

Offwell C of E Primary School

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Dear Families and Friends,

This **Monday May 4th**, we launched **Offwell's online learning platform, Google Classroom**, with fantastic up-take from our children! Thank you, to our dedicated teachers and the implacable Mrs Davey, who have been working hard to contact you all and set this up over the past few weeks. Thank you children, if you have helped your parents with all the technology, and thanks to you, parents, for your patience with the technology (and your child!). Technology doesn't always work, but it has been a wonderful way of staying safe, and keeping in touch.

Home Learning Projects can still be accessed via our website, if you prefer, and we hope they remain a source of helpful ideas, to support you over the coming weeks. Remember, we do not expect you to complete everything; your wellbeing is just as important right now! We aim, via Google Classroom, to be more available to you, to answer your questions, (as well as your child's), during the working day. The staff and I will also regularly post interesting and useful information, on our **Offwell whole school 'Classroom'**. So please look out for more additions each week. Already, you will find welcome messages, an interactive weekly PE activity timetable, parent PowerPoints to help with teaching about relationships and a competition from The Devon Youth Parliament - Greener Devon – See posters on the Offwell School Classroom for details, and a taster, below.

We want YOU to design a logo and/or a poster for our 'Greener Devon' campaign



Logo(one overall winner)
-Must be circular(so that it can be used as a profile picture for our social media, made into stickers etc)
-We are looking for a catchy design that is fun, memorable and relevant to the climate



Poster(winner from each age group)
-We are looking for a poster to raise awareness about the environment, and of what a 'Greener Devon' looks like to you!

The Youth Parliament, looking to the future, are highlighting the other world challenge we still face, in asking children of all ages to design a poster or logo, which can inspire us all to create a Greener Devon.

It should not take a pandemic to make us reverse the impact we have had on our planet, but these last weeks have shown a world-wide drop in air pollution, CO2 levels and emissions. Global

use of electricity is down 20%. The air is clear again.

The global lockdown has shown us we are capable of changing, when we have to. How can we change the way we live, travel and work forever, for the better, to create a greener, cleaner Devon, as our 'new normal'?



Offwell's Gallery: Last week we had pictures from: Noah, Sophie, Ava and Lily-Grace. If you have photographs you would like to share, please send them to admin@offwell-primary.devon.sch.uk



Monty - Thanks to Monty for this amazing photograph, of a chick, just hatched! Monty has been learning about the link between dinosaurs and birds. If you can imagine a ten-foot tall chicken, without feathers, then it seems entirely possible!

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William and Oliver had two lessons in one: a cooking lesson (making scones), and a maths one! They had to weigh and double all the measurements, to make enough for their grandparents too!



Oliver - In a really thoughtful and creative way, Oliver's masks have made us feel really cared for at a challenging time for everyone. You can see his message on the Offwell School Classroom and we thank him and his family from the bottom of our hearts. (I love mine!)

Resources to help us all **Be Well; **Learn Well** and **Live Well**:**

Parent+ Hub, (shared previously), is run by a group of volunteers. Who have access to professionals and many people who have supported individuals with mental health issues. They can work with you to formulate a bespoke Support Plan to help you tackle one issue at a time when you feel overwhelmed, whilst putting you in touch with services that can support you too. **They have extended their service to include people who are struggling due to the issues raised by Coronavirus.** "The hub is somewhere we can support and share information, allowing us all to grow in strength and knowledge; so that we are all better equipped to give the best possible support to our families and take care of ourselves."

[Parent+ Registration Form](#)

National school assemblies will be held every Thursday at 10am and will be streamed on the TES Website and on the **Oak National Academy website**. To see each assembly please click here:

<https://www.thenational.academy/assembly>

This Friday, 8th May, is a public holiday to mark the anniversary of VE day, or Victory in Europe, when the end of six years of the Second World War was celebrated. It is a time to think back to when people endured and survived great hardship (bombing, rationing and evacuation), and to look forward with hope for a better future. This short film gives important background and eye witness accounts: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks2-ve-day/z7xtmfr>

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

Lorna Legg

Free School Meals: Devon County Council is appealing to hard-pressed families to make sure they do not miss out on **free food for their children – even if they are not currently in school**. Eligible children who are at home are entitled to food vouchers worth £15 a week which can be exchanged at most supermarkets. An application can be made in two minutes from a phone, tablet, laptop or PC and there will be an immediate decision at the end of the process. Please check this link, just in case: [Families urged to check if their children are eligible for free school meals](#)