### Orchard Vale's Weekly News Friday, 5th November 2021

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### Headteacher's message

### Dear Parents/Carers

Brrr, it has certain got chilly over the past week – don't forget the children need to wear a warm coat and substantial footwear to school now that the weather has changed. Please don't forget to clearly label these to help your child keep track of them whilst in school.

Well done to the OV Community Group/School Council for a very successful reintroduction of our monthly Tuck shop or to quote one of our children "Well Fed Wednesday". The treats available are carefully selected bearing in mind allergies and children are only allowed to select one treat with their 50p. All monies raised will be used to help subsidies trips, events and equipment throughout the school during the year. Thank you for your support.



### Covid update

I am pleased that the COVID rates within school are still very low but we must not become complacent as rates in general community are still rising.

Please could I ask you to continue supporting us in keeping our rates down by continuing to talk to your child about keeping themselves safe, hand hygiene and reducing the risk of being infected or spreading the virus. If your child shows any symptoms of Covid please contact 119 and seek advice as soon as possible to see if they require a PCR test.

We have had our delivery of CO2 monitors, which are now in place in the classrooms. We have identified key areas to monitor to ensure our ventilation is adequate and will take action should this be required to improve the air quality. This is another useful step in supporting the reduction of Covid in school.

If your child is absent from school due to a confirmed COVID case, please ensure they are engaging in the work being set for them on Teams or Tapestry by their class teacher.

At this time of year there is also a lot of seasonal illness among young people. If your child has symptoms such as fever, diarrhoea and/or vomiting– even if they test negative with a PCR test for coronavirus – please keep your child off school/nursery to avoid spreading other infections.

### **Allergy alert**

I know that children occasionally like chocolate spread in their sandwiches. Orchard Vale has a "no nut" policy due to staff/children allergies. One or two of our children have been worried at lunch time that their sandwiches may contain nuts. If you use chocolate spread, please could you check the ingredients and let your child know that it is free from nuts to avoid unnecessary worry during lunch times for them and to safeguard those at risk.

### Remembrance

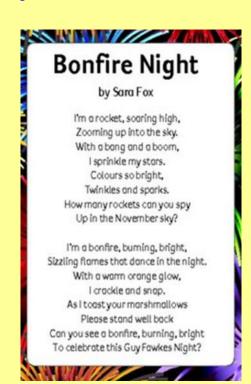
Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion with the Poppy Appeal. We have managed to secure some more merchandise (silicon wristbands, snap bands, reflector poppies, zip pull as well as the traditional poppies). The collection tin is already very heavy thanks to your kind donations. Children will be able to donate money throughout the week next week during morning registration.

We will be observing the 2-minute silence on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> November and will have a Remembrance Assembly on Friday.

I hope you all enjoy a safe and warm Bonfire Night.



Fiona Pearce Headteacher



### **Parent Consultations**

The Arbor Parent Portal will <mark>be open until 9am on Monday, 8th Nove</mark>mber for you to book a Consultation with your child's class teacher next week.



Fri, 10th Dec

Wed, 15th Dec

Years 1 to 6—these consultations will be held online via your child's Teams account. They are scheduled for 5 minutes and will purely talk with your about how your child has settled in this term.



Nursery and Reception—these consultations will be in person and will be held in the garden area outside the

If you have anything to discuss with your teacher which is likely to take longer than the time slot allocated please mention this to them during the consultation and they will arrange a date when you could have a more in-depth discussion.

If you are having difficulty with the Parent Portal please contact the school office by email on orchardvale@ventrus.org.uk

### **School Diary Dates**

Years 5 and 6 Queen's Theatre Tour Mon, 8th Nov Coffee Afternoon —Coffee Cabin for parents/carers Tue, 9th Nov Wed, 10th Nov Bratton Fleming Cross Country—KS2 Team Thurs, 11th Nov Year 6 Swimming Lessons Armistice Day Thurs, 11th Nov Children's Remembrance Parade Fri, 12th Nov Coffee Afternoon—Coffee Cabin for parents/carers Tue, 16th Nov Thurs, 18th Nov Year 6 Swimming Lessons Fri, 19th Nov Year 5 and 6 Into Film Festival Year 3 and 4—Stoneage Roundhouse Experience Tue, 23rd Nov Year 6—Rising Stars—Gymnastics Day Tue, 23rd Nov Year 3 and 4—Stoneage Roundhouse Experience Wed, 24th Nov Year 6 Swimming Lessons Thurs, 25th Nov Fri, 26th Nov Year 3 and 4—Into Film Festival Tuck Shop - 9.30am to 10.30am Wed, 1st Dec Year 6 Swimming Lessons Thurs, 2nd Dec Fri, 3rd Dec Rec—Y 6—Virgin Health Care - Flu Vaccinations Fri, 3rd Dec Choir Carol Singing at Residential Homes Whole School Christmas Dinner Tue, 7th Dec Thur, 9th Dec Year 6 Swimming Lessons

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS Mon, 20th Dec to Mon, 3rd Jan

Xmas Jumper Day - donations in aid of Edukid

Cinderella Panto at Queen's Theatre

First Day of Spring Term. Tues, 4th Jan



### Foundation Stage and Key Stage Two



### Mrs Youll's nomination

Freya for showing improved independence and starting to join in with more activities.

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

Wyatt for fantastic listening and great phonics Isla for working hard and being super helpful.





### Miss Gulliford nomination

Braylen is a mature and courteous young man with exceptional manners. He joined us in the beginning of Autumn term and transitioned quickly into the class room and school - it is as if he has always been here! Here is kind and thoughtful and ensures his decisions are always the right one. He has a positive learning attitude and is well respected amongst peers and adults. He knows how to push himself to achieve amazing outcomes and every task is completed with a smile. We are very proud of you, Braylen.

### Mrs Johnson's nomination

Jack couldn't be more different from the Jack who first came into my class in Year 3 a year ago. He is so determined to succeed and gives everything his full effort. This week in particular, Jack has been writing using joined handwriting. This is something he struggled with last year so I am so pleased to see him independently decide to give it another try. His handwriting is improving every day, helped along by his sunny, positive and confident attitude. Keep it up Jack - you are amazing!



Freddie was my Star of the Week at the end of half term, and I couldn't let it pass without recognising the achievements he has made in his writing. In the past he has been somewhat of a reluctant writer, but this year he is proving what a mature Year 4 he is, taking responsibility for his own progress and producing some lovely, neat writing. Freddie, you have made me so proud to be your teacher and I know you are rightfully proud of yourself. Keep it up!



### Mr Whapham's nomination

Layla is my star of the week for being so wonderful! She is kind and helpful to others and very hardworking. She completes her work to a high standard and does so with a smile on her face! Her personality is really starting to shine through and Layla has become more confident in sharing her views and ideas in class! Well done!

### Mrs Rang and Ms Richardson's nomination

Our star of the week is Mila-Rose. Mila-Rose gives 100% attention, effort and commitment to everything we do in school. She listens carefully, asks and answers questions thoughtfully, and never gives less than her best. She shows great resilience when learning is difficult and she is always willing to help others too. She is also polite, helpful, gentle and kind. What an asset to year 5!





### Mr Boult's nomination

Heidi is an all round OV superstar and an incredible role model to others. She always pushes herself in everything she does, both in her academic lessons and her sports! She is also a brilliant help within the class, sorting things out to make everyone's lives easier, often without even being asked! Keep up being a hero Heidi, because you truly are one

### Miss Squire's nomination

Will is our star this week, for his fantastic year 6 attitude. He has shown me, already this term, that he is prepared to work hard, from the moment he arrives in the morning and he is making great progress as a result. I rarely have to remind Will of what he should be doing, as he has become such a responsible and resourceful learner that he is now able to support himself independently. I am really excited to see where Will can take himself with this superb attitude - keep it up.



### 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. The following children have reached their first step on the Proud Cloud. When children reach 50 they will receive their first certificate. Well done to:

Mrs Johnson's class

Martha - 25

Holly - 50

### Menu for week commencing Monday, 8th November

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
М	Breaded Fish & Wedges	Brunch, Sausage, Bacon & Scrambled Eggs	Roast Gammon	Beef Burger in a Bap	Mild Chicken Korma & Wholegrain Rice
V	Sweet Potato & Lentil Curry with Sunshine Rice	Vegetarian Brunch	Vegetarian Roast	Quorn Nuggets	Cauliflower Bites with BBQ Sauce & Wholegrain Rice
Sides	Peas & Sweetcorn	Baked Beans & Hash Brown	Roast Potatoes , Fresh Broccoli, Sliced Carrots & Gravy	Chips, Tomato Sauce, Peas & Sweetcorn	Carrots
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	Gammon Bap	Chicken Salad	Sausage Roll
D	Fresh Fruit	Sticky Toffee Sponge & Custard	Fruit Smoothie	Cookie	Flapjack

# 1. Only adults should light and hold fireworks. 2. Stand well back when watching fireworks and bonfires. 3. Never approach a firework that has not gone off or is used. 4. Enjoy sparklers safely by wearing gloves and holding them at arms length. 5. When a sparkler goes out put it straight into a bucket of water. 6. Keep your pets safely indoors.

7. Have a great time!

## **Times Tables Rockstars**

**Battle of the Bands** 

Monday, 8th November

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Thursday, 11th November



### Whole School Competition

The most correct answers on any game mode as a class

This can be done in school and at home!

Competition will run from 7am until 7pm each day.

The prize will be awarded to the class with the highest number of correct ansers when competition ends.





Pizza and Movie Party!



### Numbots

**Battle of the Robots** 

Monday, 8th November

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Thursday, 11th November



### Whole Class Competition

The most correct answers on any game mode as a class wins!

This can be done in school and at home!

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### PRIZE

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Dear parents/carers,

Firstly, thank you so much for all of your responses to the questionnaire around mental health provision at Orchard Vale. We really appreciate you taking the time to have your say and value all of the responses. The link has now closed and we are compiling all of the data to inform our next steps to improve.

A couple of dates for your diary:

Tuesday 9th November - Coffee afternoon

2:30 - 3:15pm

Come and have a FREE cuppa and a natter with Sarah Felgate and Debbie Newman while you wait to pick up your children at the end of the day.

Tuesday 16th November - Mental Health Workshop

2:00 - 3:00pm

A fun and informative talk about mental health in children with Debbie Newman:

Signs, symptoms and strategies to support your children

Please do come along to say hello, it would be lovely to meet you o

Debbie Newman

Mental Health Support Team



### Royal British Legion—Poppy Appeal 2021

We are assisting the Royal British Legion with their fundraising again this year. Children will be able to make a donation towards the Poppy Appeal during morning registration.

There is a selection of merchandise the children can choose from. Please see suggested donations below.

Poppies will also be available for any donation.

As the donations will be going straight into the Royal British Legion collection canister so children will be able to bring cash in for their donation.





Zip Pull SUGGESTED DONATION: 50p



Reflector
SUGGESTED DONATION: 50p



Silicon Wristband



Snap Band SUGGESTED DONATION: £1.50





### 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.

