

Offwell C of E Primary School

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Dear Families and Friends,

I would just like to say an enormous and heartfelt thank you and well done, to you all, for coping with all the changes we have had to go through. Despite the social distancing, there has been a real sense of togetherness throughout. Also, a huge thank you to our wonderful staff, who have been working throughout the past few months, to provide an increasing range of online support, as well as adjusting to changes within school.

You will have received your child's report by email yesterday, with my covering letter. I hope you can spend a few minutes reflecting on your child's achievements with them, as well as thinking about the things s/he might want a bit of help with. It was a privilege to read through each report and see how much each child had achieved, even with all that has occurred. I have very fond memories of this year, alongside all the upheaval!



This Friday's Collective Celebration was a last goodbye to everyone, in school and at home, before the summer begins; leaving us Monday and Tuesday to just concentrate on being together, with lots of Rainbow Time to talk and fun to be shared. Congratulations to those who were nominated or won trophies - please enjoy them, take many photos with them, and remember to return them ready for next year! Your cups and certificates will be here for you.

We are very proud of you all and look forward to welcoming you back in September, after a good, long rest for all who can.

There will be further information about the arrangements for next year in emails to follow, once plans have been finalised (as far as is possible). For now, we can confirm that **Breakfast Club** will run Monday to Friday, from 8am and **After School Club** will run from Monday to Thursday, until 5pm (6pm by arrangement). This is subject to booking in advance and we hope you understand that we may need to change our provision if issues arise.

School meals will be provided by our new supplier, Fresha Foods. For the first half term at least, due to Covid-19 restrictions, these will be packed lunches. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free school meals and some other children are entitled to income related free school meals. For all other children, the cost per day is £2.50 which should be paid at the beginning of each week or half termly in advance.

We have signed up to the online payment system, ParentPay, and we will send an email at the start of September advising how you register your details enabling you to make payments.

School will start back for children on **Monday 7th September**. We look forward to welcoming you all back to your classes; until then, have a wonderful summer!



Special mention and congratulations to Abigail. M, who has gained herself a 3rd place in the Devon Virtual Games by writing a value for 'The Spirit of the Games'. Her value was 'Happiness' She wrote: You've got to enjoy what you are doing. If you have a smile on your face, others will smile too and we can make people happy despite everything going on in the world at the moment.

As a school, because of people like Abigail, we have also been



awarded **The Youth Sport Trust Summer 2020 recognition and reward certificate and logo**; presented to those schools that have made particular efforts to engage their children and school communities in virtual competition. Thank you!

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Message from Devon and Torbay Award

I'd like to congratulate you for persevering with the award during such difficult times when you have had so much more to think about. It is all thanks to you that these children have had this recognition and their participation is largely due to your support and encouragement.

I'm often told that taking part in the Torbay and Devon Civic Award was life-changing for many children, and that the values and attitudes they gained have positively shaped their characters. Well done to you and your school for supporting and facilitating this, and for balancing the academic focus with what matters so much: giving children opportunities to become confident, independent, well-rounded, caring young people who want to make a difference in their communities.

The names, photos and information you have provided will go onto your personal school page on the website and also onto our facebook page. If you haven't done so already, please signpost your parents and staff and school stakeholders to the website: www.torbayanddevoncivicaward.co.uk

(Karen Thompson, Award Founder and Coordinator)

For those of you who just cannot get enough Maths (or for those who need a bit more!), there is help: <https://whiterosemaths.com/resources/primary-resources/parent-workbooks/>

Kooth transitioning support and resources for years 6-7

KOOOTH.com is available in Devon for young people aged between 11 – 25 years to access over the summer. For young people transitioning from primary to secondary school we want to ensure young people are supported through this challenging time and informed of the Kooth service and their accessibility to the support for their emotional health and wellbeing.

Kooth is a web based confidential support service available to young people that provides a safe and secure means of accessing mental health and wellbeing support either by speaking to one of our online counsellors and/or engaging in our Kooth community online with the range of therapeutic support tools we have online. **Please be aware, as the site is used by young people from 11 to 25, you should only allow your child to access it under supervision.**

Communication and Interaction Team - Information for parents about the Cygnet Course.

The Cygnet Programme (Parent/carer autism awareness course) is now also open to parents/carers of children on the autism assessment pathway waiting list and will be running during July and August. Please click on the link below for more information.

<https://www.babcockldp.co.uk/disadvantaged-vulnerable-learners/send/communication-and-interaction/parents-and-carers/cygnet-parent-autism-awareness-programme-july-august-2020>

Lorna Legg

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

Summer Childcare

HONITON

Provider Ofsted Number
Telephone Emergency Contact
Number Email Notes
Honiton Primary Out
of School Club 113098 01404
548700 01404 548700
admin@honiton-pri.devon.sch.uk
open to own children at present,
surveying parents about holiday,
primary children Age 4-11

Sunnydays Nursery EY494582

01404 548267 01404 548267
Open Tuesday to Friday and we
can help with short term
placements but only if we are the
only setting. Age 0-5 years

OTTERY ST MARY

Provider Ofsted Number
Telephone Emergency Contact
Number Email Notes
Ottertots Day Care
Nursery EY358746 01404 815854
01404 815854
info@ottertots.org.uk Age 0-5
Coleridge Pre-school 01404
812663 Not open week of 20th
July or the last 2 weeks of the
holiday. Potentially Tues, Wed,
Thursday – age 2-5 year olds.
Looking at capacity to take older
children

SIDMOUTH

Provider Ofsted Number
Telephone Emergency Contact
Number Email Notes
Sidmouth Primary Email only
sidkids@sidmouth-
primary.devon.sch.uk Running
during the holidays for families 9-
5, contact via email for
information

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The Department for Education coronavirus helpline is available to answer questions about COVID-19 relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Information on transition to new class or school:

The School Run	https://www.theschoolrun.com/expert-tips-settling-your-child-school
Expert Tips For Settling Your Child At Primary School	
Tips for parents	
Child Line	https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/school-college-and-work/school-college/moving-schools/#Tipsforstartinganewschool
Tips for Starting a New School	
Brief tips for children starting a new school or secondary school	
PACEY	https://www.pacey.org.uk/Pacey/media/Website-files/school%20ready/12977-Pacey-Starting-School-Together-Booklet-A5.pdf
Preparing Your Child for Starting School	
A Useful Booklet for Parents with lots of tips and suggestions for emotionally preparing children for starting primary school.	
BBC Bitesize	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/znnccpg8
Preparing Your Child Practically	
Dr Anna Colton, child and adolescent psychologist, offers her practical tips to parents via video and with written tips on how to best support children who are transitioning from primary to secondary school.	
Babcock LDP	https://www.babcockldp.co.uk/cms/articles/send-file/a558e9f2-73ad-4a8c-8e89-4a980880eadc/1
Managing Anxiety – talking to children and returning to school	
Straight forward advice for parents – Great tips on how to make conversation starters, understanding anxiety is a normal emotion and making plans and setting goals	