, 8th Nov | Years 5 and 6 Queen's Theatre Tour |
| Thurs, 11th Nov | Year 6 Swimming Lessons |
| Thurs, 11th Nov | Armistice Day—Minute silence in school |
| Thurs, 18th Nov | Year 6 Swimming Lessons |
| Thurs, 25th Nov | Year 6 Swimming Lessons |
| Thurs, 2nd Dec | Year 6 Swimming Lessons |
| Fri, 3rd Dec | Virgin Health Care—Flu Vaccinations (Reception to Year 6) |
| Fri, 3rd Dec | Choir Carol Singing at Residential Homes |
| Wed, 8th Dec | Whole School Christmas Dinner |
| Thur, 9th Dec | Year 6 Swimming Lessons |
| Wed, 15th Dec | Cinderella Panto at Queen's Theatre |
| Mon, 20th Dec to Mon, 3rd Jan | CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS |
| Tues, 4th Jan | First Day of Spring Term. |

After School Sports Clubs

Mr Ovey's after school sports clubs start next week.

If you have expressed an interest in a place for your child and have received an email from Mr Ovey confirming they have been successful in obtaining a place club start next week.

Monday—Years 3/4 football club

Tuesday—Years 5/6 football club

Wednesday—KS2 ball skills club

Thursday—KS2 netball club

Friday—KS2 basketball club

Please only attend if you have a confirmed space

Star of the Week

Foundation Stage and Key Stage Two



Mrs Youll's nomination

Phoebe for showing excellent attentiveness and enthusiasm in all her activities and always trying her best.

Miss Cawthorne's and Miss Boundy's nominations

Albie for working hard and showing some great listening.

Alice for settling in so well.



Miss Gulliford nomination

Lilly has settled into Year 3 with an amazing attitude for learning. This week she has demonstrated how to maintain a tidy classroom - cleaning up after her fellow classmates, and has shown a willingness to learn and help others. Lilly is a brilliant role model to her peers and follows the rules and expectations of Year 3. Well done for such a brilliant start to the year.

Mrs Johnson's nomination

I have chosen Hallie as my Star of the Week. She has returned to school with such a positive 'can-do' attitude, ready to take on the challenges of Year 4. She has remembered her learning from Year 3 and is using her best presentation as well as her reading and writing skills. She has been fantastic in the classroom as well, being a super role model for others, helping and doing jobs. What a fab start to the year Hallie - you are a star!



Mr Whapham's nomination

Jessica for being a brave super star. Jessica has a ready smile and is always keen to have a go. Well done!

Mrs Rana/Ms Richardson's nominations

Our star of the week is Zac. He constantly impresses both his teachers by his eagerness to learn and to finish all his work to the very best of his ability. He is also friendly, helpful and reliable and we think he's going to have a very successful time in Year 5.



Mr Boulton's nomination

My star of the week this week is Jenson! He has blown me away with all his fantastic reasoning in maths and his wonderful ideas in his writing. He has shown he can write in many styles, and his diary entry as Juliet really showed his understanding of her struggle to decide what was best to do! He has had a brilliant attitude and a fantastic start to year 6!! We are going to have a fantastic year! Well done Jenson!

Miss Squire's nomination

This is someone who could easily be star of the week every week. Sophie G has come into Year 6 like a pro. She is always ready to learn, is on task and willing to contribute her ideas to the rest of the class. This week Sophie has been particularly fabulous even when Miss Squire hasn't been in. We both agree Sophie should be our star of the week.



Invitation



Annabel Porter (SENDCO)
Sarah Felgate (Pastoral Support)
Debbie Newman
(Mental Health Practitioner)
Sue Manley
would like to invite you to join them



COFFEE



TEA

in the
Coffee Cabin
On

Tuesday, 28th September
8.45am to 9.30am

Coffee, tea, hot chocolate
and a natter





Bike to School Week 2021

27 September – 1 October

Orchard Vale will be taking part in the Bike to School Week

Monday 27th September to Friday 1st October.

We would like to encourage both children and parents, to try to bike/scoot to school.

In school, the children will be learning how to keep safe on the roads.

Friday, 1st October
Non-school uniform day
Wear YELLOW

Our non-uniform day on Friday will focus on Well-being.

Donation of £1 can be made to Parent Pay.

It would be great if the children could come dressed in YELLOW (in support of Well-being).

They might like to decorate their bikes/scooters.

There will be a number of spot prizes for imagination

Could you all please take the time to go online and vote for our school. At present we are running second to another local school. You can vote every 7 days until the end of September.

If we receive the money it will be spent on your children.

ASDA foundation

Green Token Giving

Orchard Vale have been nominated to be part of the Asda Foundation Green Token Giving online vote through our local Asda store in Barnstaple.

Our friends and family will be able to vote for Orchard Vale from now until midnight on Thursday 30th September.

Please vote for Orchard Vale by visiting www.asda.com/green-tokens and selecting Barnstaple from the drop-down box.

You can vote once every 7 days, so please return and revote in the following weeks.

Listen out at Asda Barnstaple for the advert on Asda radio next time you are in store.

Let the voting begin!

1st place will receive £500

2nd and 3rd place will receive £200

Visit
Asda.com/green-tokens
for more info

#AsdaFoundation #GreenTokenGiving

Terms and conditions apply.

Government Guidance for school attendance during Covid-19

It is lovely to welcome everyone back to school under the new, more relaxed guidelines from the Government.

At Orchard Vale we will continue with good hygiene measures for everyone, maintaining appropriate cleaning regimes, keeping occupied spaces well ventilated and making use of appropriate PPE.

Symptoms of Covid-19

New continuous cough and/or high temperature and/or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

Isolation

Unless children exhibit symptoms they will not be required to isolate at home.

Children may still come into school even if a member of the household has a positive PCR result/Covid-19 symptoms, as long as the child does not have symptoms themselves. If you choose to keep your child off school we are currently required to register their absence as unauthorised.

If your child is showing any of the symptoms of Covid-19 you should contact 119 and ask for guidance, you will be asked to keep your child at home. You may be required to book a PCR test for them and keep them at home until the results are received.

If a child exhibits symptoms whilst in class we will isolate them, call parents and request you to collect them as soon as possible, book a PCR test and advise us when you receive the results.

In the event of a positive result you will be instructed by Public Health England to isolate your child for 10 days from the onset of symptoms.

PCR test

You will need to take advice from the NHS on 119 if you think your child requires a PCR test.

If you do not have symptoms but have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive through a PCR test OR if you have been contacted through Track and Trace and advised to, you may book a PCR test. As long as you are not exhibiting any symptoms of Covid-19 you may still come into school until the results of the test have been received.

You should not arrange for a PCR test if you have received a positive PCR test result in the last 90 days, unless you develop any new symptoms of Covid-19, as it is possible for PCR tests to remain positive for some time after Covid-19 infection.

Staff Lateral Flow Testing

All staff are required to take 2 Lateral Flow Tests per week and report the results to the Headteacher until the end of September, when this will be reviewed by the Government.

Bubbles

Classes are now back to normal, with children being able to mix, attend assembly etc.

Should there be a positive case within a classroom we will be advised by Public Health England to bubble that class. All children and staff, with the exception of the child who has a positive PCR test, will be allowed to attend school but will remain within their bubble at all times and will not mix with any other groups for the advised period.

Clusters/Outbreaks

We are required to seek advice from Public Health England should there be 5 children/staff who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for Covid-19 within a 10-day period:

Or

10% of children, staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for Covid-19 within a 10-day period.

We will then act upon that advise appropriately.

Please remember to call the School Office before 9am on 01271 375074 if your child is not going to be in school. Please provide their name, class and reason/symptoms for being absent.

WANTED



It's that time of year when we are thinking of planting bulbs. We would like to brighten up the school grounds and outdoor areas of Key Stage 1.

Asda have kindly donated a small number of bulbs. However, it would be lovely if we could get lots more. If you would like to donate any type of flower bulbs, please place these in the box outside the school office for the attention of Mrs Manley.



THE VOICE KIDS 2022

APPLY NOW!

The Voice Kids is back and we're looking for super talented **SOLO SINGERS & DUOS** who have what it takes to take over The Voice Kids stage!

If you know any 7-14 year olds who want their voices to be heard, we want to hear from you!

For more information about how to enter go to
itv.com/beontv/thevoicekids
or **stv.tv/voicekids**

Applications close on
Friday 29th October 2021

We reserve the right to extend the closing date at our discretion

Other eligibility criteria and terms and conditions also apply
(see entry form for full details).

Personal data provided by you will be collected
and processed in accordance with the
privacy notices set out in the entry form.



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We take pride in the social development of our students

Fun **DANCE** **CLASSES**

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5 to 8 years **Tap Dancing**

Monday 5.00pm
to 5.45pm

9 to 16 years **Contemporary** **Dance**

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to 6.45pm



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☆ **2 to 4 years**

Tots Class

Tuesday 2.00pm to 2.45pm
Thursday 9.30am to 10.15am

☆ **5 to 8 years**

Early Years Class

Monday 4.00pm to 4.45pm
Saturday 9.00am to 9.45am

☆ **9 to 16 years**

Tuesday Group

4.30pm to 7.00pm

Saturday Group

10.30am to 2.00pm
2.30pm to 5.00pm

DANCE CLASSES



5 to 8 years **Tap Dancing**

Monday 5.00pm to 5.45pm



9 to 16 years **Contemporary Dance**

Monday 6.00pm to 6.45pm







TOP TIER TRICK OR TREAT!



REAPER WAGON

LOCATIONS

Saturday 30th

Swimbridge 17:30
Landkey 18:00
Newport 18:30
Rock park 19:00
Parked by Skate park
Roundswell 19:30
Cedar Grove - Wester moor Dr

SATURDAY THE 30TH OF OCTOBER
FIRST STOP BEGINS AT 17:30
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/TOPTIERSINTERNATIONAL
FOR MORE INFORMATION





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REAPER WAGON

LOCATIONS

Sunday 31st

Orchard vale school 17:30
Kiddywinks carpark 18:00
Forches park 18:30
Gorwell park 19:00
Frankmarsh stores 19:30
Raleigh meadow park 20:00

SUNDAY THE 31ST OF OCTOBER
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