

# Offwell C of E Primary School

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



Dear Families and Friends,

Together, we can move mountains. Literally. When human beings get together to work as one, they can achieve stupendous feats, like The Pyramids, The Great Wall of China, and The Suez Canal. Since then, humans have gone even further; travelling into space, therefore gaining the ability to look back at our planet, to see what we have achieved.

In Church today, Rev. Sue Roberts told the story of Jonah, who had trouble showing respect to people from another land, because he thought of them as different, strange and therefore, to his mind, bad. So he kept trying to stay away from them, even though he felt God was telling him to go and help them (It was in one attempt to get away from them, that he ended up in the whale!). He thought of them only as foreign to him and not as equals.

In asking the children what the people from another country might be called (for example, people from Spain being Spanish), Zak (in Ash) answered, 'They are called Humans', therefore getting the whole idea in one. We should respect all of humanity as we do all of nature: respect, like love, is something you will gain more of, the more you give it to others.

Just now, I was delighted to have an example laid before me: two boys (Oliver and Cohen from Willow) came to show me their artwork, which was an excellent example of what can happen when we work together and respect each other's opinions (see inset). The first drawing was without any guidance, then before each subsequent attempt the children gave each other suggestions of how to improve; the results speak for themselves, especially when you realise they were all from one lesson! When we support and respect each other, we can clearly achieve great things.

## One Big Problem:

As the human population grows, the challenge of reducing our footprint becomes more urgent, as many small actions mount up to a huge impact. Currently, it takes a year and a half to generate the resources that the human population currently consumes in only a year. By 2050, at current levels of consumption, we are predicted to use the equivalent of 2 Earths' worth of renewable resources per year. For how this has been worked out, see:

<https://www.worldwildlife.org/threats/the-human-footprint>

## Lots of Small Solutions:

We can reverse this, if we act together, by changing how we do the simple things we do, every day. For example: turn the tap off while you brush your teeth. Think about it: why would you leave it on? One parent calculated that their child used 2.5 gallons of water, by just leaving the tap on while brushing. That's 5 gallons a day, per person, or 20 gallons a day for a family of four, or 140 gallons a week (more than a bath full) ... all of which can be saved by simply turning the tap off while you brush! <https://thehomeschoolscientist.com/measuring-water-wasted-while-brushing-teeth/>

**Parent information website: BBC – OWN IT.** We have been regularly sharing ways to keep children safe online and there will additional activities for online Safety Day on February 11<sup>th</sup> (details to follow), as we know how hard this extra role for parents can be. The BBC OWN IT site and app have been created to help children and young people make smart choices as they play online, or message, using a laptop, tablet or mobile phone. <https://www.bbc.com/ownit> – Do take a look; it's an education in itself!



Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020

## Stars of the Week:

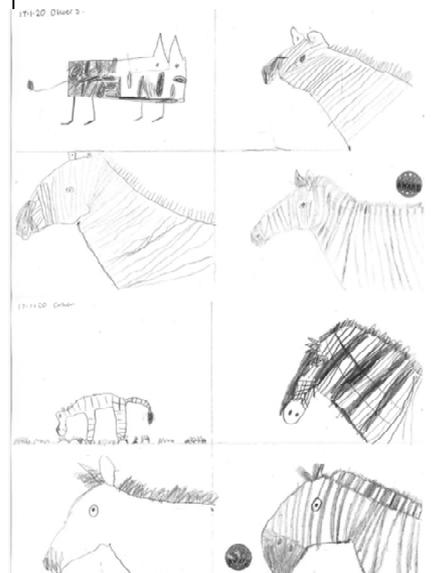
R – Aria    Yr 1 – Rowan  
Yr 2 – Eric    Yr 3 – Oliver  
Yr 4 – Noah    Yr 5 – Jessica  
Yr 6 – Niamh

## Next Week:

Monday: Gym Festival – Beech, Sports Club KS2, WASP  
Tuesday: Open the Book, WASP, Half Marathon Club  
Wednesday: WASP, Number Crunchers, Reading Club, Booster  
Thursday: Story & Rhyme, WASP, Hi 5s – Yr 5/6  
Friday: Celebration Collective Worship, WASP, Choir

## Weekly House Points:

Drake: 28    Raleigh: 38  
Well done Raleigh



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## Highlight of the Week:

**Ash:** Going on our own train ride around school

**Willow:** Starting off our themed learning with a flight to Kenya!

**Beech:** Making a model of the digestive system.

**Oak:** Interviewing Beowulf aka Mr Dunning with the knitted beard.

**After School Club** on Wednesday will be held in Beech class for the rest of this half term, while Y6 attend Booster Club in Oak. Please press the buzzer on Beech's door to be let in. This will not affect the rest of the week, when After School Club will remain in Oak. After half term, as the days are lengthening, After School Club will return to its summer base in Willow class.



Making Greater Exeter Greater

## Half Marathon Club

Unfortunately, the first Half Marathon session scheduled for last Monday had to be cancelled due to the extremely wet and windy weather. Next week the Club will run on Tuesday as Beech Class has a gym session and will be leaving school part way through the lunch break.

## Nut Allergy

A reminder that we have children in school who are allergic to nuts so we ask that your child/ren do not bring in nuts at all; in packed lunches or as snacks. We have noticed that some children have chocolate spread so please could you ensure this is not the type that contains nuts eg Nutella. Thank you.

## Headlice

It has been brought to our attention that a couple of children have had to be treated as they have had head lice recently. Please check your child's hair and treat if necessary. Regular combing with a nit-comb, using conditioner, is both a good way to check for, and remove, lice.

## Vomiting Bug

Sadly, the vomiting bug that hit us before Christmas seems to be back at school. Please encourage your children to wash hands, etc and if your child vomits please keep them at home for at least 48 hours after the last bout.

Lorna Legg

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

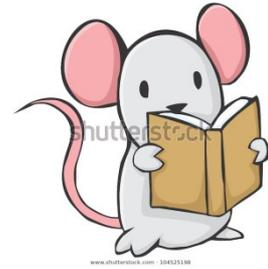
## Collective Worship: Respect

Theme for next week:

Valuing difference

Something to think about from this week:

Try and use your penny to think or pray for someone this week



## Story & Rhyme

There will be a Story & Rhyme session in Ash Class next Thursday at 2.45pm. Everyone with pre-school children is invited to attend so please pass this invitation to anyone who you think may be interested.

## Burns Night

Offwell will be holding a Burns Supper and Ceilidh on Saturday 25th January 2020 from 6.30 p.m. Come along to see the haggis being piped in, enjoy a traditional three course supper to include haggis, tatties and neeps (vegetarian option available) and join in the fun of a Ceilidh to finish off the night. There will be a bar, raffle and more. Tickets are £20 each and can be ordered from Lynn on 01404 831924 or Dawn on 01404 831719. Proceeds to the Offwell Woodland Centre and the Honiton Admiral Nurse.