

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

For a short week it has certainly felt like a long one. Thank you for your co-operation in arriving promptly for the new end of day timings. It certainly seems to have worked and we hope this has made things a little easier for those of you who have children in several year groups.

It is looking hopeful that we will begin to see some normality creeping back into schools and I hope the guidance for schools is updated soon so we can start to make firm plans and changes ready for September. I know some parents and children have been asking about classes for next year. We will be organising these quite late into the summer term to accommodate any staffing changes and you will be notified as soon as we have finalised this.

We are looking forward to welcoming a new face to the team next week. Mr Moir starts his new job as Premises Manager and I am sure you will make him feel very welcome. I am delighted to be able to tell you that Mrs Lavictoire has been appointed as Headteacher at Ashleigh C of E Primary School from September. Although a great loss to OV she will only be around the corner and it will be a fantastic opportunity for her and the school. I am sure you will join me in wishing her the very best of luck.

Over the next few weeks we will start to look at organising some annual events (reports, parent's evenings, sports days etc) and perhaps some trips for the summer term. Some of these maybe arranged very late with very little notice so we apologise in advance if this is the case. It might not be the same as previously years but we very much hope we are able to do a few things to celebrate the end of year in style.

Have a wonderful weekend.



Fiona Pearce
Head teacher



Summer Fair



We are tentatively planning a Summer Fair - watch this space for more details!

WANTED

If you have any unwanted, good quality, gifts, which could be recycled, please hand them into the office for the attention of Mrs Manley. Thank you.

KEY STAGE 2—FOOTBALL CLUBS

CANCELLATION—Year 3 Football Club—Monday, 17th June.

Due to Mr Ovey attending a course we have had to cancel the Year 3 football club on Monday, 17th June.



Foundation Stage and Key Stage One



Mrs Youll's

Jasmyn for concentrating and listening carefully in our phonics and maths sessions this week.

Pixie for trying hard and demonstrating good problem-solving skills in our number lesson.

Miss Cawthorne's nomination

Henry for amazing phonics and always working hard.

Evie E for fantastic phonics and great listening.



Miss Boundy's nominations

Jasmine has showed some real imagination in her work this week and has come up with new ways of doing things. Well done Jasmine.

Chloe has been amazing in phonics this week and has worked really hard to write her sentences. Well done Chloe

Mr Quilter's nomination

My star of the week is James. James is a super star every week! He is always helping others with their spelling and is always a great role model for others to follow. Your maths work recently has been amazing, and your writing accuracy has improved greatly. Keep it up Jimbob!



Mrs Oldfield's nomination

My star of the week this week is Noah. I am so proud of Noah this week, he has worked so hard to overcome difficulties with very little fuss. He has had a positive attitude towards his learning and has enjoyed sharing his writing with the class. Noah has taken great care of Tommy the tortoise. We are loving this positive attitude to your learning Noah, keep it up buddy Mrs O x

Mrs Grimwood's/Mrs Huggins' nomination

Alfie John has had an amazing term so far and this week has really shown us how hard he can work! Well done Alfie. Keep it up. You are a joy to have in the classroom.





Key Stage Two

Miss Gulliford's nomination



Frankie has grown in confidence this week and is shining so brightly. She has been using her phonics sessions to help her with all aspects of learning - including maths! She is trying exceptionally hard and every adult who works with Frankie has shared how delightful and hardworking she has been in their groups. I am so proud to see Frankie working hard and aiming high.

Mrs Johnson's nomination

My Star of the Week is a young lady who always works incredibly hard and always tries her best. She is a great friend to everyone in class and incredibly helpful to both me and the adults around her. She is great fun and up for anything. That lady is Martha.



Mr Whapham's nomination



My star this week is Charlie. He has worked very hard and has shown a real maturity in his learning. He pushes himself to extend his learning and is now thinking carefully about how to really challenge himself. He listens to advice and we have good discussions during maths! We have been learning to read more complex problems carefully and check our learning when complete. Well done

Mrs Lavictoire's nomination

My star of the week has shown such confidence in their writing, this week. Alice has been writing a travel brochure and has really used all of the resources she has been given to craft a persuasive piece about Athens. It's exciting to see how your writing is developing this year- you have a great writers voice. Well done Alice!



The Adventurers nomination



Logan is consistent hard worker, he tries his absolute best in every task he is set. He completes his work to a high standard, including his homework. He is such a supportive friend to everyone in and out of the class, he is an absolute delight to have in our class. Well done Logan.

Mrs Rana's/Mr Boul't's nomination

Year 5s star of the week this week is James Humphreys! James has really shown great maturity and hard work this week, proving that he really can show fantastic progress! He has been able to listen so well that he can contribute to the class in all lessons, and has shown some fantastic independent work, especially in maths. Well done James, keep up the excellent learning!



Miss Squire's nomination



My star this week is Laila, for her fantastic listening and learning! I have noticed, this week particularly, that she is becoming more and more involved in class discussions, either by putting her hand up and offering ideas, or answering questions when I call on her. It is so lovely to see her making these great choices, as it has brought her learning on leaps and bounds. Well done Laila!

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.

Years 1 and 2—Sophia for excellent throwing and catching

Years 3 and 4—Elijah for always being a superstar

Years 5 and 6—Abi for great effort in club as well as PE

Years 5 and 6— Visiting journalist



Last Friday, Andy Keeble, a journalist and writer for The Children's Hospice, came to Orchard Vale to be interviewed by the pupils. Mr Keeble talked about his start as a journalist, his interests, travel writing, his favourite interviews and how to be successful in journalism. He spoke about interviewing none other than the Jacksons (Michael Jackson's family). Mr Keeble also mentioned interviews in other countries and showed us some of his writing and articles.

By Corbin (year 6)

What did we learn about trees?



This week in forest school Mrs Huggins' class learnt about horse chestnut trees and apple trees.

We looked at the blossom and the flowers of the trees and talked about how these would develop into apples and conkers.

We named the parts of a tree.



Menu for week commencing 10th May 2021

Week 1 26th April, 10th May, 24th May, 14th June, 28th June, 12th July

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
M – Ham carbonara with pasta and sweetcorn	M – Focaccia bread pizza with crispy round potatoes and carrot sticks	M – Roast chicken, potatoes and 2 fresh vegetables with gravy	M – Crunchy chicken fillets with French fries and peas	M – Beef bolognaise with pasta and salad
V – Quorn sausage hotdog with wedges and sweetcorn	V – Butternut squash risotto with focaccia bread and Carrot sticks	V – 3 cheese, Cauliflower and broccoli bake with potatoes and 2 fresh vegetables	V – Quorn nuggets with French fries and peas	V – Sweet tomato cheese quiche with sauté potatoes and salad
JP – Cheese/beans/tuna	JP – Cheese/beans/tuna	JP – Cheese/beans/tuna	JP – Cheese/beans/tuna	JP – Cheese/beans/tuna
PL – Pasta pot (pasta with carrot, cucumber, tomato, sweetcorn, diced pepper, onion, ham)	PL – Cheese roll	PL – Ham Roll	PL – Chicken and bacon salad	PL – Sausage roll
D – Fresh fruit	D – Banana cake	D – Fruit smoothie	D – Apple cake	D – Cookie

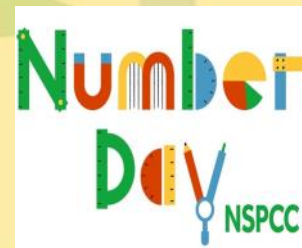
Yoghurts and fresh fruit will be available daily

**Years 3 and 4 children
supported the [NSPCC Number Day](#)
on Friday 7th May**

This event ran from 7am to 7pm today, 7th May and was hosted by Times Tables Rockstars, which the children use to practice for testing each week.

The children have been playing along on Times Tables Rockstars today to help raise money. They can continue at home until 7pm today.

We should know next week how much Times Tables Rockstars will be donating to the NSPCC for the work we have put in. We will let you know.



School Diary Dates

- Mon, 10th May** Year 4 Tennis Festival run by the Barnstaple Primary Schools' Sports Co-ordinator at OV
- Tue, 11th May** Years 3 and 4—Visit to Rock Park for Cross Country
- Wed, 12th May** Years 5 and 6—Orienteering run by the Barnstaple Primary Schools' Sports Co-ordinator at OV.
- Mon, 31st May** Half Term
- Wed, 26th May** Allotment Group working party
- Tue, 22nd June** KS1 trip to Rosemoor Gardens (more details to come)
- Wed, 23rd June** KS1 trip to Rosemoor Gardens (more details to come)
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Year 6 Transition to Secondary School

Park Community School

More information will be sent out in May/June. Information on the Park website is waiting to be updated and is not current for this year's pupils.

Wednesday, 23rd June—Year 6 parent evening at Park.

Thursday, 15th July and Friday, 16th July—Year 6 Induction Days.

Pilton Community College

The link below is for the Pilton's website and dedicated Year 6 transition section.

[Pilton Community College](#) | [Barnstaple \(piltoncollege.org.uk\)](#)

[Year 6 Transition](#) | [Pilton School \(piltoncollege.org.uk\)](#)

Children should have all received a welcome pack by now with lots of information which tells you more about the school. More information will be sent after Easter.

Tuesday, 25th May— Virtual Information evening

Possible Induction days (to be confirmed) - Tuesday, 6th, Wednesday, 7th or Thursday, 8th July

Braunton Academy

Tuesday, 6th July—Year 6 Transition Day.

Wednesday, 7th July— 6.30pm—Year 6 Parents Transition Evening— Isaac Hall

Don't forget to bring in your entries by Friday, 14th May



Royal Mail



'Heroes Stamp Design Competition'

Orchard Vale would like to enter the Royal Mail Heroes Stamp Design competition. Children will have brought home an entry form template this week for them to draw their own design.



Completed entries must be returned to class teachers by
FRIDAY 14TH MAY.

GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON		
	SCHOOL	ENTRANT/FAMILY
Overall Winners x 8:	£3,000	£3,000 vouchers
Regional Winners x 34:	£500	£500 vouchers
Regional Runners Up x 96:	£300	£300 vouchers

For more than 50 years Royal Mail's Special Stamp programme has commemorated British history and achievement. Stamps have also been issued to honour the achievements of many British people. Often, the people who appear on stamps are already famous. They include scientists and explorers, writers, artists, musicians, athletes, and Prime Ministers.

Since the coronavirus pandemic began, there have been many people who have done great things. Many of them are not famous, but they have done extraordinary work. These are the people who have helped us all through a really difficult time. Some are frontline workers in healthcare, others look after elderly or vulnerable people.

Millions of key workers have kept the country going when most of us were told to stay home for our own safety. And there have been many people who volunteered to help people in their communities who needed help or support. We think that what these people have done makes them heroes, so Royal Mail wants to honour them by producing a set of eight stamps.

The stamps will feature designs created by eight school-aged children. We are asking our young designers to think about who their hero or heroes are, and to then design a stamp in their honour. A special panel of judges will pick the winning designs. The final eight stamps will be sent to Her Majesty The Queen before they can be printed and issued.





Devon County Council's Connectme update contains information, which you may find of interest, affecting residents Devon. [Link to DCC Connectme website](#)

STEP 3
No earlier than 17 May

At least 5 weeks after Step 2

 **EDUCATION**

- As previous step

 **SOCIAL CONTACT**

- Maximum 30 people outdoors
- Rule of 6 or two households indoors (subject to review)

 **BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES**

- Indoor hospitality
- Indoor entertainment and attractions
- Organised indoor sport (adult)
- Remaining accommodation
- Remaining outdoor entertainment (including performances)

 **TRAVEL**

- Domestic overnight stays
- International travel (subject to review)

 **EVENTS**

- Most significant life events (30)
- Indoor events: 1,000 or 50% (plus pilots)
- Outdoor seated events: 10,000 or 25% (plus pilots)
- Outdoor other events: 4,000 or 50% (plus pilots)

Have you got your free rapid COVID-19 tests yet?

Alongside the vaccination rollout, regular testing of people without symptoms of coronavirus is at the heart of easing restrictions and reopening society and the economy safely.

The aim is that as many positive cases as possible can be found and isolated to stop the virus spreading, particularly as one in three people don't know they've got it as they don't have any symptoms so could be passing it on without realising.

That's why every adult in England is being encouraged to take a free rapid COVID-19 test (known as a lateral flow device (LFD) test) twice a week. They are easy, quick and convenient, and the results are usually available to you within the hour.

Devon County Council are running a [mobile community testing service in Devon](#) so you can get tested or collect home-testing kits at a range of locations across the county. DCC have published a timetable on their website, but please bear in mind that this schedule is subject to change as they make new locations available and to accommodate any operational issues. To avoid disappointment, [please check DCC website each time you plan a visit](#).

You can also [order home-testing kits from the NHS by post](#) or collect home-testing kits from [NHS testing locations](#), and any of the 133 pharmacies that are part of the Pharmacy Collect scheme so far.

Remember, these rapid lateral flow tests are to be taken regularly if you do not have any symptoms of coronavirus. If you do develop any symptoms, you should immediately self-isolate and [arrange a PCR test via the NHS](#).



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