

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 & Willow: Joining our bubbles together and playing in the playground at break time with each other.

Beech: Our whole day trip to Offwell Woods especially lighting fires and toasting marshmallows!

Oak: Mastering heavy throws; discus and shot putt in PE

Our week has gone well, with lots of progress on our mosaic, plenty of learning to celebrate in our Collective Worship today (available on Google Classroom) and several hours of blazing sunshine, thankfully unlike the forecast! From this week, until the end of term, any of our Year 6 children are welcome to wear their Leavers' Hoodies (this is now bound to cause a heat wave!). They look great and we are very proud of the young people our Year 6 are becoming.

As part of the film we are making this week, the students in Oak class wrote some ideas down about the most important aspects of our wonderful school that any new parent or child should know. Aside from several mentions of the delicious meals and where the toilets are (both eminently sensible), there were several common factors and brilliant quotes, which reveal what we love most about Offwell:

"Offwell School is nestled in the rolling hills of an AONB"

"We often go down to Offwell Woods, which not a lot of people can do"

"Welly walks help children learn about nature"

"We have lots of friendly plants for wildlife and children"

"Offwell is a small, school, meaning everyone knows each other..."

"The teachers are all welcoming and friendly."

And last, but not least, a personal favourite from one of our younger pupils:

"We learn, so we can know more and grow up to maybe be teachers and help other children learn more..."

We look forward to sharing the finished film near the end of term. It will be a short piece, about three minutes long, simply sharing some of what we offer here at Offwell. The children were wonderful, so it should be an engaging and entertaining watch for all.



Friday, 2nd July 2021

Stars of the Week:

Yr 1 – Zak

Yr 2 – Cohen

Yr 3 – Amelia

Yr 4 – Ava

Yr 5 – Hattie

Yr 6 – Freya

Weekly House Points:

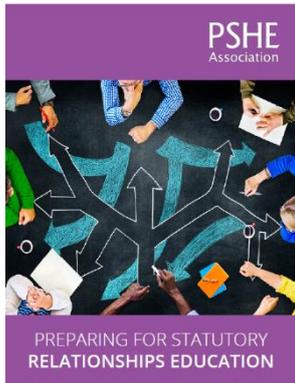
Attenborough: 22 Anning: 19
Well done Attenborough!

Thank you all who have been **Covid testing** twice a week at home. This is hugely important and therefore we should be grateful if you would continue to do so in these last few weeks of term.

However, regular testing will be paused over the summer, except for those who attend summer schools and nurseries that do not operate on a term-time basis. In these cases, we ask that those attending continue to test regularly.

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Hopefully you will all have been able to read through the **Relationships, Health and Sex Education (RHSE)** Powerpoint which was shared online on Tuesday. Lessons in each age group will be taught from Monday. Please use the links provided to help support your child's understanding of healthy relationships and development (here are just two):

www.thinkuknow.co.uk/

<https://parentinfo.org/article/when-to-talk-to-your-child-about-puberty-or-will-school-take-care-of-it>

Recently, children have been gathering at the field after school, as before the restrictions. It is a great place to run and play, but I ask that you supervise your children with care for themselves and others, for three main reasons:

- 1) We, like you, don't want anyone hurt or upset and there have been problems in the past when parents and carers were unaware of their children's actions.
- 2) I do not want any of our pupils to let down our community by damaging equipment or property. The field is not school property, but is owned by the Village Hall Committee and we appreciate our use of it.
- 3) We know the restrictions are hard to maintain, but as we only have a few more weeks of school, we ask that you remain vigilant. The guidance (update 30.6.21) says:

If you are meeting friends and family, you can make a personal choice on whether to keep your distance from them, but you should still be cautious. You should read the guidance on [meeting friends and family](#).

School Meals from September 2021

A new menu has been emailed with this newsletter and a paper copy has been sent home with every child. A reminder that new Year 3 children's meals will have to be paid for at a cost of £2.50 per day unless your child is eligible to receive free school meals for economic reasons! We prefer payment to be made via Parentpay but we can still accept cheques and/or cash! Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 meals are funded centrally. If you think your family may be eligible for free school meals, please visit <https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals> If you successfully apply, this will mean extra money for the school as well as entitling you to financial help with trips, music, free school meals, etc. If your child has a hot school dinner, we will assume they will have the main meal and the first listed dessert unless you tell us differently. If your child will be having meals on certain days, please also advise us. We can send another copy of the menu home, if you wish, so that you can mark the choice on one, return it to us and keep the other; just ask.

Lorna Legg

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

School Improvement Plan

We would normally share our whole school priorities with parents/carers when agreed in the autumn term but obviously things have been a bit different this year! The Leadership Team and governors and other staff have been working on the SIP and this has now been fully approved by governors. We felt it was important to set out our actions and strengths and how we have adapted and survived during the pandemic. A 2 page document is attached setting out our whole school priorities from May 2021 and statements relating to the 4 Ofsted descriptors. Obviously, there is a lot more contained in the full SIP which is a working document regularly updated and shared with staff and governors.



Fish & Chips

Fish and chips this Saturday July 3rd, frying in the village car park from 6.00-7.30pm, bar open, Covid rules apply, please bring your own seating if sitting outside, also please bring own condiments. There will be a stall selling lots of goodies - all donated and sold for donations, in aid of the play park. ORG & VHC

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PTFA information, regarding forthcoming events, can be found on the Offwell website.