

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

Finally, we have some wonderful summer weather and have been taking learning outside the classroom as much as possible; during science, geography, phonics sessions and of course forest school.

Our Key Stage One children have thoroughly enjoyed immersing themselves in their Fire of London topic this week. They have created their own Pudding Lane in DT. Mr Quilter acted as the baker where the fire started and Mr Moir was on hand as our fireman. The children were all amazed at how quickly the fire took hold and what was left at the end. There are some great pictures on page 4 and a brilliant reporter written by Cheryl.

As you are all aware, the number of positive Covid cases has been rising across North Devon and we have seen an increase across the school again this week. If your child exhibits any Covid symptoms, please could you still test them with a Lateral Flow Test and let the school office know if the result is a positive one. We appreciate that after 1st April there will be a charge for these test kits. If you are unable to test your child and if they are ill, for whatever reason, they should not be coming into school. As usual we will continue to call parents to collect their child should they be unwell during the school day.

Summer School Uniform

We strongly encouraged children to wear our school uniform and to take pride in looking smart. Our uniform policy has been created to ensure children have the correct attire for learning and are prepared for the expectations beyond their time at Orchard Vale, where the dress code is much stricter.

Our summer uniform is:

Smart, navy trousers (everyday cotton leggings may be worn underneath skirts, but not alone)

Navy skirt, pinafore, culottes – style is your choice – smart and practical

Navy shorts (these must be long enough to end just above the knee and no shorter)

Yellow polo shirt

School sweatshirt, Year 6 Leaver's jumper or Navy jumper/cardigan

Dark, practical shoes

Next Friday, the children can come to school wearing blue and yellow in support of the Ukraine School Appeal.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend – enjoy this glorious weather.



Fiona Pearce
Headteacher

With the safeguarding of our children uppermost in any parent's mind we thought the information below may be helpful to you. We are also sending out a poster 'What parents and carers need to know about WhatsApp' to you all.

Age Restrictions on Social Media

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Facebook
Twitter
Instagram
Snapchat
TikTok
Kik
Ask.fm
Houseparty
Periscope

Tumblr
Pinterest
Reddit



13+

YouTube
WeChat
Whisper
Yubo



(13+ means with
parental consent)

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LinkedIn
Whatsapp



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Tinder
Bumble
Hinge



Covid-19 Update

We are currently seeing a rise in cases of Covid-19 in both pupils and staff across the school, as well as absences due to the normal seasonal ailments.

We will endeavour to maintain continuity of staffing in your child's class as much as possible and to avoid any disruption to their learning journey.

However, there might be occasions when your child will have different staff members working with them. Your help in supporting your child with any change would be greatly appreciated.

Currently, Orchard Vale still need to know if your child exhibits any Covid-19 symptoms and you should keep them at home while they are poorly.

- If your child exhibits Covid symptoms you should take a LFD Test or book a PCR test. (These are free until April but you may have to order one).
- Let the school office know that your child is off school with symptoms and inform us of the results of the LFD or PCR tests when you have them.

You can order test kits

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/regular-rapid-coronavirus-tests-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms>

- If your child tests positive your child should stay off school.



Day 1 is the day after a positive test.



- **Day 5 and 6** your child should take a LFD test (24 hours apart); If both are negative they can come into school on Day 6.



If the they remain positive your child should stay off school for the full 10 days.

Star of the Week

Foundation and Key Stage 1



Mrs Youll's nomination

Charlie for remembering to use your words and doing super sharing.

Leighton for settling in well and playing nicely with your friends.

Miss Cawthorne/Miss Boundy's nomination

Lucas for fantastic phonics and always working hard.

Elana for always working hard and being super helpful.



Mr Quilter's nomination

Rory has been a close contender for the past few weeks. This week he has particularly impressed me with his attitude and effort! Rory has recently moved phonics groups, where he has adapted to change well and is coping brilliantly with the new demands; he has even gone above and beyond by reading even more pages than necessary!

In Maths he is showing great accuracy with his calculations and on the rare occasion where he makes a mistake, he will quickly check his work and make the correct adjustments.

Rory is a pleasure to have in class! He is kind, considerate and helpful; he is also a Spurs fan which is an added bonus! Great job Rory!

Mrs Oldfield's nomination

Megan is our star of the week this week. Megan has really impressed us with her maturity and attitude to learning, she never fails to give 100% in what she is asked to do, we are seeing this across all areas of learning. Megan has gained her pen license this week and is using beautiful cursive writing in her handwriting sessions, she is beginning to use this in other writing more independently which is wonderful to see. Well done, Meggy-Mo we are super proud of you x



Mrs Grimwood's nomination

My star of the week this week is Ronnie. Ronnie has been working so hard in our phonics sessions and his reading is improving every day. He made a supreme effort with his newspaper report this week and wrote some excellent sentences! Ronnie is giving his all in every area of the classroom and I am so proud of him. He is in the right place at the right time doing the right thing and this is driving his learning forward brilliantly. Well done, Ronnie for your excellent attitude. You are a star!

PE Champs

Well done to the PE Champions from Key Stages 1 and 2.

Year 1/2 - Lilly G—excellent vortex throwing.

Year 3/4 - Logan C—excellent hockey defending and being a good team mate.

Year 5/6 - Ethan P—working really hard on basketball skills.

Great Fire of London



The children in KS1 built Tudor houses experimenting how to successfully join materials to one another. This week at Forest School the three classes came together and set fire to the houses trying to recreate 'The Great Fire of London'. The weather was perfect. We were able to see how the wind caused the fire to spread across the houses. The children really enjoyed the experience and did a great job writing a newspaper report in class the following day!



Breaking News

On Tuesday the 22nd of March a fire broke out in the Forest School at Orchard Vale. It is reported that the fire was started by a Mr Q. The wind blew the fire and it rapidly spread across the houses. The houses were turned to ash. Children could be heard cheering and clapping as they watched their houses go up in flames.

Report written by Cheryl - Year 2.



School Diary Dates

Thurs, 31st Mar	Y5/6 Boys football festival at Park School
Fri, 1st April	Ukraine School Appeal—Disaster Emergency Fund Wear blue and yellow
Mon, 4th April	Reception—Vision Survey (parents to opt out)
Wed, 6th Apr	New to You—2.45pm to 3.15pm in the Coffee Cabin
Fri, 8th Apr	Easter celebrations (See page 86 Easter Tuck Shop
Mon, 11th to Fri, 22nd Apr	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Fri, 29th Apr	Book Swap Day
Mon, 2nd May	BANK HOLIDAY
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, 18th May	Wilcombe Wobbler—Ventrus cross country event
Thurs, 26 May	Jubilee Celebration
Fri, 27th May	Non Pupil Day
Mon, 30th May to Fri, 3rd June	Half Term

Week commencing Monday, 28th March 2022

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
M	Cheese & Ham Pasta Bake	Butchers Sausage, Mash & Gravy	Roast Chicken & Stuffing	Fish Fingers	Beef Bolognaise
V	Quorn Hotdog & Sweet Potato Wedges	Sweet and Sour Quorn Pieces with Rice	Broccoli & Cauliflower Bake	Quorn Nuggets	Roasted Veg. Bolognaise
Sides	Sweetcorn & Fresh Broccoli	Peas & Green Beans	Roast Potatoes, Fresh Sliced Carrots, Cabbage & Gravy	Chips, Tomato Sauce, Peas & Beans	Pasta & Sweetcorn
JP	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna
SPL	Egg Mayo Bap	Cheese Bap	Chicken Bap	Chicken Salad	Sausage Roll
D	Fresh Fruit	Chocolate Cake	Fruit Smoothie	Cookie	Banana Cake

Yoghurts, Fresh Fruit & Bread will be available daily

Gluten free menu available on request

Orchard Vale's

Easter celebrations

Thursday 7th April



This year's Easter competition will have a twist,
hidden in your entry we would like to see a heart,
alongside the normal Easter ideas.



Categories:

Easter Bonnets

Bake a cake, biscuits or fairy cakes



1st, 2nd and 3rd in each categories will win a prize

Nursery, Reception

Year 1/2

Year 3/4

Year 5/6



Bring your bonnets and cakes to the school hall on Thursday, 7th April.

Please label them with your name and class.

Entries will be judged in the morning and winners will be announced in assembly.

Easter Tuck Shop

Children can bring in 50p for a treat during break and lunch time.

All funds raised will be put towards our Defibrillator Fundraising project.

Orchard Vale Community School



Second-Hand Uniform Sale

Wednesday 6th April

2.45pm – 3.15pm.

Coffee Cabin

50p per item.

Parentkind
Member Association

Collection for Ukraine School Appeal

Friday, 1st April

Pupils are welcome to wear something 'blue and yellow' for the day.

We are raising funds for the Ukraine Appeal and would like to ask our wonderful families for donations towards this very worthy cause.

In class children have been talking about the current situation in the Ukraine and the plight of the children over there.

**Any donations of cash towards the Ukraine Appeal would be welcome
(suggested donation 50p)**



Easter Tennis Camps 2022



Develop your child's tennis whilst having fun, making friends & playing games.

Our dedicated, passionate & engaging coaches welcome all ages & abilities in great locations.

Junior Camp

5 - 14 yr olds | 10am - 1pm | £20 per day*

Tiny Tots Camp

3 - 4 yr olds | 10 - 11am | £6 per day

**For every full day purchased on our Junior Camp, bring a friend or sibling for free to either the Tiny Tots or the Junior Camp!*

Easter

Wk 1 Mon 11th - Thurs 14th April Barnstaple & Braunton

Wk 2 Tues 19th - Fri 22nd April Barnstaple & Braunton

May Half Term

Mon 30th May - Wed 1st June Braunton & Barnstaple

Summer Holidays

Wk 1 Mon 25th - Fri 29th July Barnstaple & Braunton

Wk 2 Mon 1st - Fri 5th August Barnstaple & Braunton

Wk 3 Mon 8th - Fri 12th August Barnstaple & Braunton

Wk 4 Mon 15th - Fri 19th August Barnstaple



Locations

Barnstaple Park Lane Tennis Club, Rock Park, EX32 9AH

Braunton Braunton Tennis Club, Wrafton Road, EX33 2BP

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Easter Workshops

TUESDAY 12th April	9-16s 10am-1pm	DANCE WORKSHOP with Helen & Sophie Learn fun new dance routines, improve steps and choreograph your own dance in groups to perform at the end.
THURSDAY 14th April	5-8s 10am-1pm	DANCE WORKSHOP with Helen Learn fun new routines, improve steps and learn a dance from Sing 2 to perform at the end.
TUESDAY 19th April	5-8s 10am-1pm	PLAY IN A DAY with Billy Take a classic story and recreate it through a mixture of small script pieces, improvisation, physical theatre and prop making with a small performance to parents at the end.
THURSDAY 21st April	9-16s 10am-1pm	SINGING WORKSHOP with Thomas Spencer Andrew Lloyd Webber Day Looking at some of most famous shows and songs, from Phantom of the Opera, Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat to Cats. The day will consist of vocal training, singing technique then looking at the stories and learning songs from his famous shows.

£15 per Workshop

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