

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: Feeling very proud of being authors of our very first book about Stanley and the carrier bag!

Willow: The children have written a letter to the Giant from the story Jim and the Beanstalk. They have painted wonderful pictures of a rainforest and they have enjoyed playing with the new playtime equipment.

Beech: Enjoying the sunshine on our welly walk!

Oak: Playing 'rainders' – rounders in the rain!



I will be spending this afternoon with Ash Class, in Offwell Woods, and I can't think of a nicer way to end the past six weeks! We are all delighted to be able to reach the end of this half term without having to make substantial changes to how we have to work. It seems we will remain in Bubbles, with social distancing between adults, using face masks and hand-washing to keep safe for the time-being, but better we are cautious now, than regretful later.

It makes sense for everyone takes it slowly as we emerge this time. I am looking forward to being able to see family and friends, spending time outside in the sun at last. I imagine you will be too, but I will follow precautions and limit group sizes and contact until we can be sure we are out of the woods!

One precaution is to take up the offer of a vaccination when you can. I know staff have felt reassured to be finally able to gain some protection. The other thing you can do is to test, so you can be confident you are unlikely to spread infection. Remember: **please, report all results onto the [national website](#).**

Isolate and pass on all positive results to school, in term time. For track and trace purposes, we need to know positive results of tests taken before Monday, 31st May.

COVID-19 LATERAL FLOW TESTS CAN NOW BE RECYCLED IN UK!

The Covid-19 pandemic has been responsible for floods of new plastic waste: disposable facemasks, gloves, visors and Rapid Flow tests. These can now be recycled into plastic board for chairs, tables, and PPE collection bins for example! With scientists predicting there are now more facemasks in the ocean than jellyfish, there is no time to waste (pun intended!) You can contact <https://www.reworked.com/> and get PPE recycling boxes. There is a cost (minimum £50) each time. We will ask East Devon County Council what they plan to do. If anyone in our school community knows more, or wants to join with us in a shared recycling scheme please email us with any suggestions or information: admin@offwell-primary.devon.sch.uk



A HUGE THANK YOU to the parents of Lewis in Reception, who have provided Ash Class with THE MOST AMAZING Bug Hotel! It is any beetle's equivalent of The Ritz; our insects will be in luxury!

Friday, 28th May 2021

Stars of the Week:



R – Toby

Yr 1 – Oliver T

Yr 2 – Oliver S

Yr 3 – Eric

Yr 4 – Finley M

Yr 5 – Abigail B

Yr 6 – Oliver

Weekly House Points:

Drake: 32 Raleigh: 38

Well done Raleigh. Raleigh are also the half termly winners and will be rewarded with a non-uniform day on Friday, 11th June.

WASP Payments & Lunches

All attendance for this half term has been marked on Parentpay, for those who pay using this method, for After School Provision, Early Morning Provision and School Meals taken. Please visit your Parentpay account and pay off any balance now showing! You can pay in advance if you wish and credit when your child does not attend or take a school lunch will not be taken from your credit balance. If you have any queries, or cannot log on, or wish to pay by another method, please speak to Mrs Davey



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A review of this half term: we have been busy!

We welcome new children: Skylar, Sophie and Skylar, Andy and Elizabeth, Drew and Tally, you have all seemed to settle in so well and we look forward to getting to know you all even better next half term ☺

We have changed our Houses, from Drake and Raleigh, to **Anning and**



Attenborough. We can be very proud of both David Attenborough and Mary Anning's achievements. Lots is known about David Attenborough, so here are a few facts about Mary Anning: She was born into poverty, in Lyme Regis, but became the greatest fossil finder of her era, influencing the new science of palaeontology. She overcame a lack of formal education to emerge as one of the foremost authorities

on fossils, all before her thirtieth birthday!

<https://www.famousscientists.org/mary-anning/>

The change will be made after half term when Drake will become Anning and Raleigh will become Attenborough. We will keep the existing colours so Anning will be Red and Attenborough Blue

We have continued to provide online Collective worship and celebration opportunities, using Google Classroom to communicate and share this with you.

We have continued to develop our curriculum and our resources, so that our children are able to enjoy learning and achieve to the best of their ability, using Lexia and now Mathletics, for example.

We have continued to improve our school grounds for our children to enjoy a positive learning environment and more work will be taking place over half term.

We will be making a short film about our school next half term, which we look forward to sharing with you.



Our fantastic PTFA have been busy too: you will receive a letter about Offwell hoodies for sale, they have held online Quizzes and Bingo and will soon be holding a Grand Summer Raffle, to be drawn at the start of September. Tickets will be available in July. Anyone

knowing of any businesses, or generous benefactors who might kindly donate prizes, please contact our PTFA Chair, via the PTFA email: ptfa-offwell-primary.devon.sch.uk

Lorna Legg

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



The Communication and Interaction Team (C&I) and The Social, Emotional and Mental Health Team (SEMH) are offering a free, informal workshop for parents and carers to consider

the links between behaviour and speech, language and communication needs. This event will be held virtually on **Tuesday 15th June 2021, 10am – 12pm.** To book your free place,

please contact: Sue Vanstone (01392)287355

sue.vanstone@babcockinternational.com

Honiton Rugby Club

Honiton Rugby club provide age grade training and are always happy to welcome new players. Learn rugby skills in a fun, friendly and playful environment.

The RFU's core values of **teamwork, respect, enjoyment discipline and sportsmanship** are five great reasons to get involved in rugby. If you are interested in joining us, want to try out a training session or simply want to find out more the please get in touch. See attached flyer.

30 Days Wild! Activities for June

<https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/30-days-wild-2021-sign-your-pack>

We will be encouraging children to take part in '30 Days Wild' - an initiative by The Wildlife Trusts to encourage people to get in touch with nature over the month of June. We will be sharing some of the ideas in assembly but you can sign up as a family too.