

Offwell C of E Primary School

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Dear Friends and Families of Offwell,

The **highlight** for all classes this week was, of course, Sports Day. Congratulations to Anning for winning overall with a very small margin of just 3 points. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the day successful from supporting your children to lending us gazebos, for the PTFA



for providing ice pops and Augean for providing fruit. In the end, the sun shone, the weather was perfect and good fun was had by all.

A little thank you to those who brought in animals this week – four puppies, a duckling and a chick! We have loved every one of them and at least one member of staff may be going home with one!



Breakfast Club and WASP

These will, all things considered, begin again on the first day of term, Wednesday, 6th. As advised previously, prices will increase:

WASP –

£4 if collected before 4.15pm

£7 if collected before 5pm

£9 if collected before 5.30pm

Breakfast Club – There will be one charge - £3 per child, per day – whatever time your child arrives (opens at 8am) and regardless of whether they eat breakfast or not.

Please let us know if you would like your child to attend any differently than they do at the moment (See information on Sports Club in 'Goodbye' section) Attendance for WASP and Breakfast Club for this half term have been added to Parentpay so please log on if you pay in this way.

Leavers' Ceremony

Our Year 6 children, ably assisted by Miss Phillips and Mrs Holohan, put on a tremendous performance, filled with singing, dancing and consummate acting. The Oak teaching team were immeasurably proud of the courage they showed in taking to the stage in front of a live audience. The team also wanted to thank Mrs Legg for providing an excellent catalyst for the children, as the stern Headteacher (channelling Mrs Trunchbull!). It has been wonderful to watch these children turn into confident, responsible and capable young people. They can feel proud of their achievements, and we are all very proud of them.

Annual Reports

You should have received your child's annual report by email yesterday unless you requested a printed copy. External assessments were also sent home in a separate envelope, if not previously received. Please advise us if you did not receive the report. If you would like to discuss anything within the report, please email the school office.



21st July 2023

Trophies/cups/Certificates

Thank you to everyone who attended the final assembly. Trophies/cups/certificates were awarded to the following:

Year 6:

Bell Services to School – Amber

Sport – Elliot & Isabella

Progress – Zach & Daisie

Art – Ethan

Music – Genevieve

Public Speaking – Sephira

Values – Maisie: Loyalty, Beth: Honesty, Rory: Compassion.

Caring Cup – chloe

Nominees from other classes:

Beech – Jessica L

Willow – Ella

Ash – Skylar J

Environmental Star – Polly

Helen Teare Endeavour – Toby M (Willow Class)

House Points - Oak – Chloe
Beech – Harrison
Willow – Poppy
Ash - Sophie

Congratulations and well done to you all and also the runners up for each award, who received certificates. You have all made us very proud of you.

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500 Words

Congratulations to all thirteen entrants who had the courage to put a little bit of themselves into a piece of writing and share it with a wider audience. Mrs Legg hosted a small party for all those children when she announced the name of the overall winner as well as a runner-up as Mrs Hayes, who sponsored this initiative, kindly agreed to donate a further £20 for a second prize. The Waterstone Gift Cards were handed out by Mrs Holohan at our end of term assembly.



Our two independent judges chose different winners, so we anonymised those entries and asked another independent opinion, as there was no way we could have chosen!

Winner (£50 voucher): Tilly Potter from Year 4: Rosanna Forte, Editorial Director, Sphere Fiction said of Tilly's entry, 'This was a wonderful story with a clear beginning, middle and end and an exciting moment of tension when Emma and her dad discover the snake in the water. I got a strong sense of both Emma and her dad as characters and their sometimes argumentative but mostly very warm relationship'.

Runner-up (£20 voucher): Zak Isaac in Year 3 for his letter to the family dog Zuki. Linda Isaacson, Honiton Library Supervisor said: 'I teared up each time. It had emotion, impact and the descriptions were lovely'.

Highly Commended, were Lily Robbie in Year 3 and Polly Sutton in Year 6. Judges said of Lily's entry: 'I loved the chatty tone of Lily's narrator, which made the reader feel like they were listening to a friend'. Polly brought 'lots of tension in this story and some wonderful descriptive passages, plus I very much liked its message about the threat that humans pose to animal habitats.' Both judges felt the competition was worthwhile with Rosanna commenting that she felt we had some potential authors at our school (we agree) and Linda saying how difficult it was to make that final choice.

Mrs Hayes has already indicated that she would be willing to sponsor this competition again so keep writing!

Holiday Reading Bingo Challenge

Today your child should be bringing home with them a reading 'Holiday Bingo' challenge. We hope that the tasks will encourage your child to find pleasure in reading over the holidays. Please support your child in recording the date once they have completed the task and ensure that they are handed into their teacher when they return in September.

Those who complete the 'Holiday Bingo' challenge will be invited to a special 'Booknic'. As well as picnic snacks the children will be given an exclusive look at our new books from the library service book exchange.

Miss Kirkland

Goodbye and Thank You:

At this time of year, we often have to say goodbye – today we say Goodbye and Thank You to: Mrs Pawley, who has worked as both Teaching Assistant in Willow Class and running our After School Provision. We are sorry to see her go and wish her well, but it's not goodbye completely! Mrs Pawley will be returning to help at WASP on one day a week. We are sorting final arrangements for WASP to be run as a Sports Club on Tuesdays from September. Essentially, all children are still welcome but Mr Bardot will be running the Sports Club alongside WASP charged at the same rate. If your child will be attending WASP on a Tuesday and does not want to join the sports fun, they will still be able to play other games, do craft activities, etc.

We also say Goodbye and thank you, not only to our Year 6 pupils, who we celebrate and who go on to Year 7, well-equipped for life, but also to those parents who will no longer have a child returning in September. I remember the feeling. You will always be a part of our school community.

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