

Link September for October

Our last entry in The Link dwelt upon the problems a local school faces with funding. This month we want to talk about how much help we get from our community to allow us to provide the high-quality education which is our aim.



At Offwell we are fortunate to have a pro-active fundraising group known as the PTFA (Parent, Teacher and Friends Association). The PTFA is a small group formed from the school community who meet regularly to plan interesting and fun activities/experiences all designed to raise money for the benefit of the children at Offwell School. Last financial year this group's efforts raised an impressive £2955.67 which has contributed towards some excellent improvements for the children.

Most recently their support has allowed us to re-join the School Library Service. Under this scheme we will be able to: provide topic books/artefacts for the children to support their themed learning; 200 new books will come into school and be exchanged regularly keeping class libraries vibrant and interesting; an audit of our existing libraries to make sure we are keeping up with current fiction and non-fiction. This is hugely exciting as they have also released funds for us to upgrade our library areas – Oak Class has new shelving and a few chairs and the children are proud of this new environment.

TYPES OF EVENT	THINGS THE CHILDREN HAVE ENJOYED
Family Fun Dog Show Sponsored Walk Book stall Christmas Fair Ceilidh	Outdoor shelters for sun and rain Contributions towards school trips Contribution towards transport for swimming New equipment for classes Easter eggs for the EYFS Easter Egg Hunt Year 6 Leavers' books



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Without the active support of groups such as the PTFA we would still provide a high-quality education but their support allows us to put the icing on the cake!

