

Offwell C of E Primary School

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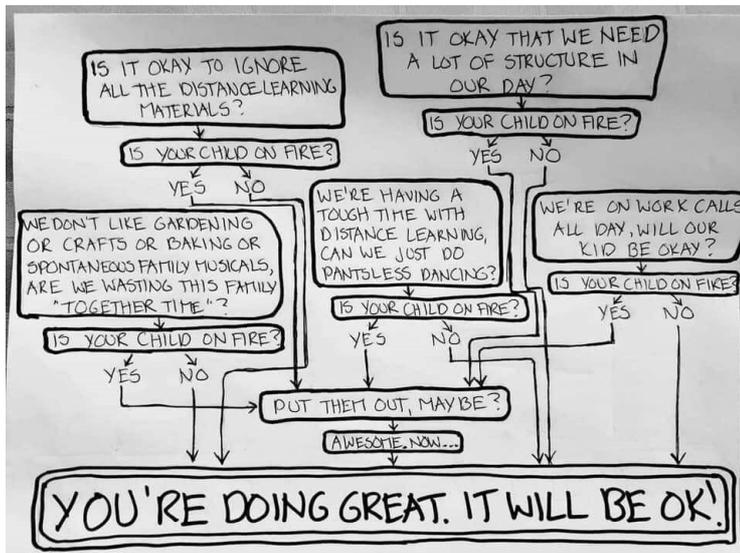
Dear Families and Friends,

If you have a minute, let's look back, over the past two months, and think about all we have learnt:

How to find out things for ourselves; how to be patient when things are tough; how to say sorry when we get cross; giving things up for other people; being surprised by how much we can do for ourselves; realising how kind we can be; realising how kind other people can be; being creative; being active; learning new skills; finding out you/your mum/dad/sister/brother have hidden talents; being in your pyjamas at lunchtime...all of these (apart from the last one!) are going to be useful when we start to return to our new normal, because learning is learning, wherever and however it happens!

We are all going through this unique experience for the first time, so can be forgiven for getting things wrong, yet I have been touched by the many kindnesses I have witnessed and experienced. I believe we can become better people from facing challenges together, and there will be some wonderful, as well as bitter-sweet memories to share one day.

Now, given we have to plan carefully, to make sure everyone will be safe for whenever we return - preparing for social distancing and putting extra hygiene safeguards in place - Home Learning will continue for a bit longer, so I thought I might now share this: You're doing great; it will be OK!



Please look out for an email today, with a link to a quick survey. Your views are vital, so that I can consider these when planning ahead. Thank you for your support and for all you are doing so well.

A chance to say 'thank you'!

It is National Thank a Teacher Day on 20 May with an opportunity for children to say a HUGE thank you to their teachers for their amazing work not only in these challenging times but all year round. Individuals can also thank any member of staff working in school, including school leaders, teachers, teaching assistants, administrators and all support staff such as lunchtime supervisors and cleaners by sending an e-card: <https://thankateacher.co.uk/thank-a-teacher-day/> I would also say, it would be good opportunity to thank Mum/Dad/whoever has been helping you to learn lately...



15th May 2020

Offwell's Gallery: Last week we had pictures from: Oliver, Monty, William and Ollie. If you have photographs you would like to share, please send them to admin@offwell-primary.devon.sch.uk



This is Hattie's lamb, Harry, who Hattie has trained to be led on a halter. Mr Legg and I are trying to train our puppy, Paddington, at the moment, so we know how much patience and diligence this takes. Harry is a very lucky lamb; he has a great future, thanks to Hattie!

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Abigail has made a beautiful rainbow of hands – a very appropriate symbol of hope, helpfulness and togetherness.



Aria has drawn a beech seedling she found and then she will plant it. I am so impressed by her careful observation, because those really look like beech leaves! Lucky beech seedling – I wonder where its new home will be...

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

The Fire Service has shared a safety PowerPoint and worksheets, to share at home, via this link: <http://www.dsfire.gov.uk/YoungPeople/Index.cfm?siteCategoryId=5> The resources are suitable for children from Y1 – Y6 and, unlike some lessons, they might just save a life.

NSPCC - Please continue to visit the website to access lots of resources for parents/carers at nspcc.org.uk/. They also have a new [parent/carers coronavirus hub](#) with advice and support during the current situation. If you have any concerns about a child, please contact the NSPCC helpline on 0800 800 5000 or at help@nspcc.org.uk or if they are in immediate danger please contact the Police.

Faith at Home is a national campaign that builds on the work of Growing Faith and Everyday Faith to support the faith development and pastoral care of children and young people: https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-action/faith-home?mc_cid=d78223efde&mc_eid=2fe9a7ffd3

Talking about tricky subjects: Communicating effectively about Covid-19, or about illness and loss in general, can substantially support children's positive psychological development in the long term. Links to support this challenging task are available on The Church of England Going for Growth website: [Going for Growth](http://www.going4growth.com/home?mc_cid=1a8f2862bb&mc_eid=2fe9a7ffd3)
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Splitz The Splitz Support Service works to end domestic abuse in partnership with individuals, communities and other agencies. While they usually offer face to face, currently they provide telephone support. A number of resources are also available on their website: www.splitz.org/devon

Splitz TALK Building Health Futures (for 4-11 year olds)

Splitz TALK Healthy Transition (for primary to secondary transition)

A referral form is available from school, or on their website.

White Rose is a Maths resource we have recently subscribed to. White Rose Maths Home Learning worksheets will be uploaded to each class online area on Google Classroom, which you may wish to try, as we will be using this resource in school. We are also working on some new and exciting topics for the new school year, and will share more about these in the future.

Urafiki Appeal: As you'll recall, we support two children in Yala, Kenya. The people of Yala, in the main, are desperately poor, that's why your support to educate orphans and vulnerable children makes such a difference. Since Kenya went into its version of lockdown, due to Coronavirus, the local economy has ground to a halt. The end result is that the people at the bottom of the heap are starving. They have no reserves, no savings and nowhere to turn except to us. We know this is a bad time to ask, but if you feel able to give something, however small, please go to www.urfiki.org.uk. Alternatively, you can send a cheque to Urafiki, 12 Waverley Avenue Exeter EX4 4NL. Thank you.

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

Lorna Legg