

Offwell C of E Primary School

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



Dear Friends and Families of Offwell,

Highlight of the Week:

Ash: Cutting out photos of our friends to make puppets and then acting out ways to be a 'good friend' with them.

Willow: Going to the woods on our welly walk.

Beech: Using our shields to make battle formations.

Oak: Starting to make our Union Jacks in preparation for our VE Day party.

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There has been some amazing learning this week, right across the school - from our Reception children developing their number skills, to some of our oldest children tackling long division; from Willow children learning how to



stay safe with Pantosaurus:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

...to Beech children testing their Roman shield-wall formations and inviting me to a Cena (dinner) with Roman style treats (I wasn't sure about the beef stuffed with fish eyes, but the snails sounded

lovely!). It is wonderful to share in so much energy and enthusiasm, despite the darker mornings and shorter days.

This week, two classes will be spending time in Offwell woods. We are so thankful that we are able to do this, despite the restrictions many will feel elsewhere across the country. The love of nature our children gain from their learning here, will, we hope, remain with them throughout life. You can take part, in a spot of 'Forest Bathing', in a virtual sense here, as we did in our Celebration and Collective Worship today:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aGnrBysqC2U>

Our children's love of the natural world gives us hope for

the future of the environment we all depend upon, and we know we are well supported in this by you. We would like to thank Kelly King, especially, for her generous donation of 'What a Waste' to each class. This is a clear, clever book, which helps children to think about all the waste we create, and see how we can and must reduce, reuse and recycle.

In other positive news, Prince William and Sir David Attenborough (wonderful man!) launched a £50 million prize (50,000,000!) to repair the planet, so get your thinking caps on! There was also progress on carbon emissions in the EU and an ambitious plan to power every home in the UK with wind energy. Find out what else went right [here](#).



Friday, 16th October 2020

Stars of the Week:

R – Romily Yr 1 – Jessica
Yr 2 – Thomas Yr 3 – Toby
Yr 4 – Daisy Yr 5 – Clem
Yr 6 – Jessica

Next Week:

Monday: WASP

Tuesday: WASP

Wednesday: WASP

Thursday: WASP

Friday: Celebration Collective

Worship – 9.10
Google Meet
Login to
Google with
your child's
login details
and then select
'Meet' (not
'Classroom').
The code is a 6

figure date eg today's was
161020. The Powerpoint for the
assembly is always put on the
main Google Classroom with links
to videos, etc

Weekly House Points:

Drake: 70 Raleigh: 71

Well done Raleigh

Collective Worship:

Theme for next week:

Nehemiah

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Covid Update: Devon is 'medium local COVID alert level'. What does that mean?

Medium alert level areas are subject to the national restrictions currently in place.

This means:

- you must not socialise in groups larger than 6, indoors or outdoors (other than where a legal exemption applies)
- businesses and venues can continue to operate, in a COVID-secure manner, other than those that remain closed in law
- certain businesses are required to ensure customers only consume food and drink while seated, and must close between 10.00pm and 5.00am
- businesses and venues selling food for consumption off the premises can continue to do so after 10.00pm as long as this is through delivery service, click-and-collect or drive-through
- schools and universities remain open
- places of worship remain open, subject to the [rule of six](#)
- weddings and funerals can go ahead with restrictions on numbers of attendees
- exercise classes and organised sport can continue to take place outdoors, or indoors if the [rule of six](#) is followed.

You must:

- [wear a face covering in those areas where this is mandated](#)

You should continue to:

- follow social distancing rules
- work from home where you can effectively do so
- when travelling, plan to avoid busy times and routes. Walk or cycle if you can.

Full guidance on the restrictions in place to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 in an area where the local COVID alert level is medium is [available on the government website](#). You can also find local information on Devon's [coronavirus home page](#), with more [District level detail available from there](#).

Across Devon, there are currently at least 23 schools where bubbles have had to be closed, following advice from Public Health England. So, it happens. Therefore, here are some reminders, specifically for you:

I will inform you if a child or a member of staff at our school has tested positive – maintaining confidentiality- and I will act swiftly to close affected Bubbles.

Please make sure your contact details are up to date.

All family members of any person testing positive will be expected to isolate for 14 days. If symptoms develop in other family members, let us know and **take a test**. Contact between different families means that isolation for 14 days could become a regular occurrence, so please think ahead and plan for the possibility.



If isolation is necessary, activities will be provided via Google Classroom, or Tapestry, unless, of course, ill health is a barrier. Please let us know if your child cannot access our online offer, so we can help.

Internet Safety:

The internet has been an incredible resource over the past six months and will continue to be so. It has also been a tricky issue at times, especially managing and monitoring our children's life online (which can be several hours a day, in extreme cases). Yet, as a parent, we know we need to protect them as we would if they were anywhere, unaccompanied, in a situation with strangers, due to the potential shocks and risks. Here are resources to share with your child:

<https://youtu.be/kPFxhKkbf8U>
<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/digital-skills/online-safety-resources>

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SYMPTOMS

- Do not go out - isolate - let us know
- Get a test - <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or 119

Test

- Positive - Isolate for 10 days from result (household for 14)
- Negative - return once well

School

- Will inform you if a positive result requires us to close a class
- Will ask you to collect your child if they develop symptoms

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/covid-19-symptoms-checker/>

New Parent Governor:

Could this be you? We sent out the official letter to ask for nominations, and I would ask anyone who thought about it (for even a minute) to call, as I am very happy to try and answer any questions you may have. A significant part of your role would be to represent parents' views and help cement that essential home-school relationship, so please, get involved! Training is available and we meet, via Zoom (at the moment), once a half term.

Lorna Legg

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



**PTFA AGM –
Monday, 19th
October –
7.30pm via
Zoom**

Please see

below for a Zoom invitation for this year's PTFA Annual General Meeting. Everyone is welcome to join us. This only allows for a meeting of 40 minutes so a second invitation has also been created:

Topic: Offwell PTFA AGM

*Time: Oct 19, 2020 07:30 PM
London*

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76592289152?pwd=c09vVTN3T3FvNmJRZEx5T2ZFNEUwUT09>

Meeting ID: 765 9228 9152

Passcode: 8NHnb3

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75440598219?pwd=Mm00K01Xb2NVcWJlaUJxdlNFT2htUT09>

Meeting ID: 754 4059 8219

Passcode: 61rk2B