

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

Friday, 3rd May 2024

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

We had an amazing day on Monday celebrating International Dance Day. Each class chose a different style of dance related to their curriculum for this term and researched this. They then created and practiced a dance to share with the rest of the school in an assembly at the end of the day. The children really enjoyed this and participated with enthusiasm. The assembly was a real celebration of dance and was such a brilliant example of working together to achieve a common goal.

Today we have worked together to put on a practice cross country event for our key stage 2 children. I was delighted to see so many children happy to have a go and supporting each other as they ran the course. The children were brilliantly behaved and were trying to set personal records that we can strive to improve next time. This is something we are hoping to expand in future and invite other schools to join us.

Please can I remind parents and children to wait on the footpaths in the morning before the school gates open. There is often groups gathered in the car park making it very difficult for staff to park their cars safely. We will be reminding children about road safety and how they should be using the paths to walk on and wait safely. Parents should also be using the turning circle to drop and collect children, please do not use the staff car park.

I am hoping for some better weather as we welcome the May Bank Holiday weekend.

I hope you all have a lovely long weekend, and we will see you back in school on Tuesday.



Fiona Pearce
Headteacher

SOUTH WEST WATER ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE

From 13th May 2024 for 12 days.

Eastern Avenue will be closed between the roundabout at Hollowtree Road (McDonalds) to the roundabout for Whiddon Drive (Tesco roundabout).

Parents may need to take an alternative route to and from school during this time or may have to leave a little earlier as traffic towards school may be extra busy.

Congratulations to KS1 Reading road champions

Carter Maya

On reaching 50 reads

Jessica E Oliver J

On reaching 75 reads

The prize for the
tidiest cloakroom
goes to

Mr Quilter class this week.

School Uniform

New to you.

We will be selling uniform in the
COFFEE CABIN
on

THURSDAY 16TH MAY

3 – 3.45pm.

We have a large selection for boys
and girls.

Come and get your summer uniform
in readiness for after half term.

COFFEE CABIN

Now open every Wednesday

8.15-8.45am and 3-3.45pm

We will be offering tea, coffee, hot chocolate, and milkshake.

Ice creams, lollies and cans will be on sale in the afternoon.

Tea/Coffee £1

Hot Chocolate £1

(with the trimmings of cream and marshmallows) £1.50

Milkshake 50p

Ice-creams £1

Lollies 50p

Cans £1

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Coffee Cabin recently. We look forward to expanding during the summer months and possibly opening after school on one or two days.

The cabin is a lovely calming area, which we would like to make more use. Have you got any ideas what we could use it for?

Would you be interested in attending any workshops?

If you have any ideas, please contact Sue Manley on
orchardvale@ventrus.org.uk

Hate has four letters,
But so, does love.
Enemies has seven letters,
But so does truth,
Cry has three letters,
But so, does joy.
Negativity has ten letters,
But so, does positivity.
You always have a choice.

STARS OF THE WEEK

The Pink Panthers

Charlie for settling in well and happily joining with lots of activities.

Fletch for showing improvement with routines and communication.

The Curious Corals

My star of the week this week is Theo. Numerous adults have noticed and named Theo this week for his great attitude towards school and his lovely manners. We love having Theo in class as he is a creative character with a fantastic imagination. This week, Theo has also been working hard to improve his writing. I loved Theo's invention of a robot cat in Drawing Club, during which he came up with wrote the magic sentence "the robot cat is upside down and won't brush his teeth!". He thought carefully about the sounds he needed and ensured he was using finger spaces and full stops. Well done on a fantastic week Theo, thanks for filling our classroom with songs and laughter!

The Silver Sweethearts

Our star of the week is Leighton. Leighton has been working so hard in all subjects. His confidence has really grown and it is lovely to see him taking part in all lessons. Leighton is also super helpful and helps keep our classroom super tidy. Well done Leighton you are a superstar.

The Dancing Red Ravers

Oliver works hard, tries his best and always wants to impress us all by showing us his completed work. Oliver is an exceptional mathematician where he tackles problems head on and uses his already strong existing knowledge to answer and solve calculation problems. He has made exceptional progress with his reading where he is already off the RWI scheme; his reading is strengthening every day in phonics, and I am so glad he is performing well in my group! Oliver is a popular member of my class and is well liked by all! He is a pleasure to have in class; keep up the excellent work and most importantly the super attitude! Mr Quilter x

The Marvellous Midnight Blue Macaws

Leelan is a fantastic young man, who continually impresses us with both his attitude and effort when learning. I was very impressed with Leelan's robot story, he chose some fantastic, exciting adjectives and I loved his idea to set his story in the desert. In geography Leelan took charge, organising the making of our class volcano. He showed excellent leadership skills, listening to others and making sure that everyone had a turn. Leelan you are amazing. Keep up the great work. Mrs O x

The Lively Lilac Learners

My star of the week is Lillie-Mai. Lillie-Mai has particularly impressed me this week with her writing. She is coming up with excellent and original ideas and really pushing herself to write a more complex sentence instead of going for the easy, simple sentence. She is using her phonics brilliantly in her writing too. But generally, all round, Lillie-Mai is strengthening in her learning, becoming more independent and giving everything her all. Lillie-Mai is a cheerful and friendly member of our class too and she is a great role model for other children. Lillie-Mai, you have just been quietly working hard under the radar and now you are beginning to shine in a big way. I am really proud of you, as a learner and as a lovely, kind class member. Well done!

Visit by the RNLI

The RNLI lifeguards visited us on Tuesday and talked to children in Years 1,2,3,4,5 and 6 about how to stay safe when in or near the sea. They started by showing us what a lifeguard might wear at the beach and then told us about the different flags.

The black and white flags mean that surfers were in that area.

The red and yellow flags mean we can swim in that area safely

The red flag mean that it's unsafe and you should not be in the water.

If we were to find ourselves in trouble we should lie on our backs, keep our heads back and use our arms to keep afloat.



We really enjoyed the RNLI coming in.

By Megan (Year 4)



International Dance Day



On Monday the whole school participated in International Dance Day.

In the morning year 6's practiced a samba dance routine originating from South America.

Year 5 learnt the same dance but it was slightly different.

Years 3/4 each performed a different dance - ancient Egyptian, spooky poetry and a skeleton dance.

Years 1/2 performed a dance with a mountain theme.

To finish International Dance Day we danced as a school at the end of assembly.

By Ashton (Year 6)



Tag Rugby Festival



Well done to the 10 year 5/6 children who represented the school in a tag rugby event last Friday!

They behaved and represented the school beautifully and came a very respectable 9th out of 16 teams!



READING CHAMPIONS



Years 1 and 2

There's a lion in my cornflakes

I have chosen this book because it is very funny, and the pictures are stunning! I love the storyline, if you want something and get something else it might be just as good.

Martha



Years 3 and 4

Charlie and the glass elevator

I chose this book because sometimes it is difficult to find a book you like and when I read this book, I liked it immediately.

Grazynka



Years 5 and 6

Sam Silver Undercover Pirate

I have chosen this book because it is an extremely adventurous book with a brilliant author behind. I highly recommend it!


Mila

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

Happy reading!

Written by Lily-Rose, Theo and Martha

Week commencing—Tuesday, 7th May
Please see website for Vegan/Dairy and gluten free options

<div>  <div> LUNCH MENU – WEEK 1 <small>15th Apr - 6th May - 3rd & 24th June - 15 Jul - 9th & 30th Sept-21st Oct 2024</small> <small>Malted, Wholemeal Sliced Baguettes, Low Fat Yoghurts, Milk and Water available daily. All Special Diets catered for.</small> </div>  </div>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bank Holiday	Butchers Pork Sausages	Chicken with Sage & Onion Stuffing	Harry Ramsdens Battered Salmon Fillets	Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta
	Cheese and Onion Pasty	Vegetarian Roast	Vegan Nuggets	Oaty Veggie Crumble & Creamy Mash Potato
	Jacket Potato with Tuna, Beans or Cheese		Jacket Potato with Tuna, Beans or Cheese	
	Potato Wedges, Baked Beans & Mixed Vegetables	Roast or Mash Potato, Sliced Carrots, Cabbage & Gravy	Chips, Wholemeal Pasta Peas, Tomato Sauce & Coleslaw	Fresh Sliced Carrots & Sweetcorn
	Fruit Smoothie	Strawberry Mousse with Berry Compote	Fruity Flapjack	Fresh Fruit
	Ham Roll	Ham Roll	Tuna Roll	Sausage Roll

School Diary Dates

Mon, 6th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Fri, 10th May	Year 1 Multi Skills Festival—Park School
Mon, 13th to Thurs, 16th May	Year 6 SATS
Wed, 22nd May	Wilcombe Wobbler Ventrus Cross County—KS2
Mon, 27th to Fri, 31st May	HALF TERM (back to school Mon, 3rd June)
Wed, 5th June	Y5/6—Swimming Lessons
Fri, 7th June	Y5/6 Rounders
Wed, 12th June	Y5/6 Swimming Lessons
Thurs, 13th June	Olympic Legacy
Fri, 14th June	Y5/6 Junior Lifeguards— Group 1
Wed, 19th June	Y5/6 Swimming lessons
Wed, 19th June	Barnstaple Library Summer Reading Challenge Assembly—KS1 and KS2
Fri, 21st June	Colour Run (details to come)
Mon, 24th to Fri, 28th June	Y5/6 Nethercott residential
Thur, 27th June	Y6 Park School Parent Evening



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HOLIDAY CLUBS

MAY
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5 - 12 YEAR OLDS
7:30AM - 5:30PM

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 BY BICYCLE
 FREMINGTON TO INSTOW
 4, 5 & 6 MAY 2024



☒ Creative Workshop
☒ Family Theatre
☒ Fun-Filled Bike Ride

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FREE TASTER SESSIONS

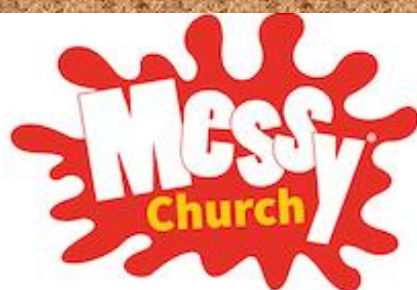
GIRLS RUGBY YEARS 5+6

No experience needed
 Just turn up and give it a go!

BARNSTAPLE RUGBY CLUB

FRIDAY 17th MAY 18:30

Questions?
info.barnstaplerugby@gmail.com

📅 Sunday, 12 May 2024

🕒 4:00pm - 6:00pm

📍 Church and Hall

[Click here to sign up before Thursday, 9th May](#)