

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

It's been a beautiful week, and we have been taking advantage of the lovely weather. Children have been busy choosing their class names and thinking about what they want to achieve this year. Our theme this year is KINDNESS. We are encouraging children to think about acceptance, tolerance and respect and how this can be shown in school to one another.

Yesterday years 3 and 4 children were visited by a Roman soldier. This supports their history curriculum this term and was a very interesting and exciting experience for them all. Our year 5 and 6 children had a beautiful 'wild day out' at Snapper. They were busy tunnelling, den building and learning other survival skills. This enabled children to team build with their new classes and develop new relationships and friends. A brilliant day out and the children had lots of fun.

Baseline assessments have been completed for our youngest children and they will be starting in their Read Write Inc (RWI) groups next week. RWI books will be sent home each week to support your child's learning. It is **essential** that these are returned to school as they are then used again for different groups of children. We have invested heavily in these books, and they are expensive to replace. I am sure that we can work together to ensure that good routines are put in place helping your child to remember to return their book each week.

We have had some concerning reports of parents being aggressive and abusive to other parents on the way to school. This is often about parking. I am appealing to you all to support me in ensuring our children do not witness or are exposed to this. This is unacceptable behaviour outside of school grounds and will not be tolerated. Every school has issues with parking, and we have always worked alongside our parents to ensure that they park with consideration to our neighbours and those who walk to school. Concerns about parking or anti-social behaviour can be reported by contacting the Police non-emergency number of 101 or email 101@dc.police.uk or report parking issues using the Devon County Council Roads and Transport online reporting system by clicking [here](#).

I am hopeful that we can come together as a school community and as adults are positive role models for our children, showing at all times how we can treat each other with kindness, tolerance and respect.



Have a wonderful weekend, let's hope the sun continues to shine.

Fiona Pearce
Headteacher

Are you entitled to register for
free school meals /
additional funding support

If you are in receipt of:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income Support (IS).
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA).
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA).
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income that does not exceed £16,190).
- Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment you get for a further 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

How to apply

Apply through the [Devon Citizens Portal](#). This is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision. Alternatively, call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

Lost Property

URGENT.

We have various items of lost property including winter coats. Please could you come to check if it belongs to your child.

It is outside in the main courtyard behind the trellis fence next to the school office, coats are hung on a rail and clothing in boxes.

If the clothes are not collected
By

FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

They will then be recycled.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Mrs Youll's class

Isabella for showing new confidence, super speaking and helpfulness.

Mrs Oldfield's class

My star of the week is Myah. Since joining our class Myah has shown herself to be the kindest and most welcoming young lady, she is always asking others to join in her games and has been an excellent role model to the younger children in the class. I also want to mention what a wicked sense of humour Myah has, she has made me laugh out loud so many times, and I know Mrs Quilter has the best time with her last week in cooking. I am excited to share the rest of the year with you Myah, and I can't wait for all the fun and laughter we are going to have. Keep up the great work. Mrs Oldfield x

Miss Cawthorne/Mrs De-Ritis' class

Lyra is our star of the week. Lyra has settled brilliantly into reception. Lyra makes sure she always follows the class aspirations and encourages others to do the same. Lyra is super helpful member of the class and is always looking for ways to help. Lyra has also made a fantastic start in phonics and is doing well at remembering and writing sounds. Well done Lyra, you are a superstar.

Mr Quilter's class

Alice is an excellent learner! She works hard and tries to complete activities to the best of her abilities. Initially in my phonic group she found things tricky, however she is now more confident and more willing to tackle those challenging tasks. I love how her attentive listening has enabled her to thrive during reading sessions. Alice you are very capable and have huge potential; keep up the excellent work ethic and you will continue to shine. Mr Q x

Miss Huxtable's class

This week, it has been lovely to see a dramatic change in Alex. He went from having little enthusiasm for writing, to writing huge quantities in his English work. It didn't stop there, though. He began writing during free play, doing extra writing during morning work, and even showed disappointment when I explained we wouldn't be writing in Maths! Along with the significant increase in the quantity of his writing, Alex is also taking great care with its quality. He has been checking back at previous work to ensure he is spelling words correctly and coming up with new and imaginative ideas. It's been fantastic to see him embrace this and gain confidence in himself as a writer. Well done, Alex, for such a huge shift in attitude and effort!

Mrs Grimwood's class

My star of the week has to be Lainie. Lainie has been finding it very difficult coming in to school and this has not been helped by the transition to year 1. She has had some very difficult days where things have been a huge struggle for her. This week, however, Lainie has turned herself around and is coming in to school calmly and with a smile on her face. She has also been putting a real effort in to her learning and I love the way she is using her sounds so effectively in her writing. Lainie, we are all so proud of the hard choices you have made this week and your determination to overcome your challenges. Keep doing this and you are going to have a fabulous year 1. You are an absolute star!



STARS OF THE WEEK

Mr Bayliss' class

Isla has been an absolute star this week. She has put incredible effort into her learning, always trying her best to follow instructions carefully to create quality pieces of work. She has been very attentive, listening carefully to teachers and constantly putting her hand up to offer brilliant contributions and answers. Isla has been kind and caring, a great friend for her classmates to play with at breaktime. Well done Isla, keep it up!

Mrs Johnson's class

My star of the week is Tommy. From the first day back this year, Tommy has displayed amazing enthusiasm for his learning, and a positive attitude at all times. He comes into our classroom every day with a smile on his face and a story to tell (sometimes even a song to sing!) Tommy has particularly impressed me this week with his 'can-do' thinking. He has approached all our learning tasks with gusto, pushing himself every day to achieve bigger and better things, remembering key facts, and presenting all of his work beautifully. Tommy, you are fast becoming a true Year 3/4 star! Keep up the good work!

Mr Whapham's class

My star of the week is Albie for his fantastic effort in learning this week. Albie has worked hard to show adults what he remembers from last year and has impressed them greatly! He has shown great effort in working independently and has already moved on in his times tables after only the 2nd week! We are proud of the start you have made to Year 3 Albie

Mrs Ledger's class

My star of the week is Mea. She has been on task all week, focussed on her learning. She always has a smile on her face, and contributes thoughtfully to class discussions. At Wild Day Out this week she showed exceptional resilience, taking part in all the activities with enthusiasm. She is a pleasure to have in the class. Well done Mea, a great start to the year.

Miss Williams' class

This week my Star of the Week is Dexter. Dexter has absolutely wowed me with his learning since the start of the year. He has put in 100% effort into every independent task and his confidence has shone though in class, with his hand shooting up to consistently contribute fantastic ideas in class discussions. It has been lovely to see him helping his peers in their learning and on the playground. He is always wanting to help with any job in class and has been a great help at lunchtime. He is a great year 6 role model! Keep up the excellent work Dexter.

Mrs Scott's class

My star, this week, is Sofia - Sofia has been such a lovely welcome addition to my class already, this year! She works hard in all areas, and has produced some fantastic creative writing to start the year. It was great to see Sofia giving a range of activities a go at our 'Wild Day Out', this week, and I have seen that she has developed some good friendships already; not only in our class, but with children from across the three classes. I am excited to see where Sofia can go this year; she has so much potential! Well done, Sofia - keep up the hard work!

School Diary Dates

Mon, 23rd, Tue, 24th and Wed, 25 Sept	Y6—Park School Open Mornings (Park School have suggested that Orchard Vale children could attend together on Tues, 24th Sept)
Wed, 25th Sept	Y3/4—Cross Country at Park School
Tue, 1st Oct or Thur, 3rd Oct	Y5/6 RAAM Exeter trip
Wed, 2nd Oct	Y5/6 swimming lessons—group 1
Wed, 9th Oct	Y5/6 swimming lessons—group 1
Mon, 14th, Tue, 15th and Wed, 16th Oct	Bikeability
Wed, 16th Oct	Y5/6 swimming lessons
Thur, 17th Oct	School Photos—8am Family, during school individual and siblings
Fri, 18th Oct	Harvest Festival
Wed, 23rd Oct	Y3 Multi Skills Festival
Wed, 23rd Oct	Y5/6 swimming lessons
Fri, 25th Oct	Non Pupil Day
Mon 28th Oct to Fri 1st Nov	HALF TERM—(back to school on 4th Nov)

Week commencing—Monday, 23rd September
Please see website for Vegan/Dairy and gluten free options

LUNCH MENU - WEEK 3

2nd & 23rd Sept. – 14th Oct.

Malted, Wholemeal Sliced Baguettes, Low Fat Yoghurts, Milk and Water available daily. All Special Diets catered for.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
	Meat Feast Pizza	Butchers Mince Beef Pasta Bolognaise	Chicken with Sage & Onion Stuffing	Fish Shop Breaded Cod Nuggets	Chicken & Ham Pasta Bake	
	Falafel Burger in a Bun	Cheese Wheels & Tomato Pasta	Vegan Cauliflower Bites	Vegan Sausage Bap	Chinese Style Vegetable & Noodle Wrap	
	Jacket Potato with Tuna, Beans or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Tuna, Beans or Cheese		Jacket Potato with Tuna, Beans or Cheese		
	Potato Wedges Pasta, Peas & Sweetcorn	Mixed Vegetables	Roast or Mash Potato, Sliced Carrots, Broccoli & Gravy	Chips, Pasta, Peas, Coleslaw & Tomato Sauce	Carrot & Cucumber Sticks	
	Fruit Smoothie	Fresh Fruit	Fruit Jelly	Pip Organic Lolly	Cookie	
	Ham Roll	Cheese Roll	Ham Roll	Tuna Roll	Sausage Roll	
						

Congratulations to
Years 5 and 6
Tri-reading tournament champ

Bella

On reaching 100 reads

Thank you

A big OV thank you to
Homebase for their
kind donation of
compost and gloves to
support
gardening at school.

POP UP SHOP



**WEDNESDAY 6TH
NOVEMBER**

**2.45 – 3.30pm
COFFEE CABIN**

**RECYCLED SCHOOL UNIFORM.
TOYS & A WIDE SELECTION OF
BIRTHDAY/CHRISTMAS
GREETING CARDS.**

Free children's oral health WEBINAR

25 September 2024

The NHS Oral Health Improvement team have a free one-hour training session aimed at parents, teachers, carers, support and enabling staff next week on:#

Wednesday 25th September at 2:00pm – 3:00pm

If you or any parents or colleagues are interested in booking on to our course, please fill in our online booking form:

[Click here to book a place](#)



Time and Venue



Classroom Experience and Information Events

Event Information

This is an opportunity to gain classroom experience and find out more about SWIFT Teacher Training, our route into teaching, courses and PGCE.

These events are based in one of our partner schools where you will be looked after by an experienced Campus Lead, who will be your host for the session.

Activities could include:

- a guided training walk with the campus lead
- introduction to observing lessons and different styles of teaching
- seeing how specific subjects are taught
- engaging in learning conversations with colleagues
- learning more about the SWIFT Teacher Training programme
- questions and Next Steps

Who

Educated to degree level; recent graduates, career changers, returners to work; teaching assistants, anyone interested in teaching.

To book

Online booking form [HERE](#)
Or contact: Shannon Stacey
Email: shannon.stacey@sw-ift.org.uk
PLEASE BOOK BY Friday 27th September

Phase | Primary

SWIFT Teacher Training | North Devon | Orchard Vale Primary School | Wednesday 2nd October 2024 | 10am – 12noon

Although this is a primary school setting, we welcome anyone interested in secondary school teaching, as the information sharing will also include applications for secondary school training, and the Campus Lead can discuss this option further on the day. Any school experience is worthwhile, and a primary school experience will help you to understand the starting points for students in the secondary phase.

Online Information Events

We will also be hosting an online information session, if you are unable to attend our in-person events. This can still include classroom experience; but we will be able to arrange this for a time to suit you at a later date.

SWIFT Teacher Training | Online information event

Thursday 3 October 2024 | 1530 - 1600

To register please click [HERE](#)

Further Information

You can find out more information about future classroom experience and information events [HERE](#).

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SEPTEMBER FAYRE

SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER
1.00PM TO 4.00PM

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GAMES
RAFFLE
CRAFTS
FOOD STALLS

NHS

flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child

- 1. Protect your child**
The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
- 2. Protect you, your family and friends**
Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family
- 3. No injection needed**
The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
- 4. It's better than having flu**
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Devon County Council

Action for Children

6 WEEK PARENTING WORKSHOP

1-2.30PM

STICKLEPATH FAMILY HUB, WOODVILLE ESTATE, BARNSTAPLE EX31 2HH

19/09/24 WEEK 1 – COMMUNICATION
26/09/24 WEEK 2 – PLAY
03/10/24 WEEK 3 – EMOTIONAL ATTACHMENT
10/10/24 WEEK 4 – BOUNDARIES SESSION 1
17/10/24 WEEK 5 – BOUNDARIES SESSION 2
24/10/24 WEEK 6 – LIMIT SETTING/QUESTIONS

PARENTS CAN ATTEND ANY OR ALL SESSIONS – JUST DROP IN, NO NEED TO BOOK

IF YOU NEED A CRECHE PLACE FOR YOUR CHILD PLEASE CONTACT LUCY ON 07974278157 OR EMAIL LUCY.MCKINNON@ACTIONFORCHILDREN.ORG.UK