

Offwell C of E Primary School

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



Dear Friends and Families of Offwell,



In all that has been happening lately, has anyone missed hearing about Captain Tom? On his 100th birthday (yesterday!) - as if that wasn't achievement enough - his appeal for the NHS reached £30,000,000!

He achieved this incredible amount by aiming to walk

100 laps of his garden; working towards this a little every day. He wanted to thank the NHS for all they have done for him (he was treated for skin cancer and has a new hip!). Initially, he only hoped to raise £1,000. His words are inspirational too:

"People keep saying what I have done is remarkable, however it's actually what you have done for me which is remarkable...Please always remember, tomorrow will be a good day." <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-beds-bucks-herts-52472132>

He is a role model for us all. While we cannot all raise millions of pounds, that's not really the point; his example shows us:

- Something good can come out of any situation;
- When we work together we can achieve incredible things;
- It's never too late to start;

This is also evidence of why we are all doing this – without everyone working together, people like Captain Tom would be so vulnerable. So when you are finding it tough, remember his words and feel proud of what we have achieved together.

Google Classroom: Please read the email from your child's teacher and attached guide for how to get on.

Your child's teacher will have been in touch with you, to make sure you are all well and offer any support we can during these challenging times – we are still here and we still care. They will shortly send you an email with details of our extended online offer, via Google Classroom. This is an online learning platform, which simply provides more direct access to the Home Learning Projects and offers better communication between pupils and teachers (but please note, only during the 'school' day). **It will be accessible from Monday May 4th.**



Noah's been cooking for the family – looks great – as does his version of a Franz Marc painting. Very creative, Noah!



Friday, 1st May 2020



Offwell's Gallery: Last week we had pictures from: Abigail B, Rory and Layla, Robin and Rowan, Carmen and Eric, plus Lilly-May in uniform! If you have photographs you would like to share, please send them to admin@offwell-primary.devon.sch.uk



Sophie and Ava have decided they'd like to raise some money for the NHS so have baked cakes for the community. They've raised £85 so far. That's amazingly generous, girls!



Lily-Grace has been actively engaged and has a growing collection of animals – newts and all!



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Resources to help us all [Be Well](#); [Learn Well](#) and [Live Well](#):

NHS 'OPEN for BUSINESS' Campaign

There have been some tragic situations as a result of people worrying that they should not get health support at this time, or because they are worried they may get the virus. The message is very much that staff want to help, are able to ensure your safety, and that if you need medical attention, don't delay!

Key messages:

- If you are pregnant it is important that you still attend your antenatal appointments and continue to seek advice from your midwife or maternity team.
- If you are worried about your health or the health of your unborn baby, please contact your midwife or maternity team.
- If you are worried about the health of your baby or child, please call 111.
- If it's a serious or life-threatening emergency, **call 999**.

CAMHS - Devon

Mental Health and wellbeing support for children and young people during coronavirus: CAMHS are offering additional crisis support during coronavirus. If a child or young person (under 18) is experiencing a mental health crisis, you can now access Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) 24/7. Contact 03300 245 321 8am-5pm, Mon to Fri. 0300 555 5000 outside these hours.

Callers will speak to a call handler, their call will be forwarded to a voicemail service and their message will be returned within one hour. **In the event of an emergency please call 999.**

General information about CAMHS services and referrals can be found on [the Children and Family Health Devon website](#)

CAMHS have also produced [a list of helpful resources, apps and organisations](#) to support children, families and young people.

Coronavirus cartoon

This child-friendly animation, from the NHS, gives accessible facts about Covid-19. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iMR3WPCRuAI&feature=youtu.be>

How to keep your children calm...and everyone else!

<https://www.specialneedsjungle.com/calming-coronavirus-anxiety-children-everyone-else/>

Honiton Library can help you to support your children during the current lockdown situation.

They have a range of free resources that all library members can access online:

- Download and stream free eBooks, eAudioBooks and eMagazines, with more than 3,500 titles on [Overdrive](#) (eBooks and eAudiobooks), including a range of 'beginner reads' for children in the early stages of learning to read, and 1,000 unlimited use eAudiobooks through [RB Digital Devon](#)
- A selection of eMagazines are available on [RB Digital Devon](#)
- A range of eAudiobooks via [BorrowBox](#)
- Online reference resources at [Devon Libraries](#) including AncestryUK
- fun online content and live streaming events via social media. Check out individual library Facebook pages for more information

Local events from Honiton Library

They invite all teachers, parents and carers to visit and 'like' the facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/HonitonLibrary/> Here you will find weekly Lego Challenges on Saturdays, links to craft videos and regular activities and storytelling links that we think parents may find useful or interesting.

BookTrack - They are doing BookTrack via email, from a parent/carers email account; one book per email. The adult or child can write the title on the child's BookTrack record. The children won't miss out on any badges and they will be given out in person when the library opens again. When they have read a book please email

honiton.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk with this information:

Your name

The title and author of the book you've read and:

What happened in the book (briefly)

Did they like the book?

What did you like or not like about it?

What number they are on your Book Track record sheet (please write them in the gaps yourself)

We'll email them back: Linda Isaacson

linda.isaacson@librariesunlimited.org.uk

Ensuring all children and families can access the Library's online services

All children and families that already have library membership at one of our public libraries will automatically be able to access these services. **If you are not already a member, please register your child** on the [Devon Libraries website](#) As soon as you have registered each child, you will be issued with a number, which the child can then use straight away for online services and get access immediately. You can register as many children as you like in this way.

Adult Learning online: If you're looking to upgrade your own skills, parents, take a look at <https://theskillstoolkit.campaign.gov.uk/>

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