

Offwell C of E Primary School

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Dear Friends and Families of Offwell,

This week we welcomed Tamara-May into Willow Class and Nathan into our Nursery and their family into our school.

World Book day, on Thursday, centred around four books: one for each class. Following a theme, based on their chosen book for the day, each class engaged in fantastic and creative activities. The children's enthusiasm and engagement were evident everywhere, as I went around each class. Ash class were acting, making, writing and generally learning that you shouldn't have to paint yourself orange to be allowed into any club, let alone 'Carrot Club': a story about Inclusion *and* healthy eating!

Willow combined science and literacy; travelling into space in 'Back to Earth with a Bump' to discover that the Sun does not (as it seems) go around the Earth; instead, our planet turns towards and away from the Sun each day, as it circles the Sun once a year.

Beech class enjoyed reading the first chapter of 'Woof!' and went on to research Alan Ahlberg, finding out that he is still a prolific author; not only writing, but also 'Each Peach, Pear, Plum', and so many other favourites, but three more published in 2018.

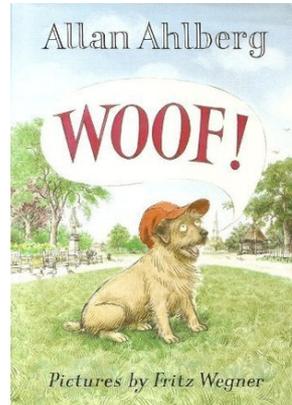
Oak's chosen book, 'Journey', is an amazing picture book, which enables the reader to travel through a simple drawn door, into far realms, both real and imagined. The class were able to add their own descriptions, as well as illustrate new worlds they would like to explore, creating a beautiful, collaborative frieze.

Hand Washing – As advised by just about everyone, the best precaution against general colds, 'flu, stomach bugs and coronavirus is to wash your hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds at least. That's roughly two rounds of 'Happy Birthday', if you prefer! Gel is a fall back if soap and water are not available. Please help us in sharing simple and effective hand hygiene habits. BBC Newsround has produced a great video which explains the coronavirus for children, as they will have heard so much on the news. BBC Newsround 'Coronavirus: Why it might not be as scary as it sounds'- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/51342366>

Poster Competition: if your child can make the information (set out below) catchier, more memorable and effective, please encourage them to do so! Entries to come to Mrs Legg, via each class teacher, over next week. The winning poster in each class will be printed and will be on display, with results to be announced in next Friday's Collective Worship and next week's newsletter.

Wash your hands more often than usual, with soap and water or hand sanitiser, for 20 seconds, especially when you:

- Go to the toilet,
- Blow your nose, sneeze or cough,
- Eat or handle food,
- Get home or go to work or school.



Friday, 6th March 2020

Stars of the Week:

R – Jessica Yr 1 – Tilly
Yr 2 – Tamara-May
Yr 3 – Robin Yr 4 – Isaac
Yr 5 – Freya Yr 6 – Carmen

Next Week: Sport Relief Week
Monday: Sports Club KS2, WASP, Tag Rugby Yr 3/4,
Tuesday: WASP, 1/2 Marathon Club, Weighing & Measuring – R & Yr 6
Wednesday: WASP, Booster, Number Crunchers
Thursday: WASP, E-Team meeting, Year 5 Youth Speaks
Friday: Celebration Collective Worship, Sports Relief – dress as sporting hero, WASP

Weekly House Points:

Drake: Raleigh:
Well done

Collective Worship:

Theme for next week:
The Lord's Prayer

Something to think about from this week:

Love – Ask – Sorry
How do these 3 words relate to the Lord's Prayer.

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Highlight of the Week – World Book Day:

Ash: Carrot Club – Acting out the story with masks.

Willow: Back to Earth with a Bump - Learning about how and why we have day and night.

Beech: Woof - Finding out and remembering the amount of books that Allan Ahlberg has written.

Oak: Journey – Adding text to a picture book, exploring new words, writing and drawing.

School Sign Success!

Following several discussions with parents and Highways Agency, I am really pleased to be able to announce that we are going to have a School Warning sign put up on Fern Lane, which leads directly past our main school gates.

Our Environment

We can feel powerless against huge issues like global warming, climate change, and the impact of human activity on our environment, but we can do so much when we work together, if we have a shared goal.

For example, a small group of climate campaigners won their case in the Court of Appeal last month (27.2.20), to stop the plans for a third runway at Heathrow, in London. The judges said that a third runway could only go ahead if it fits with the UK's climate policy, which commits us to being carbon neutral by 2050. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zfw4f4j>

You, too, can join groups which work together to improve our environment, such as our E-Team. Many thanks to Mrs Hunt, Mrs Hodder and our E-Team, who spent a wet few hours on Thursday, gently, but firmly, weaving the wilder willow whips of our Wigloo back into order!

Sports Relief

It is Sports Relief week next week and on Friday, the children are invited to dress as their sporting hero. Alternatively, they can dress in their own team sports kit eg football kit. The children will try to achieve running 100 miles collectively during PE lessons.

Year 6 & Reception – Weighing & Measuring

Parents/Carers of children in Year 6 and Reception have been sent information about this Public Health England measuring programme giving you details of how to withdraw your child if you wish. Further details can be found at:

<https://digital.nhs.uk/services/national-child-measurement-programme/>

Lorna Legg

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

Parent Meeting

If you would like the opportunity to discuss any issues that concern your children's wellbeing (e.g: anxiety, online safety, health, education, relationships...), please come to an informal meeting on Friday **March 20th at 2.15pm**. This is a chance to air any concerns and I am genuinely interested in your opinions and to find out any subjects where you would like more information, or support for your child. This could be an opportunity to arrange for further, regular Parent Meetings, on an agenda set by you, or to provide more information on any subjects raised.

