

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back!

It has been quite an exciting week welcoming back all the home learners and being all together again in school. It has been lovely greeting everyone each morning and the children have been really excited to get back to school and see their friends.

Despite the storm we have managed to get the children outside at every opportunity to rekindle friendships and enjoy spending time catching up. As the weather is still very changeable please could I ask parents to send their children to school with a warm/waterproof coat and suitable shoes.

After such a busy week, I know we are all feeling tired and are looking forward to the weekend but we are also delighted that we are beginning to return to normal school routines and we are beginning to see a return to some normality in our lives.

Enjoy your weekend. I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Fiona Pearce
Head teacher



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 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. You will receive emailed confirmation once places have been allocated.

Children will need their PE kits, trainers (football boots are optional at the moment) and shin pads.

[Year 3 ONLY Football—Mondays](#)

Starting Monday, 19th April until 24th, May – 315pm-415pm for year 3 ONLY!

[Year 4 ONLY Football—Tuesdays](#)

Starting Tuesday, 20th April until 25th May – 315pm-415pm for year 4 ONLY!

[Year 5 ONLY Football—Wednesdays](#)

Starting Wednesday, 21st April until 26th May – 315pm-415pm for year 5 ONLY!

[Year 6 ONLY Football—Thursdays](#)

Starting Thursday, 22nd April until 27th May – 315pm-415pm for year 6 ONLY!

Star of the Week

Foundation Stage and Key Stage One



Mrs Youll's

Corey for showing super independence and cheerfulness on his return to nursery.

George Green for settling in well and taking part in lots of activities.

Miss Cawthorne's nomination

Albie for settling in so well and working hard in phonics.

Jessica for working really hard and loving being back at school.



Miss Boundy's nominations

Holly has been amazing in her phonics all week and has been so helpful! Well done Holly

Henry has worked so hard this week and has shown lots of confidence in his phonics. Well done Henry

Mr Quilter's nomination

Tyler H works incredibly hard all of the time!!

He is a kind and caring young man who is well loved by all.

Great job you super star!!



Mrs Oldfield's nomination

Sofia has settled back into the school routine beautifully. We have seen a big jump in self-confidence in Sofia she is happy and full of smiles and brighten the classroom every day. We are most impressed with the way Sofia has been applying the work she completed in lockdown into her learning in class, this is amazing, and we are very proud of her. Keep up the great work Super Star.

Mrs Grimwood's/Mrs Huggins' nomination

Our star of the week is James. His maths has been excellent this week. He has loved doing it and worked independently. Well done James. You are our shining Star!



Star of the Week

Key Stage Two

Miss Gulliford's nomination



Lily-Rose has shown a true resilience and determination with her learning. She has begun to grow in confidence, sharing her ideas and supporting friends with learning. She is beginning to show signs of self-belief and it is lovely to see her blossom into a delightfully enthusiastic member of the class showing a passion for learning. Well done Lily-Rose, I can't wait to see where you're new found confidence takes you!

Mrs Johnson's nomination

My star of the week this week is someone that has wowed everyone with his new maturity and independence. He has been so confident adding 3-digit numbers with regrouping this week - we have just been amazed at his speed and accuracy! He is also started to solve his own problems and find ways to complete tasks without help. Well done Kobi! Keep up the good work!



Mr Whapham's nomination



Shaila is my star of the week for showing a really positive attitude since returning to school. I know that lockdown has been tricky at times and that home learning was difficult for some, but she has transitioned very well back into her learning. Shaila is always full of questions and always wants to know more. She is brave enough to question my explanations and ask for more detail, which is such a wonderful learning attribute. Well done

Mrs Lavictoire's nomination

My star of the week, this week, is someone who has become a wonderful part of our class group. She has worked her socks off, in a smaller classroom setting, since the beginning of term. She has also welcomed back members of the class and is working with different people in such a thoughtful and exciting way. Sophie has embraced every learning opportunity and volunteers such exciting ideas, in class. Well done Sophie Lamprey. What a star!



Mrs Harding's nominations



Tyler has been working very hard on his writing and in particular his paragraphs and sentences. His spelling has improved and he applied the new words that he can spell consistently to his written work. Tyler has been working hard to use topic specific shape vocabulary in his maths work and has been working hard on his problem solving skills at playtime. Congratulations on being our staff of the week. We are all very proud of you!
Mrs Harding, Miss Passmore and Mrs Knight

Mrs Rana's/Mr Boulton's nomination

Grace for having a fantastic first week back at school. She has excelled in her maths, English, reading and science this week, showing progress in every single lesson with amazing confidence. She has also slotted back into class so well, working brilliantly with her partner and always being ready to learn. Well done Grace, it's fantastic to have you back!!



Miss Squire's nomination



My star this week is someone who has just returned to school, and has shown some fantastic learning behaviours this week. They have shown great resilience and responsibility in our lessons and have been 'wow-ing' Miss Jarvis and I, in all subjects. Our star this week is Megan, well done Megan!

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.



KS1- Jenson P was recommended by Mr Quilter for excellent PE and Jenson is always smiling and trying his best in PE

3/4- Matthew for excellent teamwork and leadership skills during orienteering

5/6 – Laila for brilliant co-ordination skills and superb teamwork

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 100 nights - Ruby, Lara and Ryder

Menu for week commencing 15th March 2021

Week 2 Jan 11th, 25th Feb 8th, Mar 1st, 15th, 29th

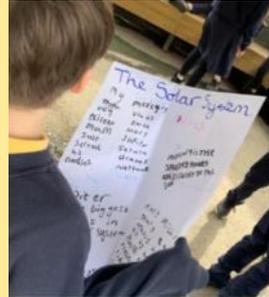
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
JP- Jacket potato Cheese/beans/tuna	M - Focaccia bread pizza with crispy round potatoes, carrots and peas	M – Roast chicken, potatoes and 2 fresh vegetables with gravy	M – Hotdog, potato wedges and peas	M – Chicken Nuggets with French fries and peas
	JP – Jacket potato Tuna/cheese/tuna		JP – Jacket potato Tuna/cheese/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 – Banana cake	D – Fruit smoothie	D – Apple cake	D – Cookie

Yoghurts and fresh fruit will be available daily

Gluten free menu available on request

We have all enjoyed being back together and being able to do lots of fun activities with our classmates

Miss Jones has been taking year 5 for science, where we have been putting together all of the knowledge she has taught us over the past few weeks about space and presenting what we know to the rest of the class! It was great to demonstrate how the Earth, the Sun and the Moon all move in relation to each other in our groups on the playground.



Mrs Huggins and Mrs Grimwood's class exploring a non-Newtonian liquid!



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.

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.

It is because 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.



SLEEP ROUGH SO OTHERS DON'T HAVE TO

One night can make
a lifetime of difference.

#YMCA Sleep Easy
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Sleep Easy Event – 26 March 2021, 7 pm onwards

This challenge event is asking you to spend one night sleeping somewhere other than your bed, all to raise vital funds to help us tackle the root causes of youth homelessness.

Taking place on Friday 26 March, it's easy to get involved! Just grab a sleeping bag and sleep somewhere other than your bed – such as your garden, lounge, hallway or other safe space.

Register your interest

Click below to register your interest and we will be in touch with more information about this year's Sleep Easy. If there is a local YMCA taking part in the event, we will pass on your details to them so they can reach out to you.

A staple part of our fundraising since 2010, Sleep Easy has seen more than 7,000 people sleep rough to raise over £1.5m for local YMCA services that help young people rebuild their lives.

YMCAs are asking families to sleep out, so others don't have to, by taking part in special Sleep Easy events all over England and Wales. In ordinary times, this would have involved groups and individuals meeting at a YMCA, building cardboard shelters, sharing the evening outside, and together experiencing the harsh realities of life on the streets.

The challenges of running an event like this during the current pandemic are many, however, they do not compare to the difficulties that young homeless people are battling every single day.

For more than a decade the public has been sleeping out to raise money for YMCA and this year we offering a fun way for your family to get involved. Whether it is setting up a fort in your front room, camping out on your sofas, floors, or armchairs, or if your family is feeling adventurous, sleeping out in a tent in your garden.

YMCA would like you to raise as much as you can to support our vital work helping young people with nowhere left to turn, all while teaching your children about those who are less fortunate. While we cannot be together for Sleep Easy, we can still help save young people's lives. For one night only, will you join us and make a difference?

For more information and to get involved please click the link below and a member of the team will provide you with a Sleep Easy Family Activity Pack. The pack includes everything you need to know about Sleep Easy from setting up your JustGiving page, to activities for the family, fundraising tips and more.

YMCA England & Wales have also produced a [briefing note](#) which sets out the current state of homelessness across the country as well as new insights into how young people who are homeless feel the public perceive them.

[Click here to go to information on Family Sleep Easy](#)