

# Offwell C of E Primary School

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Dear Friends and Families of Offwell,

## Highlights of the Week:

**Ash & Willow:** Enjoying our Coronation tea party and games.

**Beech:** Working on our Coronation art including decorating biscuits!

**Oak:** Finishing the Coronation regalia, which you can see in church, and doing some Coronation art.

## History in the making!

We have lived through historic times: 'The best of times..... the worst of times...'. The Coronation of King Charles III is an historic occasion, no matter what your thoughts about the Monarchy. In fact, King Charles has always championed the need for us to care for our environment. This is fully in accord with our commitment to educating for a better future, so our children can 'Live Well' in a cleaner, more diverse and sustainable world.

You will see that Mr and Mrs Bryant have kindly decorated our school (Thank you both!) and we have celebrated with a re-enactment, games, cake, artwork, biscuits and a song. Our thanks to the PTFA for their thoughtful gift of a commemorative bookmark and our very best wishes to you all over the Bank Holiday - however you choose to celebrate, I wish you and your family joy and hope for the future reign of King Charles.



**As highlighted last week, a new, early intervention service to support children's mental health is coming to Offwell Primary School this year.** The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) in Schools is a government funded initiative based in the NHS. Our team is one of many MHSTs in the UK who offer evidence-based support to schools, young people and families who are experiencing common mental health difficulties, such as

symptoms of anxiety, as well as emotional wellbeing and lifestyle management. We work with children and parents/carers on a one-to-one basis, using low intensity cognitive behavioural therapy (LI-CBT) interventions, as well as developing the school's approach to mental health and wellbeing through our universal offers of classroom workshops and assemblies. We also offer parent workshops such as helping your child to manage their anxiety. If you believe your child could benefit from support from one of our Educational Mental Health Practitioners, please talk to one of their teachers or the pastoral team within the school who can also provide you with more information about the support we can offer. We very much look forward to working with, and supporting the community at Offwell Primary School! See the attached leaflets for further information, plus links to specific YouTube clips, below, with more videos being added to our YouTube MHST playlist soon, giving further details about the individual interventions.

- Mental Health Support Team (MHST): <https://youtu.be/NqnEoi58-5E>
- What Schools Mental Health Ambassadors (MHA's) say about us: [https://youtu.be/fKin\\_V7L0Fk](https://youtu.be/fKin_V7L0Fk)
- What is Li-CBT: <https://youtu.be/bM6Olsby920>



**Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

## Next week:

**Monday;** Coronation Bank Holiday

**Tuesday;** WASP

**Wednesday;** WASP, Some yr 3/4 Tri-Golf

**Thursday;** WASP, Oak & Beech – NO swimming

**Friday;** Celebration Collective

## House Points

**Attenborough: 44 Anning: 37**  
Well done Attenborough! !

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## National Assessments in May and June

**Most primary pupils across the nation are taking part in annual assessments this term**, so please be aware that attendance is important (illness aside) and that your child may need more of your time and lots of opportunities to talk and have fun in between their day's work. For any child, having enough rest and good quality sleep is an essential part of growth and development - it enables humans to recover and repair - and none of us are at our best when we have not slept well!

**Year 6 SATs** are next week, with **Year 2 SATs** occurring across May. Children in **Year 1** will be assessed on phonics progress in June, with **Year 4** pupils also undertaking the Multiplication Check in the same month. Each set of assessments vary in how they are administered, depending on your child's age. For example: Year 6 SATs are held on a specific date, in a certain way, and at a set time, whereas other assessments may be carried out online, one to one, or in small groups.

We all want to make sure our children become positive, resilient people, who can adapt and adjust to new experiences. Thinking and talking about these assessments as a normal part of life, like any other test (e.g: for eyesight or driving), can help to put them in context. In all cases, finding out what we can do by ourselves, what we need help with and what we can learn next, is really helpful.

Having adults who are available – at home and in school - to reassure, support and encourage each child, is important. They need to know that they do not need to compare themselves to anyone else; we each have unique gifts and areas where we can develop, and as long as we do our best, that is always good enough.

Lorna Legg, Be healthy in body and strong in spirit and may all go well with you...'

## Coronation Celebrations – Offwell Club

Just to remind you that the club is holding its Coronation Celebrations on Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup>, bar open from 5.00pm, there will be a bucking bronco, bouncy castle, open bar, Bar B que, don't forget the childrens' play area, so a good family afternoon and evening night out. Bucking bronco and the bouncy castle are free to club members, but a donation would be very acceptable from non members if you wish, and go on as many times as you like. Hope the weather is kind to us, look forward to seeing you all.

Ann Richards