

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

Friday, 5th January 2024

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year!

It was so lovely to see the children being so keen and eager to get back to school after the Christmas break. This week has been really settled and children have been sharing their news and getting back into routines.

The weather seems to have improved a little, but please make sure children have suitable shoes and coats. Over the winter we encourage everyone to get outside as much as possible.

On Wednesday, 10th January we are opening our doors (4pm to 5pm) for any prospective parents who are looking for school places for September. If you know of anyone looking for a school to send their children, please spread the word and invite them to visit.

I met with the School Council today who are eager to get started on some projects for the new year. They have some fantastic ideas for class projects, themed days, and competitions. I am really looking forward to an exciting year ahead.



Enjoy your weekend and see you all on Monday.

Fiona Pearce
Head teacher

Parent Portal Update

Please could we ask parents to log into the Parent Portal, Arbor, to:

- Check your contact details. Have you changed your number/email or address recently?
- Check emergency contact names and numbers. Do you wish to delete or add any new contacts?
- Update your child's medical information.

Parents will be able to amend their own contact details and request that medical information be updated.

If there is any information you are unable to amend yourselves please email orchardvale@ventrus.org.uk with full information.



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Reception Class of 2024

Is your child due to start in Reception class September 2024?

If so, we have space for your child in our wonderful school!

We are holding an open evening on Wednesday 10th January
4pm-5pm

Please come to the school entrance where you will be greeted by
Mrs Oldfield, our Early Years Lead.

You will be given a brief talk in the school hall prior to having the
time to look around all our classrooms and meet our amazing
teachers.

We hope to see you there!



Suggested Reading List for Parents—[click here](#)

Congratulations to Years 3 and 4 – High Flyers

Lily-Mae S Theo C
On reaching 50 reads
Hollie G
On reaching 75 reads

Was your child born between
**1st September 2019 and
31st August 2020?**

How to Apply for a Primary School Place in Devon

You can apply online at
www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline
from 15th November 2023 to the 15th January 2024

If you cannot access the school
admissions website you can get
more information by calling our
Education Helpline on
0345 155 1019
or email: admissions@devon.gov.uk



Even if you have already given
details to a primary school, you
must apply for a place through the
Admissions Team. This is the only
way to apply; other forms or lists
held by schools will not count.

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Weekly round-up

Support for plans to develop missing link of Tarka Trail

Councillors have approved proposals to construct the latest section of the Tarka Trail between Barnstaple and Ilfracombe. The £583,000 scheme will complete a missing link between Buttercombe Lane and Foxhunters as part of a longer-term route to eventually connect Barnstaple to Ilfracombe.

This new stretch is the second phase of the project and will be built using Active Travel Funding which we received following a successful bid to Government earlier this year.

The scheme is delivering around 700 metres of shared use path, while also installing drainage culverts and creating a picnic area and several other rest areas.

Read the [full story on the news page of our website](#).

NEW MENU—Week commencing—Monday, 8th January
Please see website for Vegan/Dairy and gluten free options

LUNCH MENU – WEEK 3					
13 th Nov / 4 th Dec / 8 th & 29 th Jan / 26 th Feb / 18 th 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

Wed, 10th Jan	Year 4—Swimming Lessons
Wed, 10th Jan	Reception 2024 Starters—open evening—4pm to 5pm
Mon, 15th Jan	Tempest—Reception and Year 6 Vista photos and Whole school class photos
Wed, 17th Jan	Year 4—Swimming lessons
Fri, 19th Jan	Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics
Wed, 24th Jan	Year 4—Swimming lessons
Fri, 26th Jan	Year 3/4—Groups 1 & 2 —Level 1 Bikeability
Mon, 29th Jan	Year 2 and Year 5—Fire Safety Awareness Workshops
Wed, 31st Jan	Year 4—Swimming lessons
Fri, 2nd Feb	Year 6 Rising Stars—Basketball at Pilton Community College
Fri, 2nd Feb	Years 3/4—Group 3—Level 1 Bikeability
Mon, 5th Feb	Years 3/4—Heatree Parent/Child Briefing Meeting—3.45pm
Wed, 7th Feb	NHS Dental Survey—Selected 5 year olds (parents will have received information)
Thur, 8th Feb	Explore the Orchestra—Years 5/6— Visit to University of Exeter
Fri, 9th Feb	Sports for Champion Day
Mon 12th to Fri, 16th Feb	Half Term
Mon, 19th Feb	Return to school

Get FREE meal plans with FiveDinners.com – LIMITED TIME OFFER!

If meal planning is a faff or you're fed up of choosing what to eat every night or just want to save money on food shopping then this is for you (and it's free if you sign up now!) FiveDinners.com is an online meal planning service created by celebrity TV Chef Theo Michaels. Every week members get a new meal plan with five delicious, mouth-watering recipes with a single shopping list for the week so you know exactly what to get. You can even personalise your meal plans to suit your specific needs, like GF, vegetarian, kid friendly, under 20 minutes and more!



Sign up today to get **FREE lifetime membership** – no catch, just free, to help families around the UK save money on food shopping and make dinnertimes a bit easier. You may remember TV chef Theo and his kids when they did 36 live cookalongs during lockdown with thousands of families around the UK joining in. So he's very committed to helping families and kids eat well!

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