

News Bulletin from Offwell School

The Year 6 Standard Assessment Tests are over for another year! Our children sat the tests, a combination of English (Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar; Reading Comprehension and Maths (arithmetic and reasoning) between the 14 and 17 May. They all put in 100% effort into the work and, whatever the outcome, we are tremendously proud of all they have achieved.



Our PTFA (Parent Teacher and Friends Association) is in the throes of planning what has become an annual fixture – The Strictly Fun Family Dog Show. **This year it will be on Sunday 10 June from 11.00 on Offwell Village Playing Field.** There are lots of different classes, great prizes, BBQ and good fun to be had by all – including the dogs! All welcome.

The Oak Class (ages 9 – 11) annual residential trip will take place in June. They are off to Barton Hall where activities will include: climbing; archery; canoeing and orienteering.



There was fantastic one day collaboration with the Thelma Hulbert Gallery. Stephen Guy an artist/engineer who creates automata visited and guided the children in constructing double cam driven mechanical machines based on a cardboard box. They then created their own artistic designs.



Welly Walks down to Offwell Woods are now back in full flow. The field leading from the road to the woods can be boggy which makes walking there quite challenging. The woods are always beautiful but on a summers day they can be really special.



We have sadly to report that our headteacher, Mrs Billington, will be leaving us at the end of this term to take up a position as Head of The Beacon School in Exmouth. Dr Phillip Ambler, our Chair of Governors said, “We congratulate her on this appointment to a larger school, their gain is our loss” he went on to mention the achievements made in the school under Mrs Billington’s Headship including our 2017 Ofsted inspection rating the school as Good, our SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) also Good in February 2014 and widening our horizons to include Africa and Europe with British Council and our participation in the Erasmus + projects.