

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: Playing keepy-uppy with balloons and watching a hot air balloon journey.

Willow: Going on a welly walk to the woods. They made campfires and toasted marshmallows. A big Thank you to Mrs Rose for assisting. We are really appreciating all the wonderful photos 😊

Beech: Practising for Sports' Day and for the actual day itself.

Oak: Year 5 children enjoyed their Bikeability sessions and the whole of Oak Class enjoyed practising and taking part in the events at Sports' Day.

Hopefully some will have enjoyed the opportunity to see your child strive, achieve and celebrate their successes, during our Sports day events. Today, you will also receive your child's report, where you can celebrate all their other achievements. We can be very proud of them! This past week has shown us both the best and worst of people. It has shown us that how we think, talk and write about each other, matters, on or off-line. On this, it seems, some adults could learn a few lessons from children.

Marcus Rashford wrote to the world, to apologise for missing a kick at a goal by a couple of inches. If you or I had been in his shoes, I wonder if we could

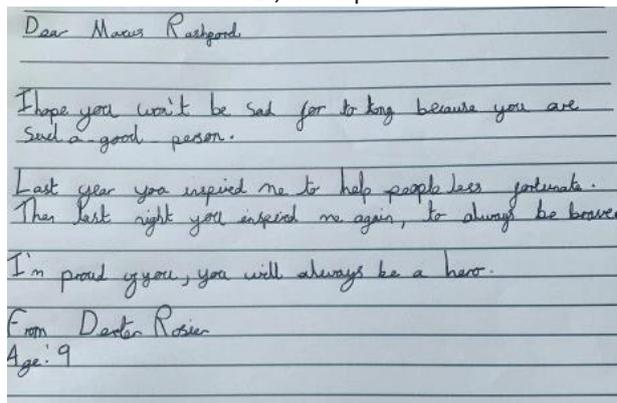
have even attempted it. To apologise shows enormous maturity and humility. He wrote it to thank people for their wonderful support, and to those people who only see failure, rather than a semi-final win; who don't see a 23 year-old under huge pressure, or an activist for children and equality; who see only a colour, not a person.

"(My kick)..."

was not good enough, it should have gone in but I will never apologise for who I am and where I came from. I've felt no prouder moment than wearing those three lions on my chest and seeing my family cheer me on in a crowd of 10s of thousands. I dreamt of days like this. The messages I've received today "

Dexter Rosier, 9 years old, wrote to comfort Marcus, after he realised how much cruel, racist abuse his hero had experienced.

Dexter's mum said, 'Last year Dexter used his pocket money to buy lunchbox food for the local foodbank. He felt inspired by Rashford and felt like he had to play his part.' How proud she must be.



Our children sent a letter to another role model this week: Sir David Attenborough. It was to let him know how he has inspired us (and to invite him for a visit...well, we can dream!). It shows how a person's ability to communicate (in this case about our environment) can be so influential. Let's always aim to heal any harm or division we see. Let's aim to unite all our skills, knowledge and creativity into one purpose: ensuring a safer planet and a better future for our children.



Friday, 16th July 2021

Stars of the Week:

R – Lexie Yr 1 – Aria
Yr 2 – Matilda Yr 3 – Charlotte
Yr 4 – Polly Yr 5 – Last week
Toby This week – all of them!
Yr 6 – Last week - Jamie - This week - All of them!

Weekly House Points:

Attenborough: 15 Anning: 17
Well done Anning!
This doesn't include Sports' Day points which will be revealed next week!

Musical Success!

Gail, one of our Music teachers, has shared that Abi has passed her grade 1 trombone exam with merit! She has worked really hard to achieve this result, especially with all the additional difficulties of this past year and we send her our congratulations!

Parentpay – WASP & School Lunches

WASP attendance and school lunches taken have been applied to Parentpay to the end of term as far as possible. If you pay for these items using Parentpay, please could you login and pay before the end of term? Thank you.

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Our 3 step Transition plan

After discussion with staff, the following was agreed. We hope it offers the best and safest balance of class time, teacher time and time to take it all in over the summer:

1) On **Monday 19th** 10 am – 12 noon children move to their next class after early break and before lunch. Given they are seated separately from the remaining children and won't mix at play times, this should be a safe balance, while giving children a good experience of their new class.

2) On **Thursday 22nd**, children are to have a story time with their new teacher - 20 minutes, at 11.30, outside:
Reception go to new 'grass' outside Willow to Mr Thomas/one end of Meadow
Y2 go to Meadow to Miss Kirkland
Y4 go to Miss Phillips, out in Garden behind Beech.

3) Each class will take photographs over an entire day, to create a 'social story' that clearly sets out '**A Day in Your New Class**' to be printed and shared with children who might find it helpful.

Thursday 22nd is also our Year 6 Leavers' Event. 2pm Village Hall

Parents and Carers of Year 6 are invited to share in our oldest children's memories, successes and hopes. There should be a few fun surprises. This event is limited to parents and carers of Year 6 children only, so that numbers are limited and social distancing can be possible. We ask that masks are worn indoors and where social distancing is not possible.

After School Provision – WASP position

We are recruiting for a new **WASP Manager** needed from September. Mrs Bryant has decided to step down from this position due to personal circumstances although she will continue as a teaching assistant within school. This position pays £11.50 per hour and the successful applicant would need to be available from 3.15pm until 6pm Mondays to Thursdays during term time. The position could be paid on a contract basis from 3.15pm until 5pm and then as 'additional hours' if/when provision is needed until 6pm. The Manager will need to supervise and plan WASP sessions including provision, from a budget, of refreshments. If you are interested, or would like more information, please get in touch with either myself or Mrs Davey. This position is subject to a clear DBS check and is open to anyone so if you know of someone who may be interested, please pass on the information. A person with a relevant child care qualification would be particularly welcome!

School Uniform

We have a range of excellent quality used uniform and we will be making these available for Ash parents for sale by donation during next week so please do have a look on your way up on Monday and Tuesday morning. If you would like to see our stock of larger sizes, these will be available on the front playground, after 9am (unless raining) on Wednesday and Thursday.

Devon County Council Holiday Activity and Food Programme

The HAF programme is primarily for children aged 5-16 years (and can include 4-year-olds already in Reception year) who are eligible for and receiving benefits-related free school meals (FSM), and their families. If it encourages your child to attend, they can bring a friend. <https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/family-support/haf-programme/information-for-parents>



Radio Exe Summer Activity Planner

Radio Exe has teamed up with several local attractions to help keep children entertained this summer and they have put together an Activity Planner to help plan your summer activities.

There are discount codes for some of the attractions and the rest are there as a reminder of the fun that can be had across the summer.

Please click on the link below :

<https://bit.ly/3dTfiU1>



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Class Photos

The recent Group photographs are now ready to view and purchase at

<http://http.st/OffwellPrimarySch>

Orders must be placed before midnight on Sunday, 18th July to enable delivery before the end of term. Orders placed after this date will be subject to £5 delivery charge.



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ASH
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WILLOW
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OAK
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Ash Parent and Carer Meeting

Mrs Hunt will share a Zoom meeting link via email for any parents/carers of children due to be in Ash next September. It is for current parents or carers of children going into Reception, or continuing in Nursery, as well as new families of children in Nursery, since there will be some familiar routines for some, but also an important introduction to the new Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum expectations. Questions are welcome. The meeting is on **Wednesday 21st at 5.30– 6pm.**

End of Term

School breaks for summer next Friday, 23rd July at 3.15pm and a final Celebration Collective Worship will take place on Google Classroom at 1pm on that day. If your child is the holder of a cup, please could this be returned next week? Thank you.

Further information will be sent about September arrangements next week.

As in all local schools, we will maintain social distancing and masks on school premises until the end of term, so that we can all enjoy our well-deserved holidays in good health.

Lorna Legg

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

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Go wild for reading with the Summer Reading Challenge!

Visit your local library this summer to take part in the **Wild World Heroes Summer Reading Challenge**. This year The Reading Agency has partnered with WWF to create an exciting challenge which will inspire children to take action for nature and the environment. Join the Wild World Heroes for an exciting adventure in the fictional town of 'Wilderville'. Through reading books, collecting rewards and learning all about our planet, Challenge participants will help the Heroes make Wilderville a greener place to live. With stickers to collect and plenty of brilliant books to enjoy, the Challenge is the perfect summer activity to build young readers' skills and confidence during the long break from school. Children who manage to read 6 or more books will earn a special medal and certificate.

Wild World Heroes launches on Saturday 10th July and runs until Friday 10th September 2021. You can find out more here www.devonlibraries.org.uk

