

Offwell C of E Primary School

Our Core Values: Honesty, Loyalty, Caring, Sharing and Forgiveness.



Dear Friends and Families of Offwell,

Highlights of the Week:

Ash: Our welly walk to the woods.

Willow: Being architects and designing what houses would look like after the Great Fire of London.

Beech: Starting to learn about axles and levers ready for our Design Technology work next week.

Oak: Year 5 – Bikeability

Year 6 – Decorating Easter eggs



The Big Help Out

In May, there will be opportunities for everyone to mark King Charles the Third's Coronation. Thousands of organisations across the country are getting together to give us all the chance to help out in our own local communities. No matter what you are good at, there'll be something to suit helping hands of all shapes and sizes! From checking in on someone who'd like a bit of company or volunteering for a charity, the

more of us who join in, the bigger help we will be.

If you can spare an hour...fantastic. The day?... Amazing! If it becomes a regular thing, so much the better. If we all do a bit, it will really help a lot. Find out more <https://thebighelpout.org.uk/>

Exeter Cathedral's Junior Choir

Following our performance at the Cathedral last Saturday, there is an opportunity for anyone who enjoyed being part of a choir. It is a chance for singers in Years 4-8 to have high quality training, including learning to sing in parts and experiencing a wide range of musical styles. There would be the possibility of some amazing performance opportunities in our beautiful Cathedral and beyond. Saturdays in term time – 9am-10.15am at Exeter Cathedral School. See Flyer for details.

Stand up, don't stand by

Our children are taught how to identify, describe and manage emotions, to respect our differences and recognise our common humanity, so they can form happy, healthy relationships and grow up to be a positive member of any community (see our **PSHE curriculum map on our website**).

With a rise in hate crimes, we all need to consider why some people think such actions are acceptable. (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-63157965>)

We are against bullying and any racist, sexist, homophobic language or actions (see our **Equality policy and statement on our website**). Like you, we also want to protect our children from the impact of these attitudes in the wider public. One way we can all prevent harm to others is by making sure we speak up and stand up against discrimination when we see it; not seeing it as somebody else's problem. (<https://www.verywellmind.com/what-is-anti-racism-5071426>)

"If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality." Bishop Desmond Tutu.



Friday, 24th March 2023

Stars of the week:

Reception – Kai

Willow – Poppy

Beech – Ezekiel

Oak – The Bikeability group (see below) – they did use bikes but it rained for the photo!



Next week:

Monday; WASP, Ash Easter Egg Hunt

Tuesday; WASP, Willow Multi-skills

Wednesday; WASP,

Thursday; WASP, Yr 6 Booster, Height & Weight checks –

Reception and Yr 6, Booster – Yr 6

Friday; Celebration Collective, Last Day of term

House Points

Attenborough: 47 Anning: 39

Well done Attenborough!



Offwell C of E Primary School

Our Core Values: Honesty, Loyalty, Caring, Sharing and Forgiveness.



School Meals

Attached with this newsletter is the new menu for the summer term. Please could you go through the menu with your child and make any changes to their choice if your child/children does not want the first main meal option or regular dessert. We need to know when your child will be taking a hot school dinner or bringing their own packed lunch. Please return a copy of the annotated menu as soon as possible.

Some children are eligible to receive free school meals for economic reasons if you are on certain benefits and if you believe this may apply to your family, please visit <https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals/> Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, it would be beneficial to apply as this attracts money into school which will be used for the benefit of those children. At the moment we offer free milk to all children in Ash Class but we can also offer free milk to those children who are eligible for free school meals as defined above. Please let us know if you would like to include your child in this.

Fresha Big Bonus Scheme

Our meal provider, Fresha, are trying to encourage a bigger take up of hot school dinners and have introduced a Big Bonus Scheme. The idea behind the scheme is to give parents, children and staff an incentive to book, eat and promote hot school meals. This way, children can improve their life chances through eating good quality, nutritionally balanced meals. Research into the benefits of eating a hot meal at lunchtime continues to produce undeniable results. Celebrity chefs such as, Hugh Fearnley-Wittingstall, who lives in Devon, support the concept of educating children on the benefits of healthy eating, food provenance and providing nutritious food to support education. He isn't alone in his thinking; chefs are being joined by nutritionists, writers, even footballers in their quest to make a difference through food. Fresha will donate £200 to the school for a 10% increase in weekly meal numbers. They will donate a further £200 for each cumulative increase of 10% on weekly meal numbers up to a maximum of £600. As an incentive for your child/children we have been asked to give the children who have a hot school dinner one sticker a week on a random day selected by us.

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

End of Term Cups

We break up for the Easter holidays next Friday and our Celebration Collective Worship will be next Friday at 2.30pm. We will advise you if your child has been awarded a cup or is runner up. If your child is holding one of our termly cups, please could you return this as soon as possible.

Sponsorship Money

Thank you to everyone who has given in sponsorship money. We have raised almost £1000 which will be sent to Comic Relief. An amazing response! If you have not returned yours, please could you do so as soon as possible?

Height and Weight Checks – Year 6 and Reception

Back in September, we sent a letter advising you that, as part of the National Child Measuring Programme, our Year 6 and Reception children will be weighed and measured by school nurses. The letter contained an 'opt out' online form. We do not know who has completed this form but if you don't want your child to take part you and can't remember completing the form, you could phone 01392 381484. The session is booked for Thursday, 30th March. Please note; you do not need to do anything if you are happy for your child's height and weight to be checked.