

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers



Wow – what an amazing end to the term. We have been surrounded by the most wonderful display of Easter hats, all beautifully decorated in bright spring colours. Thank you all for the fantastic Easter cakes – they all looked stunning on display during assembly. You have been extremely creative at home making the beautifully decorated cakes, cupcakes, Easter biscuits and my favourite chocolate brownies! We have shared these out within the school and every child was able to enjoy a slice of cake at playtime during morning break.



Despite Covid enforcing lots of absences again this term this has fortunately not had too much of an impact in school and we have been able to keep things as normal as possible throughout. We had a fantastic term and the children have made some super progress. We have conducted reading assessments on the children taking part in the Read, Write inc scheme and a huge number of them have now moved up to different groups. We have also seen some amazing home learning and all the teachers and I have had the privilege of assessing writing for every child in the school. It has been a delight to have been able to run sporting activities and trips and we have more planned for the summer term.

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Miss Boundy, Mrs Rana, Mr Moir and Mrs Yorke as they embark on their new adventures. They have all been a very special part of OV and we will miss them and wish them good luck.

We are really excited to be welcoming some new staff after Easter. Mrs De-Ritis-Murphy will be joining our year 5 class, Mrs Boast will be joining reception class, Miss Shapland joining Year 1 and 2 and Miss Race joining year 5 and 6. We are sure everyone will make them feel very welcome.

We hope you have a wonderful Easter break and look forward to seeing you all on Monday, 25th April.



Fiona Pearce
Headteacher

Living with Covid

From Friday, 1st April the government rules for Covid have been relaxed.



If your child is unwell and has a high temperature they should stay at home.

They can return to school when they feel well enough and the fever has gone.



If you choose to or have been requested to take a Lateral Flow Device or PCR test and the result is positive, please inform the school office in the usual way.

If you test positive the advice from the government is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for five days (for adults) and three days (for under 18 year olds), which is when they are most infectious.



To find out if you are eligible and to order a free LFD test click here.

You can pay for Lateral Flow Tests at some local pharmacists.

Stars of the Term

Foundation and Key Stage 1

Mrs Youll's nominations

Eliza always shows lovely enthusiasm with her phonics and maths and is a very kind and helpful member of the class.



Miss Cawthorne/Miss Boundy's nominations

Pixie has worked so hard on phonics and has made fantastic progress. Well done Pixie for all your hard work.



Mr Quilter's nomination

I want to plant Lily in my garden and grow 30 more of her! She is an absolute gem and I love working with her. She has a wonderful attitude to learning and she is an amazing role model! Lily has made enormous progress this year; she is kind, helpful and extremely determined!

Lily has a cheeky sense of humour and is very popular in class. Your light is always shining brightly Lily, great job!



Mrs Oldfield's nomination

Lilly-Mae is the model pupil, she is always in the right place at the right time, doing exactly what she should be doing. Lily-Mae never ever fails to give anything but 100% in all she is asked to do. This term we have been especially impressed with her reading and how she is applying her phonic knowledge in her writing tasks. Lily is flying in maths and has shown a newfound confidence in number, especially division.

Everyone who knows and works with you Lily-Mae always says what a wonderful, smiley, polite little lady you are, and I couldn't agree more.

Well done, what a FANTASTIC term.



Mrs Grimwood's nomination

My star of the term is Scarlett, It took Scarlett a long time to settle into Year 1 and the first term was full of ups and downs. But this term Scarlett has settled beautifully into her learning and she is like a little rocket! Scarlett is very particular about her learning and loves to complete things, She does not do half a job! I have been so impressed with her reading which is going from strength to strength. I have seen a lot more smiles from Scarlett this term which has been wonderful. She seems happier which I am so pleased to see. Well done, Scarlett on a brilliant terms learning. I am so proud of you. You are fantastic! Keep it up!



Stars of the Term

Key Stage 2

Miss Gulliford's nominations

Lara is a polite and well-mannered girl who is developing confidence in herself and her learning. Having taught Lara for the second year in a row, I feel extremely privileged to see her begin to believe in herself and know that she can achieve anything asked of her. She consistently tries her best and does everything expected of her to her best ability. Lara has shown great improvement in her learning and ensures that she puts the time in at home to excel at school. I hope that Lara can begin to see what we see in her- a gentle and kind hearted girl who is going to achieve great things, and that her self-belief continues to grow.



Mrs Johnson's nominations

My star of the term is Martha. Martha has such a mature attitude to her learning and is always in the right place, doing the right thing, at the right time. Her enthusiasm for her learning and her effort in all areas of our curriculum is admirable; she is a fantastic role model for the children in her class, and in the school. Despite taking her learning so seriously, Martha has a fun side and is an amazing friend to so many. She is kind, considerate and always tries her best to avoid (and solve) friendship conflicts. She is always prepared to represent the school in school activities, whether it be dancing, running or team sports; she is such an all-round star! Well done Martha - you really deserve this and have achieved it purely on your own merit. Continue being you - a true OV super star!



Mr Whapham's nomination

Dexter has really impressed me with his growth this term. He has become a more confident learner, sharing his thoughts and ideas with the class more regularly by putting his hand up more. He has shown an increased interest in his presentation as well as ensuring that tasks are completed correctly and to the best of his ability. His personality is also starting to sign through more and more, being able to have a laugh and a joke at times but knowing when to focus and knuckle down! I have a strong feeling that Dexter is going to grow into a real OV super star over the next few years and will continue to grow and shine. Great first term Dexter!



Mrs Rana's and Ms Richardson's nomination

Lillie is an asset to Year 5! She gives 100% energy and commitment to her learning, whether it is maths or PE, English or art. She works on her own, in pairs and in groups, always following instructions, helping others and taking pride in her achievements. She is honest about what she finds difficult but shows resilience when overcoming problems. She is also cheerful and positive, sensible and reliable. As well as all this, Lillie has a wonderful sense of humour and she is a joy to teach!



Mr Boul't's nomination

Our star of the term is Freddie! He has blown us away with his incredible attitude towards his learning, always trying to make improvements and make as much progress as possible. He is always asking what he can do at home, pushing his learning on even further! It's been brilliant to continue to see his confidence grow and I am looking forward to seeing it grow even more in his final term in OV, showing how ready he is for secondary school. Well done Freddie, your "can do" attitude will get you far!!



Mrs Scott's nomination

My star of the term is Natalie. Natalie could be my star of the week on a regular basis for her hard work and for being a kind friend, but I have specifically chosen her as my star of the term as a result of her growing independence, maturity and self-motivation. Since beginning year 6, Natalie has shown her dedication to her learning, through her efforts at home as well as all of her hard work at school. It is credit to her and the incredible learner she has become, and it will set her in great stead as she prepares to move on to the next chapter in her educational career. Well done, Natalie - you are a shining star.



School Diary Dates

Mon, 11th to Fri, 22nd Apr

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Wed, 27th Apr

Year 2 Tennis Festival—Tarka Tennis

Fri, 29th Apr

Book Swap Day

Fri, 29th Apr

Guitar Teacher Demonstration in assembly

Mon, 2nd May

BANK HOLIDAY

Wed, 4th May

Visit to Allotment

Wed, 4th May

New to U Sale—2.45pm to 3.15pm

Thurs, 5th May

New to U Sale—2.45pm to 3.15pm

Mon, 9th May

KS1—Group 1—Visit to Rock and Rapid Adventures

Tue, 10th May

KS1—Group 2—Visit to Rock and Rapid Adventures

Wed, 11th May

Years 3 and 4—Visit to We the Curious, Bristol

Wed, 18th May

Wilcombe Wobbler—Ventrus cross country event

Thurs, 19th May

Year 1—Multi Skills Festival—Park School

Mon, 23rd May

Tennis Workshops

Wed, 25th May

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Thurs, 26 May

Jubilee Celebration

Fri, 27th May

Non Pupil Day

Mon, 30th May to Fri, 3rd June

Half Term

Week commencing Monday, 25th April 2022

	Meat Free Monday	Around the World American Tuesday	Roast it Up Wednesday	Tasty Treat Thursday	Fun Time Friday
M	Macaroni Cheese	Beef Burger in a Bap	Roast Chicken & Stuffing	Fish Fingers	BBQ Chicken
V	Feta Stuffed Peppers with Wholegrain Rice	Quorn Hot Dog in a Finger Roll	Quorn Fillet	Quorn Nuggets	Vegetable Cottage Pie
Sides	Malted Baguette, Sweetcorn & Fresh Broccoli	Wedges, Corn on The Cob & Peas	Roast or Mash Potato, Fresh Sliced Carrots, Broccoli & Gravy	Chips or Pasta, Tomato Sauce, Carrot & Cucumber Sticks	Wholegrain Rice, Sweetcorn & Baked Beans
JP	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna
SPL	Cheese Roll	Egg Roll	Chicken Roll	Ham Roll	Sausage Roll
D	Pip Organic Ice Lolly	Chocolate Brownie	Fresh Fruit	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Fruity Flapjack

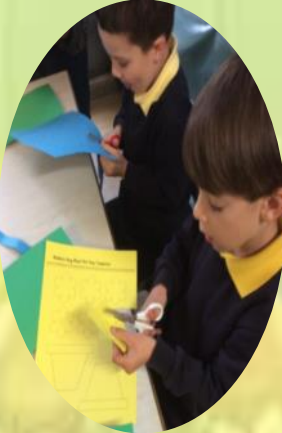
Low Fat Yoghurts, Fresh Fruit, Bread, Water will be available daily, Milk on request.

Gluten/Dairy Free/Vegan menu available on request



Reception Easter Day

The children had a fantastic Easter day. We enjoyed Easter crafts and even had a visit from the Easter bunny. The children did a fantastic job of finding all the hidden eggs and enjoyed some delicious chocolate.



Well done Lily-Mae

Lily-Mae would like to share her results from her Compulsory level 4 Grades.

She received 4 Gold medals, 2 Bronze medals, and a trophy for coming 1st all around.

Her big smile shows how much she enjoyed herself!

The competition was held in Penryn.

She competes again this weekend in Wiltshire.



Years 3 and 4 Chinese Day

新年快乐



On Tuesday in Years 3/4, the children enjoyed the second of our 'China' days. Thank you to Becky Milton for producing the wonderful Chinese food.



'We made Chinese lanterns using tissue paper. They were put in the hall as decoration for when we had our Chinese food in the afternoon.' (Nieve)



'We had a visit from a teacher from Pilton Secondary School who taught us some Mandarin. He talked to us about The Great Wall of China, and where it was built. He was really impressed with all of the facts we already knew!' (Dexter)



'The Mandarin Teacher was also impressed when we told him all about what he had learned about the Shang Dynasty.' (Martha)

'We decorated place mats for our Chinese meal.' (Amelie)

'The placemat had Chinese images like a dragon, and also a Chinese feast.' (Emily)



'In the afternoon, we had lots of really tasty food like spring rolls, noodles, vegetable stir fry, Chinese chicken curry, Kung Pao Chicken, and sweet and sour chicken.' (Ezra)

'The day was amazing! My favourite bit of the day was tasting the food, especially the Chinese chicken curry.' (Corey)



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