

# Offwell C of E Primary School

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Dear Friends and Families of Offwell,

## Highlights of the Week:

**Ash:** Pretending to be Year 1s and going into Willow Class.

**Willow:** Chopping up all the different fruit to make our fruit salad and, of course, tasting it!

**Beech:** Our activity day today and playing glow in the dark dodgeball.

**Oak:** Reverend Jeremy coming into class to talk about how faith helps people when times are hard.



## Transition

The children have all taken part in transition this week, becoming familiar with their new classes ready for September. We haven't given 'stars of the week' this week as they are all stars, behaving beautifully in their new class.



## Dates for the last week and new term:

**Sports' Day** – Our second option, is on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm. Currently, the forecast is fine: 17 degrees, low SSW wind, some cloud, even some sun.

**Reports** – will be coming home next week by email. Please advise us if you would like a paper copy.

**WASP party** – Fun, games and food on the playing field. Please collect your child at **5.15pm at the latest**. If your child does not usually attend WASP on Thursdays but attends on another day, they are welcome to attend.

**Leavers' Ceremony** – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in the Village Hall. Parents, carers and family of our Year 6 pupils are all invited. They will share their own humorous perspective on their time in Offwell.

**End of Year Celebration** – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2.30pm. Whole School Awards. If your child is the holder of either a termly or annual cup, please could this be returned as soon as possible so they can be re-issued next week.

**New School Year** begins on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September (Staff will attend on Monday and Tuesday for training and preparation)

**Whole School Zoo Trip** – Wednesday September 13<sup>th</sup>. Coach is only cost, as admission to zoo is completely free for schools 😊 Children will take part in a workshop on biodiversity and conservation. Further details in first week of new term. Something to look forward to!



Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**End of year results:** Key Stage 2 results have now been shared with children and parents in Year 6. Collectively, Offwell's Year 6 pupils have achieved an excellent set of results of which we can all be proud. Nationally, the average combined score for pupils achieving age-related expectation in all three core subjects: Reading, Maths and Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPAG), is 59%. At Offwell, 83% of our Year 6 pupils have achieved this combined score, with results reaching over 90% in Reading, Writing and SPAG. This is well above average and well above pre-Covid levels.

Individually, we could not be more proud of every one of our Year 6 children and their achievements. They have been kind to one another, helpful to other pupils through their roles as Play Leaders, undertaken fund raising and adventurous activities (as part of our residential and the Torbay & Devon Award) and, of course, they have listened well and worked hard, to make progress from their personal starting points. They truly embody our vision for them: to: **Be Well; Learn Well; Live Well** and we wish them all well for the future.

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**Education for a better future.** A new climate change qualification is inspiring action among the first group of pupils to study it. Although this is currently only available in Northern Ireland, the new **GCSE equivalent course** 'Reducing Carbon Footprints Through Environmental Action' was developed by the environment charity Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful.

Pupils learn about biodiversity, climate campaigning and fast fashion. They are able to see how small changes made by each household and business has a major impact, just as, in reverse, our actions have created the current challenges. Some have said they feel they have travelled the world without leaving the classroom.

"I've learned about the different situations all over the world, especially Sudan where the Sahara's blown in and destroying cropland and pushing people out of their homes into the cities," said Steven.

Perhaps some of our children, who have shown themselves to be fearless advocates for our environment, will go on to study a course like this, leading the way to a better future for all.



**The Big Butterfly Count** is a beautiful way to enjoy and help nature. This year it is particularly important, as last year's survey revealed that 80% of butterfly populations found in the UK have declined in the last 50 years.

This UK-wide survey helps to assess the health of our environment, simply by counting the amount and type of butterflies (and some moths) we might see. To join in, download the identification chart (or use the app), choose a shady place to spot butterflies and moths between **Friday 14th July** and **Sunday 6th August** – perhaps your garden, park, or picnic spot, then watch for **15 minutes**. Record which species you see, either on the website: <https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org/> or via the app.

**Industrial action.** It is hoped that strikes planned for September may now be unnecessary, as education union leaders have come out in support of a new 6.5% pay offer. The government have accepted the recommendation of the Teachers' Pay Award body and have promised it will be fully funded. If so, it should help to recruit and retain staff, while not affecting the provision for our pupils.

## House Points

**Attenborough: 52 Anning: 37**

Well done Attenborough!

This means that the termly winners are both Anning and Attenborough with a total of 264 points each. All children will be rewarded with a non-uniform day on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> July – the last day of term!

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The amount raised was a staggering £1308.44.  
Well done everyone!

# THANK YOU

Where do we start.....

Firstly, we hope you enjoyed Saturday as much as we did. We have lots of thank you's!

To everyone who attended and kept faith with the weather it picked up for us at the most perfect time.

Thank you to the Hopkins family for supporting our parking to Cleve farm for the delicious meat, Black velvet disco who were amazing,

Offwell sports and social club, Offwell village hall committee, Damien Richard's for providing the rope and refereeing a fantastic tug of war, the Cooke family, the Scott-Douglas family, Chris and T for being amazing at the bar, The grazing cow for their donations, special mention to our super star face painters, Cliff for a great bouncy castle and last but not least the amazing PTFA family who without these events simply would not happen.

**BE WELL-LEARN WELL-LIVE WELL-OFFWELL.**

## School Photos

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit [www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk) If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

## Autumn School Meals

We attach an electronic copy of the menu which takes effect from September. It is the same as the menu running currently although you can see which week we will be on. Please advise the office if your child wants to change their request from what they have at the moment. If your child is in Year 2, please advise whether your child will be having a school meal when they move into their new class. A reminder that, unless eligible to receive free school meals for economic reasons, you will have to pay for your child when moving into Year 3 at a rate of £2.50 per meal. Similarly, if you have a child who is starting Reception, they will be eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals and you will not have to pay. Please could you let the office have their order over the 3 week period? Please check if your child is eligible to receive free school meals for economic reasons by clicking the link -

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals/>

Children who are already eligible for free school meals are also eligible to take part in holiday HAF activities. Please visit the link -

<https://eequ.org/experience/1566>

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

## Reports

Reports will be emailed to parents before the end of term. Please ask if you would like a printed copy.

## Library

Please see the attached for summer reading events and activities at Honiton Library including the Summer Reading Challenge.