

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

Friday, 19th March 2021

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parent/Carer

It is delightful having a school full of children again. All children have made a fantastic return to school. Some are feeling a little tired this week and that is ok. Some are also finding it tough to all get along happily with each other and that is ok too. Teachers are delivering a daily circle time in their classes over the next 3 weeks to explore friendships, kindness, feelings, anxieties, hopes and aspirations. This will support children getting back into school routines and picking up friendships or creating new ones.

We are also introducing a new phonics programme to children across the school, Read Write Inc Phonics. This is a very popular and successful literacy programme that gets children reading quickly. Your child will learn to read in a very simple way. He or she will learn to:

1. Read **letters** by their 'sounds'.
2. Blend these sounds into **words**.
3. Read the words in a **story**.

We will be in touch with more information and further ways to support your child reading at home.



Have a wonderful weekend.

Fiona Pearce
Head teacher

How will my child learn to read?

First, your child will learn to read:

- Set 1 Speed Sounds: these are sounds written with one letter:
m a s d t i n p g o c k u b f e l h r j v
y w z x and sounds written with two letters
(your child will call these 'special friends'): **sh th ch**
qu ng nk ck
- Words containing these sounds, by sound-blending,
e.g. m-a-t *mat*, c-a-t *cat*, g-o-t *got*, f-i-sh *fish*,
s-p-o-t *spot*, b-e-s-t *best*, s-p-l-a-sh *splash*
- Blending Books and Red, Green and Purple Storybooks.

Second, he or she will learn to read:

- Set 2 Speed Sounds: **ay ee igh ow oo oo ar or**
air ir ou oy
- Words containing these sounds
- Pink, Orange and Yellow Storybooks.

Third, he or she will learn to read:

- Set 3 Speed Sounds: **ea oi a-e i-e o-e u-e aw**
are ur er ow ai oa ew ire ear ure
- Words containing these sounds
- Blue and Grey Storybooks.

Your child will be taught to say the sound for the letter and not the letter name, so 'm' as in 'mat', not 'em';
's' as in 'sun' not 'es'.



KEY STAGE 2—FOOTBALL CLUBS

Mr Ovey will be starting football clubs **after Easter**. All sessions will be socially distanced with children kept in their class bubbles.

Please complete the online form via the link below, by 31st March—3.30pm, if your child would like to be considered for a place. To comply with our Covid risk assessment places are limited to 15 children per session so places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis ensuring we have enough children from each class to form a bubble. You will receive emailed confirmation once places have been allocated.

Click the relevant link below to navigate to the online form.

[Year 3 ONLY Football—Mondays](#) Starting 19th April until 24th May – 315pm-415pm for year 3 ONLY!

[Year 4 ONLY Football—Tuesdays](#) Starting 20th April until 25th May – 315pm-415pm for year 4 ONLY!

[Year 5 ONLY Football—Wednesdays](#) Starting 21st April until 26th May – 315pm-415pm for year 5 ONLY!

[Year 6 ONLY Football—Thursdays](#) Starting 22nd April until 27th May – 315pm-415pm for year 6 ONLY!

Home Learning Expectations

Now that we have returned to full time school our class teachers will still be setting weekly homework for children to complete on Teams for Years 1 to 6 and Tapestry for Nursery/Reception.

Thank you for your continued support.

Years 1 and 2

Reading

Each Friday the children will be given a new reading book in a zip file.

Comprehension Task - You may receive a comprehension task to complete each week.

Key Words will be placed in the zip wallet on a Friday to learn at home. Let your class teacher know when you are ready to be tested on these and moved on to the next set.

Homework

You will find a Homework Task Sheet on your class Teams Homework channel and on the website. Here you will find a variety of tasks to complete if your child wishes. We encourage the children to complete 2 tasks from each section per term.

Please return your zip file each Wednesday allowing us time to change books and test you on your words.

Years 3 and 4

Homework

Homework Task Sheet can be found in the Teams General File for each class and on the school website.

Each child has a homework folder on Teams to upload to. General- homework notebook.

Reading

Children will have a High Flyers Reading log to record when they have read at home.

Please bring these into school on a Friday for us to register their reading.

Spellings

Weekly spellings are placed on Teams in the list section on general on Friday. We would like children to practice these throughout the week ready for a test on Friday.

Jotter Book

Each child has been given a Jotter Book which they should bring in on Monday. They will copy their spellings into it on a Monday for morning work and then take them home to practice daily. They should use this book to practice at home ready for a test on Friday.

Times Tables

Every child will have their own log in details for them to regularly check in to Times Tables Rock Stars <https://ttrockstars.com/> to practice the times tables. These will link to their safari animal in school. They will be tested each Friday so it is important that your child has daily practice. They can also use their jotters to practice their times tables.

Years 5 and 6

In years 5 and 6, we are continuing to develop our blended learning resources, utilising Teams for home work and exciting projects in school.

Spellings

Every week, your child will be receiving spellings on Teams.

Times tables

This will be posted on your child's Teams every week

Home learning

Home learning each class is focussing on that week. In the summer term, we will be exploring this further, using Teams increasingly as a record for your child's learning journey.

Children will have a Tri-Reading log to record when they have read at home. Please continue to log this on your

Change to SMS communications with Orchard Vale



Please note that with effect from Monday, 22nd March the school management system, Arbor, will be changing their SMS supplier. This means that the numbers to reply to an SMS from the school will change.

Any SMS numbers you have stored in your mobile for Orchard Vale prior to Monday, 22nd March will no longer work, please delete these.

Uniform Reminder

Now that all the children are back to school please could we ask that they come to school in the appropriate Orchard Vale uniform, predominantly navy and deep yellow/gold.

Orchard Vale Community School sweatshirts and embroidered polo shirts are available to purchase from the School Office. We also have a selection of pre-loved uniform/shoes. If you would like more information about what is available please email orchardvale@ventrus.org.uk for the attention of Mrs Manley.

Boys: Main Uniform	Girls: Main Uniform
Smart navy trousers Yellow polo shirt School sweatshirt or Navy jumper/cardigan Dark practical shoes (not trainers)	Smart Navy trousers Navy skirt, pinafore, culottes – smart and practical Yellow polo shirt School sweatshirt or Navy jumper/cardigan Dark practical shoes (no high heels or trainers please)
PE Kits Black or Navy Shorts A Plain White Top Trainers Year 5/6 Pupils require studded boots	

Menu for week commencing 22nd March 2021

Week 1

Jan 4th, 18th, Feb 1st, 22nd, Mar 8th, 22nd

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
JP– Jacket potato Cheese/beans/tuna	M – Brunch grill, sausage bacon, beans and sauté potatoes	M – Roast chicken potatoes and 2 fresh vegetables with gravy	M – Minced beef Pie with crispy round potatoes and peas	M – Breaded fish with French fries and peas
	JP – Jacket potato Tuna/cheese/tuna		JP – Jacket potato Cheese/beans/ tuna	V – Quorn nuggets with French fries and peas
SPL– Sausage roll	SPL - Cheese sandwich	SPL - Sausage roll or Cheese & Onion pasty	SPL – Cheese roll	SPL - Ham Sandwich
D – fresh fruit	D – Chocolate sponge	D – Fruit smoothie	D – St Clements cake	D – Cookie

Yoghurts and fresh fruit will be available daily

Gluten free menu available on request



Foundation Stage and Key Stage One



Mrs Youll's

Oliver for listening carefully to his teachers and showing good independence.

Elliot for having a super start to nursery and happily taking part in lots of activities.

Miss Cawthorne's nomination

Lilah for being helpful and fantastic phonics.

Eddie for fantastic maths and working hard.



Miss Boundy's nominations

Franklin has settled back into school really well this week and has shown great resilience. Well done Franklin

Luka has settled back into school really well this week and has made lots of new friends. Well done Luka

Mr Quilter's nomination

Darcy works very hard every day in school but this week he has particularly impressed me with his fantastic instructional writing. Darcy is also one of my maths wizards; keep up the excellent calculation work buddy!



Mrs Oldfield's nomination

Isabella is a kind and caring friend, this week she has work hard to remember to pop her hand up when she has something to say, she has completed some fantastic maths on one more, one less, greater than and less than. She has also written an amazing set of instructions on how to make SLIME, using capital letters, full stops, finger spaces and time connectives. Well done Princess Isabella.

Mrs Grimwood's/Mrs Huggins' nomination

Dylan has amazed us with his accurate maths this week. I am also really pleased with the way he is working in his new phonics group. Excellent work Dylan. You are our shining Star.





Key Stage Two

Miss Gulliford's nomination



Matthew has earned star of the week for being an enthusiastic learner. Whilst at home he had developed his IT skills and now in class he is contributing to collaborative class work with an eager attitude. It is lovely to see Matthew develop his confidence to support the learning of others. A huge and well deserved well done!

Mrs Johnson's nomination

This week my star learner is a girl who has been such a lovely member of our class this year, but who recently seems to have grown in confidence and maturity. She has always loved her learning, but in the last few weeks seems to have come into her own, answering questions with enthusiasm in the class, ploughing ahead in her maths and English lessons, analysing her mistakes and generally encompassing what an enthusiastic learner is all about! Well done Nieve! You are a learning superstar!



Mr Whapham's nomination



Mila-Rose for her wonderful learning attitude! She always has a smile on her face and gives 100% effort to every task. She has made fantastic progress in her reading recently and is working extremely hard to become more independent and move her learning forward. Well done!

Mrs Lavictoire's nomination

This week, I have seen such kindness from my star of the week. We have all noticed how well this person has come back to school, after a long half term of home learning. She shares exciting new books and languages and, without prompting, gently and carefully supports others around her. Jasmine, you have so much to offer and it's really lovely having you back in the classroom. Keep shining!



Mrs Harding's nominations



Zach has been working very hard on his key words and sentences. This week he has also been using his pen in class because he has worked so hard on his handwriting. Zach always completes his reading and spelling homework each week which is a great example to the other children in the class. Zach enjoys school and always has plenty of things to share with us. Well done, Zach! Enjoy being star of the week and keep up the great work. Mrs Harding, Mrs Knight and Miss Passmore.

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

Amity has been absolutely incredible in all of her learning this week. She has shown wonderful confidence in her maths, really showing her understanding and sharing it with the class, even being able to stand up and teach. She is also being a fantastic role model to her working partner, setting a great example and helping them when they need it. Well done Amity, your brightness really lights up our classroom.



Miss Squire's nomination



The star for my class, this week, has been chosen by both myself and Miss Jarvis, for their fantastic attitude. They always have their hand up to share their learning, they are a great friend and they are truly valued by the other members of our class. Well done, Bradley, keep shining.

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.



Year 1/2- Emmie- for always being a superstar in PE, always trying her best, always working well in a team and always smiling

Year 3/4 Alexa - for excellent teamwork skills in our 'cross the river game'

Year 5/6- Owen for consistent brilliant PE and having great cooperation skills

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:

Miss Gulliford class

Mila-Monroe 100 nights

Mahi 100 nights and 150 nights

Mr Whapham

Ronnie 50 nights

Years 5 and 6—Tri-Reading Tournament

The children in Years 5 and 6 are taking part in a Tri-Reading Tournament.

Congratulations to the following children who have achieved 25, 50...nights of reading at home:



Mrs Rana/Mr Boul't's class

100 nights—Logan L 125 nights—
Naima

Free School Meal vouchers for Easter 2021

If you have not redeemed the voucher codes sent to you for the February half term from Devon County Council via the school you must do so by 25th April 2021 before it expires.

About the scheme

Devon County Council is supporting families of children who currently receive free school meals during term time with supermarket vouchers to help buy food during the holidays.

The unique code you've been sent can be used to get vouchers to the value of £30 for Sainsbury's, Tesco, Morrisons, Asda, Aldi, M&S Food and Waitrose to purchase food over the Easter holidays to replace the meals your child would have received at school during the day. Please be advised that the Morrisons voucher must be used in store and cannot be redeemed online.

If you have more than one child entitled to free school meals, you should receive a unique code for each child, as the holiday vouchers are issued separately.

Getting the vouchers

Devon County Council has partnered with an organisation called Black Hawk Network to help us distribute these vouchers as quickly as possible via their 'Select' website because they have lots of experience managing voucher schemes like this and are working with several other local authorities too.

To get your vouchers you will need to visit a website called 'Select' (www.select-your-reward.co.uk) and input your unique code.

You will then be able to choose your preferred supermarket and add your vouchers to your basket.

Please then checkout of the 'Select' website by providing an email address for them to send you your chosen supermarket vouchers electronically. There is no option to receive physical vouchers by post.

Once you have received the vouchers to your email inbox, you can save them to your phone or tablet to use online (depending on the supermarket) or show at the checkout in store. Alternatively, you can print the vouchers off to give to the cashier.

What if I need some help?

If you are struggling to get your vouchers because you don't have access to the internet or a mobile device to receive and store the vouchers on, and don't have any friends or family to help, please contact Devon County Council's education helpline on 0345 155 1019.

Arrangements are in place to support you if you cannot shop, either in store or online, at one of the supermarkets where the vouchers can be spent. Again, please call Devon County Council's education helpline on 0345 155 1019.

Further information

If your child has siblings attending school in a neighbouring authority (for example Plymouth or Torbay) who are also receiving free school meals, the local authority their school is located within will have arrangements to support them over the holidays.

If you received a voucher code for the February holidays and haven't used it to get your supermarket vouchers via Black Hawk's 'Select' website yet, please do so by Sunday 25 April 2021 before it expires.

More detailed information about the free school meals holiday voucher scheme, including how to use them and what to do if there's a problem, is available on Devon County Council's website. Please visit devon.cc/holidayvouchers or www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/document/free-school-meals-holiday-voucher-scheme.

There are also some useful FAQs on the Select website along with contact details for any technical support if you have a problem using the codes and accessing your vouchers. Please visit www.select-your-reward.co.uk.

If you're experiencing severe financial hardship, support is available. Please visit devon.cc/support or www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/document/support-for-people-and-families for information about how to access local financial support, where to find foodbanks and community larders and what to do if you're on a low income and need to self-isolate.

Finally, if you have received this message in error, please let us know by calling 0345 155 1019 or emailing freeschoolmeals@devon.gov.uk so we can make sure this vital support gets to the right family.

COVID19 School Absence

Devon County Council have created some useful resources to help you identify the symptoms of coronavirus compared to a cold or seasonal flu and what action you need to take if your child or anyone in your household develops symptoms of coronavirus. [You can find them on our website.](#)

It's extremely important that [anyone with coronavirus symptoms stays at home and gets tested](#) to avoid the risk of spreading the virus to others, including the more vulnerable in our communities.

That means if your child, or anyone in your household, has any of the symptoms of coronavirus, no matter how mild, you must keep your child off school and self-isolate your whole household while the person with symptoms gets tested and waits for the results. Just the person with symptoms needs to get tested. If you don't have symptoms, you don't need to get tested unless you are asked to by a health professional, but you do need to self-isolate until your household member gets their results.

REMEMBER to call the school office to advise us your child is self isolating and again once you have the results of the Covid 19 test.

Parents asked to do all they can to help prevent the spread of coronavirus.

Regular asymptomatic household testing

The government has confirmed [twice-weekly testing using rapid lateral flow tests will be given for free to all households](#) with primary, secondary school and college aged children and young people, including childcare and support bubbles.

One in three people with coronavirus show no symptoms and potentially spread it without knowing, so targeted, regular testing will mean more positive cases within households are found and prevented from entering schools and colleges, helping to keep educational settings safe.

The twice-weekly testing can be carried out using home-testing kits which can be collected from [NHS testing locations or ordered online](#). Please note they cannot be collected from Devon County Council (DCC) community testing sites at the moment.

DCC community testing sites are only able to carry out on-site tests, which **must** be booked in advance via [our website](#). As well as members of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of school and college staff and pupils, this facility is also available for anyone whose job or volunteering work requires them to leave the house and be in contact with others, anyone who cares for others, either paid or voluntary.

The government policy and guidance around testing is changing rapidly – we will [keep our website updated](#) to reflect any changes.

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly.

Offer of Pre-loved school uniform

We are aware that the pandemic has had an impact on the income of some of our families.



We have a large amount of pre-loved uniform, coats, trainers and shoes just waiting to be rehomed.



If you are interested and would like to know what items we have that may be suitable for you, please email for the attention of Mrs Manley on orchardvale@ventrus.org.uk. Mrs Manley will be able to contact you and discuss what we have available.

Wanted—Do you have any good quality, clean, unwanted uniform size 9-10, 10-11? Please drop off at the school office.

Nut free zone



Orchard Vale aims to protect the children/staff who have severe nut allergies. We request that parents/carers observe our nut free policy and do not include nuts or products including nuts in school lunch boxes.



Items which should not be brought into school:

Packs of nuts, peanut butter/Nutella sandwiches,

Items which contain nuts - cereal bars, some chocolate bars, sesame seed rolls, cakes.

We try to encourage the children to eat healthy snacks at break time.

Snacks for morning break

Key Stage 1/Foundation only —The Government provides a piece of fruit.

Key Stage 2— A piece of fruit, vegetables or cheese, provide from home.

Afternoon snacks

All year groups —A piece of fruit, vegetables or cheese, provided from home.

THINGS NOT TO BE EATEN AT BREAK TIME

breakfast bars - yogurts - fruit winders - fruit in wrappers



Plans to reintroduce in-person library services

Libraries Unlimited, the charity that runs libraries in Devon on behalf of Devon County Council, has [announced plans for reintroducing in-person library services](#) over the coming months, based on the four-step plan set out by the government.

At the moment all library buildings remain closed. However, lifeline services to support the health and wellbeing of our communities, such as being able to choose and collect books are available at some libraries. Vital access to essential online government services through bookable computer sessions for those who don't have IT or internet access at home are also available.

The first step is from Monday 29 March when choose and collect services will restart and some libraries will offer essential computer access.

Step two, which is not before Monday 12 April in line with the government's roadmap, will see a phased reopening of library buildings for book borrowing and computer sessions and mobile libraries will be back on the road.

The timetable is subject to government guidance and potential change, and Libraries Unlimited will continue to [keep customers updated](#).

In the meantime, they continue to offer a wide range of eBooks, eAudiobooks, digital magazines and newspapers [on their website](#), as well as a vibrant programme of digital events via their [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) channels.

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6-9 & 12-14 April

9am – 4pm

Girls & boys 4 – 14 years



£25 per day / £125 for ALL 7 days

EARLY BIRD OFFER Book before 21 March – £20 per day / £125 for ALL 7 days

DEV, PRE ACADEMY & FREMINGTON YOUTH DISCOUNT £20 per day



GK ICON will be joining us again this Easter

6 & 9 April

9 – 12pm

£20, stay & play at Romar Sports till 4pm + £5

£30 for both days

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- ☆ **2 to 4 years**
Tots Class
Thursday 9.30am to 10.15am
- ☆ **5 to 8 years**
Early Years Class
Monday 4.00pm to 4.45pm
Saturday 9.00am to 9.45am
- ☆ **9 to 16 years**
Tuesday Group
4.30pm to 7.00pm
Saturday Group
10.00am to 1.30pm

DANCE CLASSES

- ☆ **5 to 8 years**
Tap Dancing
Monday 4.30pm to 5.15pm
- ☆ **9 to 16 years**
Contemporary Dance
Monday 5.15pm to 6.00pm



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IN SEARCH OF

Easter



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What is Easter really all about?
Scan the code and let the adventure begin!

Friday 2nd – Monday 5th April

Head to Rock Park

(near children's playground)
For a family friendly fun QR code trail with activities & videos.

Prizes for the first 150 correct answers



Scripture Union

Please ensure you follow current government guidance around social distancing as you take part in the trail.



VIRTUAL EASTER BALLOON RACE

The race starts on 4th April 2021
lasts for one week, totally online
£3 per Balloon

First Prize: £500
Second Prize: Apple Ipad
Third Prize: 10x £10 Book Tokens



Enter at: brauntuncaenrotary.co.uk/balloonrace

You will be able to track your balloon online over the race week

Rotary supporting the North Devon Hospice

For more information please email admin@brauntuncaenrotary.co.uk



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Max's Big Camp Out

11-year-old Max Woosey has been camping out in a tent, in his garden, every night since the end of March 2020. He has been raising money for North Devon Hospice in memory of his neighbour, Rick, who was cared for by the hospice at home.

Now, Max wants you to try it for yourself by camping out in your garden or house on Saturday 27th March.

It's free to take part, simply head to maxsbigcampout.justgiving.com set up your JustGiving page to raise funds for North Devon Hospice.

This is your chance to get creative and have an exciting adventure in your own home. Camp out under the dining table or pitch a tent on the lawn. Wherever you decide to set up camp, know that you'll be joining people camping out across the world in support of their chosen charity.

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