

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

Well, what a miserable week it has been, to think it's almost summer!

I think you would agree with me that we are desperately in need of some warmth and sunshine, let's hope it arrives before half term.

We have noticed a lot of children have been off school this week with cold symptoms. Can we please take special care and remember, Hands, Face, Space and fresh air. We have done so well up to now! We are still encouraging the children to following strict hygiene rules when in school.

We would like to thank Mr Moir, Premises Manager, for his hard work during his first couple of weeks at Orchard Vale. He has fitted in wonderfully as part of the OV team. Do give him a thumbs up if you see him.

Thank you so much for your support with the UNA fund raising event (see page 7 for details). You still have time to support this worthy cause if you want to, send your entries into your class teachers.



I hope the weather changes for the weekend. See you all on Monday.

Fiona Pearce
Head teacher

National Child Measurement Programme Wednesday, 15th June 2021

Each year in England, school children in Reception and Year 6 have their height and weight measured at school as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. Public Health England collect this information as it helps the Public Health team identify trends and helps them plan services to support families and children.

Parents with children in Reception and Year 6 were sent an email attaching full details, including an information leaflet.

If you are happy for your child to take part in this survey you do not need to do anything.

If you do not wish your child to take part, you can opt out by following the instructions in the letter emailed to you.

Summer Fair

Our school fair has been scheduled for Wednesday, 14th July. More information will be available over the next few weeks.

WANTED

If you have any unwanted, good quality, gifts, which could be recycled, please hand them into the office for the attention of Mrs Manley. Thank you.

Food Vouchers for Half Term

If your child is entitled to free school meals you will be sent a unique code next week. This will enable you to get vouchers to the value of £15 for Sainsburys, Tesco, Morrisons, Asda, Aldi, M&S Food and Waitrose to purchase food over the half term holidays to replace the meals your child would have received at school during the day.



Foundation Stage and Key Stage One



Mrs Youll's

Toby for being super brave saying goodbye to Mummy this week and having a go at lots of activities.
George L for super concentration and listening in phonics and trying hard in Mr Ovey's P.E lesson.

Miss Cawthorne's nomination

Brody for fantastic listening and working hard.

Lily for always working hard and being super helpful.



Miss Boundy's nominations

Freya has worked so hard in phonics and maths this week. Freya brings a smile to everyone's face and is such a wonderful friend to all. Well done Freya
Lola has been working super hard in phonics and her writing was fantastic this week. She has also been a very kind friend. Well done Lola

Mr Quilter's nomination

Charlie has impressed us all with his amazing writing this week. His letter writing has been outstanding where he met the success criteria perfectly.

Charlie is a popular young man who is full of energy. He is a great member of my class who always contributes fully.



Mrs Oldfield's nomination

Jenson P, he has been very brave this week and has walked into class all on his own every day. Jenson is always hard working and never fails to give anything less than 100% in everything he is asked to do. For the past few weeks Jenson has set himself the challenge of sorting out all our class puzzles, this is a mammoth task! Finally, this week he was able to complete this dinosaur puzzle with the help of a couple of friends. Well done buddy I love your positive attitude to all you do, Keep it up. Mrs O x



Mrs Grimwood's/Mrs Huggins' nomination

Our star of the week this week is Betsy. Betsy has so impressed me with her writing this week. She is really thinking about the words she chooses and her writing is a joy to read. Betsy is an extremely kind girl and always gives us her best every day. Well done Betsy You are our shining Star.





Key Stage Two

Miss Gulliford's nomination



Mila has shown resilience and perseverance this week. She is committed to focusing on her learning and aiming high with her achievements. Mila is a super role model who shines brightly in every lesson and demonstrates core values of impeccable behaviour, hard work and pride. Well done Mila!

Mrs Johnson's nomination

This week my star of the week is Ezra. He has impressed me so much this week by being kind and helpful to others. He has also been working hard to improve the presentation in his book. He has been so proud of his own efforts and it is lovely to see. Ezra is such a funny member of the class and always has a fact or two to share with the class. Keep up the good work Ezra!



Mr Whapham's nomination



My star of the week goes to Zac. Zac has worked hard this week, particularly in his English work. He has thought carefully about the choices he has made when writing his final twisted fairy-tale and has really impressed me with the care he has taken over his first few paragraphs. He is choosing words carefully, constructing good sentences and importantly, making his writing interesting. Keep up the hard work and I am looking forward to reading your final piece.

Mrs Lavictoire's nomination

Isla is not only my star of the week this week, but has continuously demonstrated a kind, conscientious and caring attitude throughout everything that this year has brought. She is so supportive of her classmates and always offers help to anyone who needs it. Her discussions in maths are so focussed and her recent travel article writing showed how she can apply her persuasive techniques to any form of writing. Well done Isla! Keep being a star!



The Adventurers nomination



Sophie is such an enthusiastic, hardworking and determined person. She tries very hard in everything she is faced with and even though she finds some things difficult she doesn't give up. Sophie also has such an amazing sense of humour and makes us laugh every single day. This is a well-deserved award well done Sophie!

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

Year 5s star of the week this week is Riley! He has worked so hard on his presentation, his handwriting and on his resilience when writing. He has also shown a great understanding in maths this week, being able to understand tenths, hundredths and thousandths. Well done Riley!



Miss Squire's nomination



My star this week is someone who has been working really hard on making the right choices, consistently. Lily-Mae has come such a long way since the start of year 6, and she is now able to reflect on each day and week, finding the positive whilst also considering how to improve. I am seeing this more and more through her learning and through her actions on the playground. Well done Lily-Mae, I am so proud of how far you have come and your commitment to continuing to grow.

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.

Years 1 and 2—Phoebe G for excellent curling skills.

Years 3 and 4—Zane for massive improvement in behaviour.

Years 5 and 6—Macie W for always being a PE superstar, no matter what.

School Diary Dates

Wed, 26th May	Allotment Group working party
Mon, 31st May	HALF TERM WEEK
Mon, 14th June	Wheelchair Awareness Week
Tue, 15th June	National Child Measurement Programme—Reception and Year 6 only
Fri, 18th June	Adventurers—Exeter Chiefs' Rugby Festival
Tue, 22nd June	KS1 trip to Rosemoor Gardens—Mrs Oldfield / Mrs Grimwood/Mrs Huggins' classes
Wed, 23rd June	KS1 trip to Rosemoor Gardens—Mr Quilter's class
Wed, 23rd June	Allotment Group working party
Thurs, 1st July	Years 3 and 4 trip to Rosemoor Gardens
Wed, 7th July	Summer Sounds music day
Wed, 14th July	Summer Fair
Tue, 20th July	Allotment Group working party
Thurs, 22nd July	Last day of summer term

Menu for week commencing 24th May 2021

Week 1 26th April, 10th May, 24th May, 14th June, 28th June, 12th July

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
M – Ham carbonara with pasta and sweetcorn	M – Focaccia bread pizza with crispy round potatoes and carrot sticks	M – Roast chicken, potatoes and 2 fresh vegetables with gravy	M – Crunchy chicken fillets with French fries and peas	M – Beef bolognese with pasta and salad
V – Quorn sausage hotdog with wedges and sweetcorn	V – Butternut squash risotto with focaccia bread and Carrot sticks	V – 3 cheese, Cauliflower and broccoli bake with potatoes and 2 fresh vegetables	V – Quorn nuggets with French fries and peas	V – Sweet tomato cheese quiche with sauté potatoes and salad
JP – Cheese/beans/Tuna PL – Pasta pot	JP – Cheese/beans/Tuna PL – Cheese roll	JP – Cheese/beans/Tuna PL – Ham Roll	JP – Cheese/beans/Tuna PL – Chicken and bacon salad	JP – Cheese/beans/Tuna PL – Sausage roll
D – Fresh fruit	D – Banana & raspberry cake	D – Fruit smoothie	D – Apple cake	D – Cookie

Yoghurts and fresh fruit will be available daily

Gluten free menu available on request

Personal Achievement for Mila



Mila started taking part in the the junior park run about 4 weeks ago.

Last weekend she completed the course in

12 minutes 18 seconds.

A whole 2 minutes faster than her first attempt.

She finished in 35th place and 11th female.

It is wonderful to share this achievement with the OV community.



Mila with her
Headteacher's



Teamwork

Alfie, Asher and Jensen finally finished this great puzzle this week.

They worked brilliantly as a team and were all very proud of themselves.



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From chrysalis to butterfly

Over the past few weeks the Adventurers class have been looking after some caterpillars. They watched them turn into chrysalis and then butterflies. They have loved watching this process happen and have enjoyed having some class pets.

On Monday, we released the butterflies and watched them fly away and find their new homes. Before they did this we managed hold them and look at their beautiful wings.

**Non-uniform
day!**

Orchard Vale's Summer Fair

Wednesday, 14th July 2021

3pm to 5pm

Save the date

Once we have clarification of the government's guidance we will confirm whether our summer fair will be a traditional one on our field or a virtual one using Teams.



Entry £3 per child

Traditional stalls



Handmade craft items made by the children



Guess the name of the rabbits?

How many sweets in the jar?



Entry into the draw, we have one adult and one child hamper.



Spot the Ball.

£6 to include an end of term class celebration DVD.



We will set up a payment item on Parent Pay for the entry fee.

We will be in touch nearer the time with further details of how we can proceed.

All proceeds made at this event will be used in school to benefit the children.

Wheelchair Awareness Week

The week commencing 14th June is Wheelchair Awareness week. At Orchard Vale we have children who spend the majority of time in their wheelchairs and we feel it would be good to help other children understand what this might be like.

Children will have brought home a sheet designed by Lacey-Rae for them to colour in the pictures of the UNA Wheelchair. The UNA equipment represents how uniting the adaptation of a powered wheel and chair, can enable Lacey-Rae to become more independent. As a school we would like to support the family to raise money for a piece of new equipment (an UNA) to help Lacey-Rae, in year 5/6, and her ever-growing mobility needs.

Nursery/Reception, Years 1/2, Years 3/4

If you would like to support our fundraising, please try and cover one of the image outlines with coins and hand it into your teacher by **Friday 18th June**. The class that has managed to raise the most money will enjoy a special class treat!

Years 5/6

During Wheelchair Awareness week, each child and member of staff in year 5/6 will spend a short time experiencing the everyday challenges that wheelchair users face. Hopefully, this will be a fun and exciting activity to take part in whilst also highlighting daily difficulties people in wheelchairs might have.

We would like to make this a sponsorship event in year 5/6. (More information will be shared with the children in class about why we are fundraising and the specific piece of equipment we are trying to raise money for).

All children will be taking part in the event but if you would like to support us, please complete the sponsorship form on the back by **Friday 18th June**.

The child who raises the most money will receive a hamper full of goodies for the whole family to enjoy.

We completely understand if this is not something you wish to contribute to at this time, there will be other opportunities during the year to support a range of causes.

Devon County Council's Free School Meals holiday voucher scheme – May half-term 2021

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.

If your child is entitled to free school meals you will be sent a unique code to get vouchers to the value of £15 for Sainsburys, Tesco, Morrisons, Asda, Aldi, M&S Food and Waitrose to purchase food over the half term 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 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 Easter holidays and haven't used it to get your supermarket vouchers via Black Hawk's 'Select' website yet, please do so by Sunday 6th June 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 email-ing freeschoolmeals@devon.gov.uk so we can make sure this vital support gets to the right family.

Thank a Teacher Day Wednesday 23rd June 2021



Anyone can send a card for Thank a Teacher Day. The Thank a Teacher campaign recognises ALL staff working in UK schools and colleges; school leaders, teachers, teaching assistants, and all support staff such as administrators, lunchtime supervisors, caretakers and cleaners. If you're feeling shy you can send a card anonymously!

Once you've sent your card you'll also have the chance to enter our #HowWillYouSayThankYou competitions. Bake, write, or show off your drawing skills for your teaching heroes and you could receive a special celebrity shout out! If you would like to send a free card, go to www.thankateacher.co.uk.



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Year 5 Taster Day

Wednesday 7th July

We are delighted to invite prospective pupils to join us for a fun day at the College. To book a place please visit

<https://tinyurl.com/CC-Year-5-Taster-Day-2021> and complete our booking form.

Places are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment!

Out of catchment? SCHOOL TRANSPORT is available from Barnstaple, Crediton, Rackenford & Torrington areas. Please contact us for more information. (Transport is not available for the Year 5 Taster Day.)

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Are you in the construction and trade sector, and want to start your own business or boost your existing one?

From carpentry to bricklaying,
plastering to furniture making, the
careers are endless!

We offer courses from Level 1 to 6, so you can start at a level that suits you.

Join us on Zoom at 6pm,
on Thursday 17 June and
start your new future!

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your future starts here

Are you aged 19+ and looking to upskill or retrain?

Are you looking to start or expand your career in the creative and customer hair and beauty industry?

From nail tech to media make-up, barbering to business owner, the careers in this exciting sector are endless!

We offer courses from Level 1 to 6, so you can start at a level that suits you.

Join us on Zoom at 6pm,
on Thursday 24 June and
start your new future!

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Are you aged 19+ and looking to upskill or retrain?

Are you inspired by teaching and looking for a career in education?

From teaching assistant to classroom teacher, education administrator to school councillor, the career opportunities in education are endless!

We offer courses from Level 1 to 6, so you can start at a level that suits you.

Join us on Zoom at 6pm,
on Thursday 27 May and
start your new future!

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Are you aged 19+ and looking to upskill or retrain?

Want to make a difference to people's lives?
Then a career in healthcare could be for you.

From occupational health to registered nurse, community health worker to anaesthetist, the career opportunities in healthcare are endless!

We offer courses from Level 1 to 6, so you can start at a level that suits you.

Join us on Zoom at 6pm,
on Thursday 10 June and
start your new future!

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**Devon
County Council**

Coronavirus (COVID-19) response update from Devon County Council

Devon County Council's Connectme update contains information, which you may find of interest, affecting residents Devon.

[Link to DCC Connectme website](#)

Have you got your free rapid COVID-19 tests yet?

Devon County Council are running a [mobile community testing service in Devon](#) so you can get tested or collect home-testing kits at a range of locations across the county. DCC have published a timetable on their website, but please bear in mind that this schedule is subject to change as they make new locations available and to accommodate any operational issues. To avoid disappointment, [please check DCC website each time you plan a visit](#).

You can also [order home-testing kits from the NHS by post](#) or collect home-testing kits from [NHS testing locations](#), and any of the [133 pharmacies that are part of the Pharmacy Collect scheme so far](#).

Remember, these rapid lateral flow tests are to be taken regularly if you do not have any symptoms of coronavirus. If you do develop any symptoms, you should immediately self-isolate and [arrange a PCR test via the NHS](#).