

# Orchard Vale's Weekly News

## Friday, 8th October 2021

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### Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a busy and challenging week with staff absences. There are lots of coughs and colds at the moment and we ask that you encourage your child to wash their hands frequently and follow the 'Catch It, Bin It, Kill It' motto.

Again, we ask if your child shows any of the symptoms of Coronavirus, they should not come in to school, you should book a PCR test (**not** a Lateral Flow device) and your child should self isolate pending the result of the test. Lateral Flow devices are only for people who show no symptoms of having the virus. I apologise for repeating this information but if we all follow the correct procedure, we can minimise potential cases and transmission.

I have had reports from staff that children have been climbing the trees on the turning circle at the beginning and the end of the school day. I ask parents/carers that they do not allow this to happen, it would be very upsetting if a child was to fall and hurt themselves!

### Year 5/6 Cross Country

Year 5/6 enjoyed going to Park Community School to take part in the Cross Country event on Thursday - well done to them all for their fantastic efforts! See page 3 for some photos of this fabulous event.

### Busy bees...

Staff have been working extremely hard behind the scenes trying to organise the return of Tuck Shop and the possibility of a school disco! It will be amazing to be able to host these extra treats for the children.



Have a wonderful weekend and hope you get to enjoy some of the sunshine we have forecast.

Fiona Pearce  
Headteacher

### Reception Class - drop off & pick up arrangements

From Monday 11 October Parents are to drop off and collect their children from the Reception outside play area.

Thanks for your continued support!

Miss Cawthorne & Miss Boundy

### Multi Skills Festival Year 3 Wednesday 13th October

We require **ALL** children to return the completed tear off slip for this event, even if you do not require a school packed lunch on this day.

This is so we know you have acknowledged that your child will be attending this fun event!

Thank you for your support - Admin



### 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. Congratulations to Braylen for reaching their first step on the Proud Cloud. Well done!! Miss Gulliford & Mr Askew



## Foundation Stage and Key Stage Two



### Mrs Youll's nomination

Our star of the week is Leo for lovely listening at carpet time and making some super models. Well done Leo.!

### Miss Cawthorne's and Miss Boundy's nominations

George W for fantastic listening and working hard.

Maya for super listening and being helpful.



### Miss Gulliford nomination

Malaki has grown in confidence on his year 3 journey so far and should be so proud of himself and his achievements! He works hard, is focused and shines through as a perfect role model for our class. He submits high quality homework which shows his commitment to learning and has displayed a confidence in his ability to do well and succeed. Well done!

### Mrs Johnson's nomination

My star of the week this week is Amelie. Amelie has returned to school as a Year 4 and is really proving herself as a good role model and a capable learner. In maths this week she has been concentrating on every little detail, putting up her hand to speak, answering many questions about 4 digit numbers, and also asking mathematical 'what if...' questions to further her learning. She has been a maths whizz this week and, as always, comes in everyday with a smile on her face and good cheer in her heart. Amelie, your journey continues to amaze and impress me - keep being you, you are a star!



### Mr Whapham's nomination

Spencer has had a really strong week in Year 3. He works extremely hard and really impressed me with his effort so far this year. He puts in 100% effort into tasks, listening carefully to the instructions he is given before each task. He is also beginning to share his ideas and views more in class and support class discussions. Well done!

### Mrs Rana and Ms Richardson's nomination

Our star of the week is Harmonie! If a job needs doing, Harmonie is the person that can be absolutely trusted to get it done properly! She also shows tremendous perseverance with her learning, listening to advice and working really hard to improve. She has already made super progress this term. Well done, Harmonie!



### Mr Boulton's nomination

Star of the week in my class this week is somebody's who has really shown great perseverance and resilience. He is someone who always works his hardest and always wants to do his best, even supporting others to be their best too. He has also blown me away with his effort in our cross country, not giving up and really doing his best! Our star of the week is Ryan. Well done Ryan!

### Miss Squire's nomination

Naima is the star from our class this week: she is unfailingly kind, helpful and responsible. Since the start of the school year, she has showcased her increasing resilience, across all tasks and subjects and has become a leader to others in our classroom. Naima has also taken on new roles this year, including being selected as one of Mr Boulton's digital leaders, and this willingness to give up her own time to help our school community highlights her incredible OV spirit. Well done Naima, you are a true year 6 superstar!





# Year 5/6 Cross Country - Park Community School

## 11 October 2021

### **Pupils comments..**

**Alice** - Everyone that competed in this race are absolutely amazing because it was a hard race to complete, well done to everyone!

**Heidi** - The course was long and strenuous. A huge congratulations to everyone that competed. There was lots of hills and mud which made the course even more difficult than it already was! We walked from Orchard Vale to Park School, completed the race walked back again!

**Ria** - The course was long than I though it was going to be, but ultimately, it turned out it felt longer than it was. Apart from that there was only a few tough parts and well done to everyone!



# Orchard Vale's Digital Leaders



We have recently appointed 6 incredible digital leaders, who, after a successful application process, have started getting

involved in various digital areas throughout the school. They were chosen for their great attitude towards supporting others, as well as a keen interest in all things digital! It will be great chance for them to help in assemblies, take charge of our digital equipment and even have extra training on various apps etc to support learning in class. Well done to THEO, NAIMA, FREDDIE, CHARLIE, DANIEL and KAITO.

## A thank you from Miss Porter

We held our first coffee morning last week to welcome back parents and carers after the pandemic to come and have a chat. We have a wonderful mental health practitioner working with us this year who was on hand to discuss issues with parents and signpost them. It was lovely to see some of you and we hope more people would like to come for the next morning. We have tea, coffee and hot chocolate with some biscuits and our next date will be Tuesday 12th at 8.45. Looking forward to see you there. - Miss Porter SENDCo





# *Tea, coffee, hot chocolate & a natter invitation*

After the success of coffee morning last month, Miss Porter (SENDCo), Sarah Felgate (Pastoral Support) and Debbie Newman (Mental Health Practitioner) would like to invite you for a *FREE* hot drink, biscuit and natter.

We hope you can come along, It will be lovely to see some new and old faces!

Feel free to bring a friend!

**Tuesday 12 October**

**08:45 - 09:30**

**Orchard Vale Coffee Cabin**



# School Diary Dates

Mon, 11th Oct	Years 3 and 4 - Tennis workshop provided by Tarka
Wed. 13th Oct	Year 3 Multi Skills Festival at Park School
Thurs, 14th Oct	Tempest Photography - individual photos
Fri, 15th Oct	Years 5 and 6 - Tennis workshop provided by Tarka Tennis
Thur, 21st Oct	Years 1 and 2 - Tennis workshop provided by Tarka
Fri, 22nd Oct	<b>NON PUPIL DAY</b>
Mon, 25th to Fri, 29th Oct	<b>HALF TERM WEEK (back at school Mon, 1st Nov)</b>
Wed, 3rd Nov	PTFA - Tuck Shop 9.30am to 10.30am
Thurs, 4th Nov	Year 6 Swimming Lessons
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
Wed, 1st Dec	PTFA - Tuck Shop - 9.30am to 10.30am
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
Tue, 7th Dec	Whole School Christmas Dinner
Thur, 9th Dec	Year 6 Swimming Lessons
Fri, 10th Dec	Xmas Jumper Day - donations in aid of Edukid
Wed, 15th Dec	Cinderella Panto at Queen's Theatre
Mon, 20th Dec to Mon, 3rd Jan	<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</b>
Tues, 4th Jan	First Day of Spring Term.



# **Forest School**

We are very fortunate to have a fabulous Forest School area here at Orchard Vale and we like to be able to take our learning outside explore and whatever the weather!

Please can we remind parents to send their children in with wellies in a carrier bag, a sensible coat and waterproofs (if you have them).

## **Forest School Timetable**

**Nursery** - Monday AM

**Reception** - Please bring your wellies in on a Monday morning to keep in school for the week

**GQ & KO** - Tuesday PM

**JG** - Friday PM

**EG** - Thursday PM

**TJ** - Wednesday PM

**TW** - Wednesday AM

**Year 5/6** - Children will be informed when they will be required to bring their wellington boots.

# Menu for w/c 11 October 2021

**Week 2** 13th Sep, 27th Sep, 11th Oct

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>M</b> – Breaded fish with wedges and peas	<b>M</b> – Macaroni Cheese & bacon with Focaccia bread and Sweetcorn	<b>M</b> – Roast chicken, potatoes and 2 fresh vegetables with gravy	<b>M</b> – Butchers sausage with fries and veggie sticks	<b>M</b> – Cottage pie with and Sweetcorn
<b>V</b> – Quorn mild chili with rice and peas		<b>V</b> – Vegetarian wellington with potatoes and 2 fresh vegetables	<b>V</b> – Quorn nuggets with French fries and veggie sticks	<b>V</b> – Roasted vegetable bolognaise with pasta and Sweetcorn
<b>JP</b> – cheese/beans/tuna	<b>JP</b> – cheese/beans/tuna	<b>JP</b> – cheese/beans/tuna	<b>JP</b> – cheese/beans/tuna	<b>JP</b> – cheese/beans/tuna
<b>SPL</b> – Pasta pot	<b>SPL</b> – Cheese roll	<b>SPL</b> – Ham sandwich	<b>SPL</b> – Chicken salad	<b>SPL</b> – Sausage Roll
<b>D</b> – Fresh fruit	<b>D</b> – Flapjack	<b>D</b> – Fruit smoothie	<b>D</b> – St Clements cake	<b>D</b> – Cookie

Yoghurts and fresh fruit will be available daily

## Mila's Junior Great South Run

Mila has entered the junior Great South Run in Portsmouth on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> October. She is running for Children's Hospice South West.

If you would like to sponsor Mila you can do so here: [www.justgiving/fundraising/milagore](http://www.justgiving/fundraising/milagore)



# 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.

*We need your  
help!*

*Have you got any  
unwanted gifts  
which we could  
recycle?*

*If so, could you  
please pop them  
into the box near  
the school office.*



8th October 2021  
SW/CLD

Dear Families

Open Mornings, Monday 18th October - Friday 22nd October

We are very pleased to be able to make the decision that we can now offer our Open Mornings for Year 6 pupils and their parents/carers.

If you or your child are still undecided as to which secondary school to join in September 2022, please book onto one of our Open Mornings which will take place daily in school from Monday 18th to Friday 22nd October, 8:50am to 10:40am.

The morning will consist of a Headteacher talk, then our Leadership Team will take you on a tour of our school. Afterwards you are welcome to enjoy refreshments in our School Hall and meet some of our staff and students.

Tickets must be booked in advance on [Eventbrite](#).

If you are unable to attend our Open Mornings you can find out about our school by visiting our Virtual Open Evening information on our [website](#) and viewing our [Prospectus](#). I would be delighted if you would access this information and email any questions you have to our main inbox, [admin@theparkschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@theparkschool.org.uk).

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S Waldron'.

Mr S Waldron  
Headteacher







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### Choosing your secondary school?

If you or your child are undecided in which secondary school to join in September 2022, please book one of our Open Morning tours.

### Open Mornings

18<sup>th</sup> October - 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Daily 8.50am - 10.40am

The morning will start with an introductory talk from Headteacher Mr Waldron, our Leadership Team will then take you on a tour of the school.

If you have any further questions, we will have a number of staff and students available after the tour.

***Tickets must be booked in advance - click the Eventbrite link (places are limited)***

***If you are unable to attend, please view our virtual Open Event on our website.***



### Covid Safety Restrictions

To make the event as safe as possible, we are restricting the number of people to 80 per day. Adults please wear a face covering in buildings (unless exempt), also recommended for children if possible.

### Parking And Access (see map)

#### By Car

Follow Hiern Drive and park in the public car park. Please enter by foot through the school's main entrance gates.

#### By Foot

Via Hiern Drive footpath or Rock Park, follow the map and enter via the school's main entrance gates.

### Open Mornings 18th Oct - 22nd Oct 8.50am until 10.40am

Please arrive via the main entrance gates from 8.40 am. Students will direct you to the School Hall for an 8.50am start.

The morning will start with an introductory talk from Headteacher Mr Waldron, our Leadership Team will then take you on a tour of the school.

If you have any further questions, we will have a number of staff and students available after the tour.

Refreshments are provided in the School Hall after the tours.