

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents and Guardians

The children have been keen to return after the Easter break and have settled quickly back into the routines of school. It has been lovely to see the children at school and on time this week.

With the slight improvement in weather, it was great to see the Coffee Cabin selling ice creams again. These were a huge hit. Thank you to all the families that support our Coffee Cabin in raising additional funds for the school.

Year 2 had a brilliant morning of tennis at Tarka Leisure Centre this week. Their behaviour and enthusiasm was second to none and we are all very proud of them. The Bake a Difference cake sale today has been a great success. With donations and the cake sale, we have currently raised over £200 for the School Readers Charity in fond memory of Bill. The donation page is still open if you would like to contribute to this brilliant charity.

A polite reminder to parents NOT to park in the school car park at the beginning and end of the day. This is for staff only. We will be checking CCTV and following up on those who are not adhering to this. Thank you to all those who have been showing patience and consideration to our local residents and each other as they park sensibly. It is very much appreciated.

As you are aware, we are moving from Parentpay to Arbor Payment next week. An email will be sent out in the next few days with details once we have them. In the meantime, please could we ask you to clear any outstanding debts and ensure you reclaim any credit balances, kept in your account before you allocate them to a payment item in your basket. Please ensure you know how to log into the Arbor Parent Portal (this is the one you use to book Parent Consultations), you will not be able to see the payment side until the system goes live. Please bear with us during this transition period.



We hope the sun keeps shining this weekend.

Fiona Pearce
Headteacher

Change to online payment method

From the end of April this year we will be moving our online payment system for meals, trips, breakfast and afterschool provision etc. over to the Arbor App.

Parent Pay will not be accessible to you after 30th April.

Please ensure you have activated your Arbor App so that you are ready to go when the payment option goes live.

Please could we ask you to bring all outstanding balances for meals, childcare provision, Little Seeds and Nursery fees up-to-date on Parent Pay before this change over.



Bake a Difference

Thank you to everyone who contributed the very tasty cakes for our Bake A Difference cake sale today.

With your help we have raised over £200 so far.

All funds raised will be donated to the charity, School Readers.

School Readers give children the opportunity to improve the skills they need for a brighter future.



Year 2—Tennis Festival

Year 2 had a fabulous morning at Tara Tennis, taking part in the school tennis festival.

Lots of ex pupils and other year 9 Park School students planned and led various activities for our children to enjoy!

A crowd favourite was definitely 'beat the teacher'. The children had great fun and were beautifully behaved!

Great job Year 2!



Intergalactic Reading Challenge Years 3 and 4 Congratulations to:

Chloe H Jasmine W Mikey Renzo
Alfie Ellie-Mai Harry K Summer Tommy
Bella O Henry P Hugo Ruby Tahlia
For completing—Planet 1—Neptune

Heath Heidi Lucas Arthur A Arthur L
Bella M Isla B Kiara Mila Amber Lola
Ayden Jessica
For completing—Planet 2—Uranus

Alice M Elana Pippa Emi Evie E Isaac A
For completing—Planet 3—Saturn

Sophia Wyatt Ati Owen
For completing - Planet 4—Jupiter

Eddie
For completing—Planet 5—Mars

Evalyn
For completing—Planet 6—Earth

Farai
For completing—Planet 8—Sun

Tri-Reading Tournament Champ Years 5 and 6

Congratulations to:

James R

For reaching 50 reads

Dylan Charlie

For reaching 200 reads



STARS OF THE WEEK

Mrs Youll's class

Charlie for super tidying and good listening at carpet time.

Mrs Oldfield's class

Ozi is amazing, she greets everyday with joy and an eagerness to learn. We have been very impressed with how well Ozi is doing in phonics, she is growing in confidence in her use of set 3 sounds, and we are now seeing this transfer into her writing. Ozi can often be found at the writing table drawing wonderful pictures and writing letters to give to her friends. Ozi is so very helpful, and we can always rely on her to be given a task a complete it sensibly, she is always helping Mrs Oldfield sort things and find things that Mrs Oldfield has lost in the classroom. We are all very happy and excited for Ozi as just before the Easter holidays she became a big sister, again, to a gorgeous baby brother. Ozi is immensely proud of her family, and it was wonderful to share this time with them. Keep being the super star you are Ozi. Mrs Oldfield x

Miss Cawthorne/Mrs De-Ritis' class

Evie has come back from the holidays with a fantastic attitude towards her learning. She has written some amazing sentences in drawing club and has been working hard in phonics. Well done Evie, you are a superstar.

Mr Quilter's class

My star of the week is Oliver! Oliver shone brightly this week at Tarka Tennis, he showed excellent listening skills and completed all the activities confidently and competently. Oliver is a fantastic learner; he works hard every day and always wants to improve. I have been especially impressed with Oliver and his Maths. He has showed great recall, and subtraction has therefore an absolute breeze because of this! Oliver is also smashing his way through the times table tests which is AMAZING! Oliver has been in my reading group all year; he consistently works hard, he reads effectively with a partner and is very supportive. Keep up the excellent work Oliver, you are a star!

Miss Huxtable's class

My star of the week is Brianna. Brianna is a lovely presence in our classroom, always calm, hardworking and self-assured. Whilst some children have understandably needed a few days to ease back in after the Easter holidays, from day 1 Brianna was on top form ready to learn and get the best out of the school day. One thing I love about Brianna is how highly she values herself. She is so happy to be Brianna! She always expresses how much she loves being herself, loves her friends, loves her family and that is a side to her that we all really love. Although she can seem quiet at times, nothing phases her, and she is always happy to get stuck in with a new challenge (which we definitely saw first-hand with her confidence at the Rock Steady concert before Easter)! Brianna always applies herself and nothing is ever too much trouble. Brianna, you are a star!

Mrs Grimwood's class

My star of the week is Charlie. We were very proud of Charlie this week. When Charlie first heard about the Tarka Tennis trip, he was not happy. He felt uncertain and nervous about something outside of his experience. His instant reaction was he didn't want to go. However, this week Charlie went on the Tarka Tennis trip and had a successful and enjoyable time. I was so impressed with the way Charlie pushed through his concerns and did something that felt uncomfortable for him. I know this was a big deal for him! Well done, Charlie, for demonstrating your resilience this week! Keep doing this! You are a star!



STARS OF THE TERM

Mr Bayliss' class

Franklin has worked hard this week to stay focussed and engaged when completing his tasks. I have noticed that Franklin has been trying his best to follow our classroom expectations closely and he has come into to school with a polite and positive attitude each day. Franklin has been working incredibly hard with his maths, especially his timetables, putting in lots of practice to pass his tests. Keep up the great work ethic, you have been a star!

Mrs Johnson's class

My Star of the Week is Bella. From the very beginning of the year, Bella has shown that she is a kind and capable young lady, and a very hard worker! Although she can be very quiet in class, it has been lovely to hear her speak up more readily in recent months, as she grows in confidence. Bella always produces beautifully presented work and has excellent focus during lessons. She is such a great role model to other children because as well as having a fantastic work ethic, she is also a kind and caring friend! I know that Bella will have a brilliant final term in Year 4 - keep up the good work Bella!

Mr Whapham's class

My star of the week is Mikey! Mikey has had a great work, settling back into school and working hard. He has shown a good attitude to learning and has been sharing his ideas in class well. Mikey is also an extremely kind and caring boy, who always goes out of his way to make sure others are included. Being kind should never be underestimated! Well done, Mikey!

Mrs Ledger's class

My star of the week is Theo D. He has come back after Easter with a very positive attitude, and seems really ready to face the challenges of SATs. He has been focussed and has shown great resilience. He has been attentive in lesson time, and a positive role model for others around him. Well done Theo!

Miss Williams' class

My Star of the Week is Harry! Harry has really impressed me with his fantastic attitude towards learning. He's stepped up with confidence and maturity, especially as he's settled into the new and different environment of Mrs Scott's teaching group. The upcoming SATs can feel like a big challenge, but Harry has taken it all in his stride - showing resilience, determination, and a real drive to do his best. It has been such a privilege to have Harry in my class over the past three years. Watching him grow and flourish into the wonderful young person he is today has been an absolute joy. It's been brilliant to see him making such positive choices, both in the classroom and out on the playground. His thoughtful attitude and friendly nature make him a great role model to those around him. Keep up the excellent work!

Mrs Scott's class

My star this week is Lexi, for her hard work in our revision sessions. Over the course of the year, I have seen Lexi progress in many different ways, but in this past week I have seen such a fantastic level of focus from her, and I am confident it is going to lead to success. Well done, Lexi; keep it up!

School Diary Dates

Tue, 29th Apr	Y6—Pilton Community College—Virtual Welcome Evening
Thur, 1st May	Polling Day (road around the school may be very busy)
Mon, 5th May	Bank Holiday (back to school on Tue, 6th May)
Tue, 6th to Fri, 9th May	Y3 / 4 Bikeability
Tue, 6th May	Y2—Northam Burrows trip
Wed, 7th May	Y1 Multi-skills Festival—Park School
Thur, 8th May	Y1—Northam Burrows trip
Wed, 21st May	Wilcombe Wobbler Cross Country (details to come)
Fri, 23rd May	Aquathlon—Torrington
Fri, 23rd May	Y6 and Reception—National Child Measurement
Fri, 26th to Fri, 30th May	HALF TERM

Week commencing— Monday, 28th April

Please see website for Vegan/Dairy and gluten free options



LUNCH MENU – WEEK 2



28th April – 19th May – 16th June – 7th July – 1st & 22nd Sept. – 13th Oct

Available Every Week - Wholemeal Bread, Salad Bar, Fruit, Low Fat Yoghurts,
Milk and Water available daily. All Special Diets catered for.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Mac Cheese with Garlic Bread	Chicken, Ham & Leek Pie	Roast Chicken & Stuffing	Salmon Nuggets	Beef Lasagne with Crusty Bread
		Cheese Pizza Baguettes	Lentil Loaf	Vegetable Nuggets	Cheese & Red Onion Wheel with Tomato Pasta
	Jacket Potato with Various Fillings	Jacket Potato with Various Fillings		Jacket Potato with Various Fillings	
	Egg & Cress Sandwich (Wholemeal Bread)	Ham Sandwich (Wholemeal Bread)	Tuna Bap	Cheese Sandwich (Wholemeal Bread)	Sausage Roll
	Peas or Salad	Homemade Wedges, Mixed Vegetables or Salad	Roast or Mash Potato, Fresh Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Chips or Pasta, Corn on Cob or Salad & Tomato Ketchup	Sweetcorn or Salad
	Fruit Smoothie	Fresh Fruit Platter	Pineapple Cake	Cookie & Juice	Chocolate & Blueberry Cake



NORTH DEVON HOCKEY CLUB

THE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BARNSTAPLE, EX32 9AX

Tuesday
Hockey Heroes / Under 10s
6:00 - 6:45pm

Under 12s / Under 14s
6:45 - 7:45pm

Ladies
7:45 - 9:00pm

Wednesday
Mens
7:00 - 9:00pm

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