

Offwell C of E Primary School

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



Dear Parents and Friends,

1st April 2021

Thank you to each and every one of you: our wonderful, enthusiastic children, our dedicated school staff, families, parents and carers, governors and our PTFA, for all you have done to keep us going over this unusual year. We all deserve a good rest! We will see you all again on **Tuesday 20th April**.

Please take a look on our Google Classroom for Celebration and Collective Worship for the end of term, which sets out some of the learning our children have been part of over the past three weeks. Children have been both aspirational and imaginative in thinking about their future careers – you'll be delighted by their ideas and paintings.

Primary Futures makes the case for career-related learning in primary schools which challenges stereotypes and helps children see the point of their learning. This is especially vital during the post-Covid 'recovery curriculum' period. This Tuesday, Oak Class were able to virtually visit The Houses of Parliament, and the children explained how interesting it was and how well they explained democracy. Next term, we hope that children in Willow and Beech will be motivated and inspired through live, interactive virtual events where they meet and question a diverse range of working people across the UK from electrical engineers to Antarctic explorers. Here's what some children said after hearing from these volunteers:

- *"[I felt] amazed because I didn't know so many different types of nurses and how hard they work."*
- *"That you have to know maths well to be a doctor."*
- *"One new goal I have after meeting the adults is to rethink about what I want to do as a career".*
- *"It surprised me that these jobs even existed because I thought its only doctor and nurse but there's more."*
- *"It surprised me that you can change jobs in your life."*
- *"You should never give up on yourself and believe that you can do what you put your mind to."*

Recently I found an old photograph of the school where my English Grandma taught (Butlers Marston), which looks a lot like ours. She used to tell me how much she loved teaching, and it must have sparked something... So, if you or any family members have their own career pathways or stories to share, it could be more valuable than you realise.



PTFA & Chloe!

Chloe in Oak class has recently completed her Gold Theme award at Brownies. Part of the award included making a recipe book of her favourite bakes. There are 8 recipes in the

book which are graded easy to hard. She has offered to sell PDF copies for £2 each to raise money for the PTFA. Please email: ptfa@offwell-primary.devon.sch.uk We will then send you payment instructions, £2 per copy. Once you have paid please email back to advise and a copy of the booklet will be emailed to you. Chloe is a member of 1st Colyton Brownies and her Brown Owl contacted us to say she had worked very hard at Brownies and home to achieve this award. This cookbook completed the final stages. This is the highest Award that a Brownie can achieve. Well done Chloe; huge congratulations! Chloe is now going to progress her Guiding journey by joining Guides. We wish her all the best.

Lorna Legg

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



Abigail's Trombone

Abigail M, in Oak Class, has been preparing a piece for the South West Brass Band Association Online Solo Competition. Mrs Denning, her trombone teacher, has made a video of her which is shared on the whole school part of Google Classroom. Abigail also received her Blue Peter Musicians' Badge this week. She is working towards grade 1 and hopes to do the exam next term.

Mrs Denning is available to teach more brass players or pianists if anyone is interested. Our other peripatetic music teacher, Mrs Miller, is also available to teach various instruments including recorder, guitar and violin.

Children return on Tuesday, 26th April. Have a wonderful Easter break.

Please remember, if meeting friends and family, stay within the 'Rule of Six' or two households and stay outdoors to keep them safe.

