

# Offwell C of E Primary School

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Dear Friends and Families of Offwell,

Goodness! It's the end of April. How did that happen? Next week is a four-day week ...meaning a three-day weekend; enjoy!

## Highlight of the Week:

**Ash:** Acting out the story and of Jack in the Beanstalk in the castle that we made.

**Willow:** Practising throwing and catching skills in PE.

**Beech:** Identifying different types of soil in science.

**Oak:** Creating beautiful 'shape' poetry which has been really successful and has shown a great understanding of their topic.

We will be holding our Parents' Evenings next week. By now you should have received your Zoom invitation giving details of your time slot for your child's appointment. If you have not received this, please let us know. It is an important meeting as this partnership is fundamental to your child's success. As well as noting their next steps, please take the opportunity to praise your child for their strengths. Knowing you are good at something is encouraging and will help your child to focus on the fact they can and have learnt things in the past, so they can feel positive when facing each new challenge. Their next steps will hopefully give you and your child a clear focus for learning over the next few weeks. By now you should have received your Zoom invitation giving details of your time slot for your child's parents' evening. If you have not received this, please let us know.

## Here are some resources to help you to Be Well:

**TALKWORKS** is a free NHS mental health service offering psychological therapies to **adults** living in Devon who are experiencing depression, stress and anxiety. We predominantly offer Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) We accept self-referrals via phone or our website, as well as written referrals from professionals.

We are still working hard to deliver support remotely via phone and video call. There is currently a short wait of about 2-4 weeks for an initial assessment. We offer one to one treatment, a 6 week course (via Microsoft Teams) and an online platform called Silvercloud.

**To book an assessment please call 0300 555 33 44 or visit our website**

[www.talkworks.dpt.nhs.uk](http://www.talkworks.dpt.nhs.uk)

**We are also currently delivering a range of open access workshops, meaning that you don't need an initial assessment to attend.** All workshops are being delivered online via Microsoft Teams. Please see below. Further information and dates can be found on our website. To book a place please phone our admin team on 0300 555 33 44

## Sleep:

A two hour workshop delivering information about sleep, sleep hygiene and CBT techniques for sleep.

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> of May at 10am

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> of May at 6pm

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> of June at 1pm

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> of June at 6pm



Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021

## Stars of the Week:

R – Lexie                      Yr 1 – Rhys  
Yr 2 – Rowan                Yr 3 – Charlotte  
Yr 4 – Zach                    Yr 5 – Ben  
Yr 6 – Erin

## Weekly House Points:

Drake: 63    Raleigh: 65  
Well done Raleigh!



## PTFA

The PTFA has set up an 'Offwell PTFA Buy, Sell & Donate'

group on Facebook. The idea is that people can sell second hand uniform or anything they like on it but anything they make would be donated to the PTFA. Like a virtual table top sale. The idea is that we would give the bank transfer details to the buyer to donate to us to avoid transferring cash, however if anyone can't do a bank transfer we could still accept cash. Contact [ptfa@offwell-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:ptfa@offwell-primary.devon.sch.uk) for further information.

## Offwell Sun Hats

In preparation for some nice sunny weather, we have a supply of legionnaire style caps in the school colour displaying our logo. They have the flap at the back to keep the sun off the children's necks. We are charging a nominal amount of £3 for the green caps. Please ask if you would like one for your child.

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## Wellbeing in Parenthood:

This two-hour workshop is available to families expecting a baby and with children under the age of 2.

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> of May at 6pm

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> of May at 10am

**Walk a mile Each Day!** On the 30th April – today - everyone is encouraged to walk a mile for their health <https://thedailymile.co.uk/>. It can also become part of your own Daily Mile Challenge, which thousands of children and schools take part in around the world!

1		England	6619
2		Belgium	1271
3		Ireland	1043
4		Scotland	1024
5		Netherlands	545



## Learn Well:

We have signed up for Mathletics, an exciting way to plan, assign, engage and assess children's knowledge and skills in Maths. They will be starting to use it from next week. Further information to follow.

Please note: If your child has a Lexia log in, please check that they have completed their levels. It makes such a difference to their reading and spelling.

## Live Well:

**Plastic-Free Schools** – set up by Surfers Against Sewage, means we commit to reducing, reusing and recycling all our plastic. So much still ends up thrown away, but we can change this - if we all do our bit, we can end this global problem through local action.

**Join the Million Mile Clean!** Plastic Free Schools are inspiring 100,000 volunteers to carry out 10 miles of cleaning. You can sign up and clean a bit of beach near you.

**It's time to learn about the Ocean and Climate Crisis** Plastic Free Schools have launched a NEW educational resources pack, free to download, for parents and teachers.

### WANTED: Youth, Ocean & Climate Activists

Plastic Free Schools are searching for the next generation of activists to join us for the Youth, Ocean and Climate Summit, on June 8th for World Ocean Day. Could it be you?

<https://plasticfreeschools.org.uk/>

We look forward to being able to have a more normal term, but remind you all that **sticking to the current level of social distancing beyond school is an essential part of keeping us all safe**. It is only by being patient and considerate now that we might hope to be able to plan for events such as Sports Day nearer the end of term (fingers and toes are crossed).

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

## Parent Governor

We will have a vacancy for a Parent Governor from 15<sup>th</sup> May as Rebecca Stevens' 4 year term of office will come to an end on that day. We are sending home electronic letters and nomination forms. Please do consider putting yourself forward for this very worthwhile role. If you would like further information before putting your name forward, please contact our Chair of Governors, Ian Wallace by email [ian.charles.wallace@gmail.com](mailto:ian.charles.wallace@gmail.com) or Mrs Davey in the office. Nominations must be returned to us by 12 noon on 14<sup>th</sup> May.

## Advertising in The Link

The Link is distributed around Offwell, Farway and Widworthy. 400 copies of this parish magazine are delivered to homes on a bi-weekly basis. If you would like to advertise see [offwell.org](http://offwell.org) for full pricing which starts at £5 for businesses. If you are interested and for further information contact [parisheslink@gmail.com](mailto:parisheslink@gmail.com)

## Fish & Chips

Just to remind you all fish and chips this Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup> frying in the car park from 6.00-7.30pm, please bring own seating and condiments, bar will be open for serving outside, please bring cash as machine not ready yet. Chip van will take cards for their purchases, do hope the weather will be good, is starting to feel good getting almost back to normal, look forward to seeing you all on Saturday. Offwell Recreation Ground & Village Hall Committee.