

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

Friday, 23rd February 2024

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers



The children and staff have been taking part in Random Acts of Kindness Week. We have been finding different ways to show kindness. This might be in the way they behave, supporting friends, doing something nice for someone or sending a kind note. It has been lovely to see the children's response to these and has really supported friendships across the school.

We have noticed, on the playground this week, there seems to be a bottle neck by the Coffee Cabin. To alleviate this, we are going to suggest that we go back to the one-way system we had during Covid. This will help support the speed of dropping and collecting and allow more room for buggies and such like. Please can you enter school through the large playground gates by the garage. Please wait on the pavement as the car park is in constant use. When exiting the school please do this via the smaller playground gates by the Coffee Cabin. We really appreciate your support with this.

Lateness

The number of children who are persistently late has really improved this term. Thank you to everyone who has been making a real effort to get your children to school on time. We know that, on occasions, you might be late due to traffic or reasons beyond your control, but there are still many children who are late every day.

Being even just 5 minutes late in the morning impacts on your child's learning.

The children miss vital information being given during registration time and miss the first instructions in their morning lessons. Phonics and core learning take place first thing in the morning where children are often in different groupings and rooms. Being late leads to a confusing time for the children trying to get to the right place. I would urge you to try to make a real effort to get your child into school on time. The playground gates close at 8:50am.

We have had some fantastic entries for our extreme reading competition. If the weather remains wet and dreary maybe you could encourage your child to read in some unusual places and send us a photo through Tapestry/Teams.



I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Fiona Pearce
Headteacher

EXTREME READING COMPETITION

Upload a photo onto your class teams
of you reading a book somewhere unusual,
bizarre or extreme!



Entries open: Monday 5th February.

Closing date: Monday 11th March.

Winners will be announced in celebration
assembly on 15th March.

Good luck and happy reading!

Easter Disco Night Wednesday, 6th March

Reception, Years 1 / 2—3.30pm to 4.30pm
(parents must collect children from class at the end of school day
as normal and take them to the Community Room door to register
for the disco)

Years 3 / 4—5pm to 6pm

Years 5 / 6—6.30pm to 7.30pm

Pre-booked places only

£2 per child

to include sweets and a drink

Pre-payment via Parentpay by Monday, 4th March

There will be no allocation of tickets.

A register will be produced for admission.

IMPORTANT by paying you agree to collect your child from the
main courtyard area at the allocated time.



STARS OF THE WEEK

The Pink Panthers

Kojo for remembering to use his words when sharing and turn taking with his peers.

Evie for listening carefully to instructions and doing some super tidying.

The Curious Corals

My star of the week is the lovely Hallie. Something we all love about Hallie is her gentle and kind-hearted nature that extends out to everyone. She shows an amazing awareness of other people's feelings and is the first to support and look after her peers. This week, Hallie has really impressed me with her reading. She's been building up her stamina in phonics and is beginning to decode and read sentences with confidence. She's also been working hard to ensure her writing is presented nicely using her best letter formation. Hallie, thank you for always trying your best and for taking such good care of us all!

The Silver Sweethearts

Our star of the week is Ben. Ben has been working extremely hard in phonics and has made great progress with his word charts. Ben is always helpful in class and looks after his friends. Well done Ben, you are a superstar.

The Dancing Red Ravers

My star of the week is Carter! I am incredibly proud of how hard Carter has worked in class this week. He always shows a great attitude towards school and this week in particular his amazing attitude and enthusiasm has been infectious to others! He has worked independently in his writing and has not needed any prompts or reminders for finger spaces or capital letters. He has made great efforts in reducing the size of his letters and forming them the correct way! I love having Carter in the classroom because he is such a lovely, friendly and kind-hearted boy! He is also a master builder!! Mr Quilter x

The Marvellous Midnight Blue Macaws

My star of the week is Albie. We are very proud of the effort and enthusiasm Albie has shown in maths this week. We have been working with Money, learning the different coins and what they represent. Albie has enjoyed playing the role of teacher and helping to match amounts of moneys on the board. He loved the money bingo game that he has been playing. Well done, Albie, we are all very proud of you. Keep up the great work! Mrs O x

The Lively Lilac Learners

My star of the week is Charles. Charles has just been quietly strengthening in all areas of learning and he is doing brilliantly. Charles has had some significant challenges to overcome with his learning, but he has diligently and rigorously persevered and is going from strength to strength. He is a fabulous role model in class and always sits well on the carpet listening to what is required. Charles is making great progress with his reading, writing and maths. He also loves his energetic games on the playground and gets on well with other children. Charles you are an all-round star! we are very proud of you!

Congratulations to KS1 Reading road champions

Vienna-Rae (since December)

Ryleigh Lily J Albie Jasmyn

Alice M Tommy Ben

On reaching 25 reads

Oliver J Heidi

On reaching 50 reads

Bella M Eli F Lucas Summer Elana

On reaching 75 reads

Congratulations to Years 3 and 4 - High Flyers

Theo

On reaching 75 reads

The prize for the
tidiest cloakroom
goes to
Mr Quilter's class

PE CHAMPS

Mr Ovey has selected the following children to be this week's PE Champs.

Years 1 and 2

George W- for excellent basketball skills and for listening and concentration.

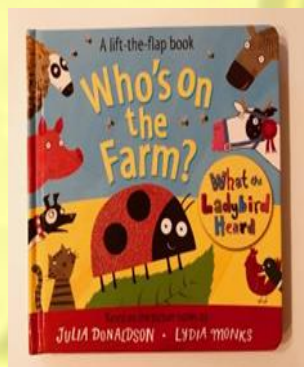
Years 3 and 4

Jenson P- great basketball skills with his footwork and passing.

Years 5 and 6

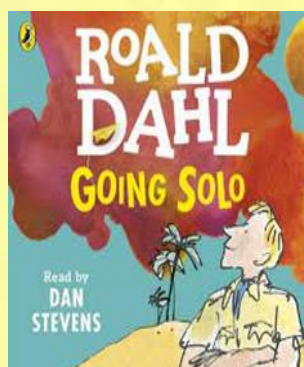
Freddie J - excellent attitude to PE and sport.

READING CHAMPIONS



Year 1/2
'Who's on the Farm'

I have picked this book because it is more a fund quiz, giving you clues so you can guess the animal.
Grazynka



Year 3/4
'Going Solo'

I have chosen this book because it tells you how Roald Dahl left England for Africa and details a serious of daring and dangerous adventures.

Lily-Rose



Year 5/6
'Grandpa's great escape'

I have picked this book because it has historical facts about Britain, and is remarkably interesting.
I recommend it highly.

Mila

You can find all of this week's Reading Champion picks on display in the school library.

Happy reading!
Written by Martha and Theo

Please see website for Vegan/Dairy and gluten free options

LUNCH MENU – WEEK 3

13th Nov / 4th Dec / 8th & 29th Jan / 26th Feb / 18th Mar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza	Butchers Mince Beef Cottage Pie	Roast Chicken with Sage & Onion Stuffing	Fish Shop Breaded Cod Nuggets (New)	Carbonara Pasta Bake
Handmade Falafel Burger in a Bun (New Recipe)	Handmade Cheese Wheels	Vegan Cauliflower Bites	Vegan Sausage Bap	Chinese Style Vegetable & Noodle Wrap(New Recipe)
Jacket Potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna		Jacket Potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna	
Wholemeal Pasta, Baked Beans & Sweetcorn	Peas & Cauliflower	Roast or Mash Potato, Sliced Carrots, Broccoli & Gravy	Chips, Wholemeal Pasta, Peas, Tomato Sauce & Coleslaw	Fresh Batons of Carrot & Cucumber Sticks
Fresh Fruit	Fruit Jelly	Pear & Vanilla Crumble & Custard (New Recipe)	Fruit Cookie	Pineapple Oaty Slice (New Recipe)
Ham Roll	Cheese Roll	Ham Roll	Tuna Roll	Sausage Roll

School Diary Dates

Mon, 26th Feb	Year 2 visit to Exmoor Zoo
Tue, 27th Feb	Year 1 visit to Exmoor Zoo
Wed, 28th Feb to Fri, 1st Mar	Years 3/4 Residential to Heatree Activity Centre
Fri, 1st Mar	Year 6 Rising Stars—Basketball at Pilton Community College
Wed, 6th Mar	Years 4,5,6—Dance Workshop (selected children)
Wed, 6th Mar	Easter Disco - PTA—book placed via Parentpay
Thur, 7th Mar	World Book Day—Come in your Pyjamas
Fri, 8th Mar	Rock Steady music workshops—Years 1,2,3,4,5,6
Tue, 12th Mar	Years 5/6—Group 1—Guildhall visit
Wed, 13th Mar	Years 5/6—Group 2—Guildhall visit
Thur, 14th Mar	Years 5/6—Group 3—Guildhall visit
Fri, 22nd Mar	Wheelie Big Breakfast (more details to come)
Mon, 25th Mar	Learn to Ride (selected children)
Wed, 27th Mar	KS1—Oral Health assembly and class workshops.
Wed, 27th Mar	KS2 Cycle to Rock Park (details to come)
Thur, 28th Mar	Easter Fayre (PTA)
Fri, 29th Mar	Bank Holiday
Mon 1st to Fri, 12th April	EASTER HOLIDAYS

Junior Instructor Community Challenge

As part of my Martial Arts Junior Instructor course, I have planned a Community Challenge which involves collecting Easter Eggs for the Barnstaple Foodbank. If you are able to donate an Easter Egg to support my challenge, please bring it into school before Friday 15th March. Thank you for your support,

Darcy— Year 4—TW



We're celebrating World Book Day® & you're invited!

WORLD
BOOK
DAY

When:

7th March 2024

Where:

OV School

How we're celebrating:

Wear pyjamas
Bedtime Stories

Contact info:

Your teacher!



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FRIDAY 23RD FEB 17:00 - 18:00
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Christ Church, Bear St
Parents and Toddlers group

We meet on Wednesdays **9.30-11.00am**
 (NEW TIME)

 during term time

A small and welcoming group -

we have activities,
 toys, music and refreshments 

with outside space when dry

 Come and make new friends

Contact Joy Morley 01271 376171
 for further details or
 £1.50 per family. turn up!



MASQUERADE

FEATURING
TAMSIN BALL

CHARITYBALL

IN AID OF MACMILLAN

FRIDAY 26TH APRIL 2024

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MASQUERADE

CHARITY BALL

26TH APRIL 2024

THE CEDARS INN BARNSTAPLE, WOULD LIKE TO CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO ATTEND OUR CHARITY MASQUERADE BALL, WE ARE RAISING MONEY FOR OUR CHOSEN CHARITY AND YOUR SUPPORT WOULD MEAN A LOT TO US AND WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

WE HAVE SUCH A FANTASTIC NIGHT PLANNED FOR YOU, TAMSIN BALL WILL BE PROVIDING LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE FIRST PART OF THE EVENING, SHE IS AN AMAZING LOCAL SINGER WHO'S PERFORMANCE IS NOT ONE TO BE MISSED!

WE HAVE A RAFFLE WHICH WILL BE DRAWN ON THE NIGHT WHICH INCLUDES SOME FANTASTIC PRIZES.

YOU WILL NOT GO HUNGRY, OUR CHEFS WILL BE PUTTING ON A GALA BUFFET SUITABLE FOR ALL.

OUR IN HOUSE DJ WILL BE FILLING THE SECOND HALF OF THE EVENING WITH TUNES FROM ALL DECADES, GOT A FAVOURITE SONG? NOT A PROBLEM WE CAN PLAY THIS FOR YOU! SO PLEASE GRAB YOUR FRIENDS, PARTNERS AND RELATIVES AND JOIN US FOR WHAT REALLY WILL BE AN INCREDIBLE NIGHT

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