

# Offwell C of E Primary School

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



Dear Families and Friends,

12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**Well done, everyone!** Whether you are a child in school, or at home, a parent or carer who is a critical worker, a home educator, or (heroically) both, you have achieved half a term of learning and you have kept everybody safe. We all thoroughly deserve (and need) a break.

Your wonderful work and fantastic photographs can be found in our Celebration Assembly Powerpoint for this half term, on Google Meet. You have been brilliant, so, why don't you take a week off? Try something different. Switch off those screens. Go for a long walk. Get into a really good book. Play a family board game. Cook something special. Eat a meal at the table, together, to rehearse the lost arts of table manners ('Elbows off!') and conversation (Not with your mouth full, though!).

We can then return, re-energised and ready for the second half of the Spring Term, which promises better weather and new, exciting learning activities, both online and in school. We look forward to welcoming those of you at home back to school as soon as it is safe to do so. Until then, we will continue to offer the very best provision possible, with your help and with plenty of support for you. Take care.

## Be Well:

### Sports events:

Last term, Beech (Y3 and 4) came third in Games Skills; and Oak had 100% participation in the Cross-Country!

This next half term, we will also be taking part in the virtual skipping event, and there will be orienteering and golf this term – all details on the Offwell Google Classroom.

**BBC Headroom** is a new resource - your own wellbeing toolkit! Take a look: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/YfRzhXDKSZQxFVn30TIXBj/your-mental-health-toolkit>

## Learn Well:

**Storytime** is a social enterprise whose magazine can be used to support reluctant readers. If you have a child who would particularly benefit from receiving a copy of Storytime in the post each month during lockdown – do contact them for further information: <https://www.storytimemagazine.com> The monthly magazine costs £2.50 per home address per month, for as little or as long as you need it - no subscription - they can invoice on a month-by-month basis. If this is unaffordable, but you think your child would benefit from receiving a copy, **please let school know, as we can help.**

Sample PDF versions of the magazine are available, via these links, with complete stories you can share now, for free:

[Storytime Sample Issue - Bamse the Sea Dog, Icarus, The First Letter, First Day at School](#)

[Storytime Sample Issue - The Griffin, Ada Lovelace, Operation Unicorn, William Tell](#)

[Storytime Sample Issue Link - Friendly Lion, Sports Day, The Shark](#)



## Live Well:

Be proud of all you have achieved over the past six weeks.

Try the **Ten a Day** approach to keeping physically and mentally healthy for life:



Please get in touch if:

You face financial or other difficulties;

You or a family member test positive – see attached document on Covid-19 over the half term break.

Lorna Legg

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