

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: Looking after the patients in our new hospital.

Willow: Enjoying using our clipboards to find out about some of the significant black people in history during Black History Month.

Beech: Our Science workshop at Honiton Community College – investigating the temperature of rock pools using data loggers. Thank you Mrs Tupper for helping us!

Oak: Year 5 – We had huge success during our Bikeability sessions.

Year 6 enjoyed learning about the Empire Windrush and researching about the voyage and the migrants.

What a committed community we clearly are! It has been uplifting to be able to showcase some of our staff and parent/carer skills, not to mention our children's activities! We should not shrink from sharing when we do good things, even when it is embarrassing (which it can be, I know). We are our children's role models; they watch and learn from us, whether we like it or not, so it makes a real difference if we can show them the best of ourselves... as often as possible!

Environmental Matters:

COP 26 – Ben Sutton, parent of Clem and Polly in Oak Class, is riding a leg of the accompanying Cargo Bike relay, which will support Jessie Stevens, a 16 year-old school pupil in Newton Abbot. Polly is going to write a letter of support to give to Jessie, to thank her for doing something so positive and practical and I would encourage anyone who feels they would also like to write in support, to do so, or perhaps to write to our local MP, so he is aware of the strength of feeling in our community. You can find his contact details here: <https://www.neilparish.co.uk/contact> and this is the website for the 'Cycle to COP26' event, organised by Jessie: <https://httpspeoplepeddlepower.wordpress.com/>



[People Pedal Power – In the face of the Climate Emergency, we, the people, have power. Let's cycle to COP26 to show this.](#)

People Pedal Power #Ride2COP26 Signup 570 miles - 1 epic journey Do you care about people, planet and the future? Do you want to hold our decision makers and big corporations to account, and ask them to create the change our climate desperately needs? Do you want our fossil-fuel guzzling transport system to be reformed?



Linked to this, as part of a project we hope the E-Team will be keen to support, Mrs Davey is investigating Loop2cycle, a company which manufactures and supplies small plastic recycling machines, allowing students to recycle no-value plastic waste into high-value consumer products that can be re-used or sold, such as rulers, cups and plant pots!



Friday, 15th October 2021

Stars of the Week:

Ash – lola

Willow – Aria

Beech – Taylor

Oak - Clem

Weekly House Points:

Attenborough: 55 Anning: 63

Well done Anning!

School Meals

Some of you will have realised that the Autumn 2021 Menu stops at half term. Fresha had hoped to have introduced a new menu but this has now been delayed until January. When the children return after half term, we will start at Week 1 again – even though next week is Week 1 too!

From then on it will be:

Week beginning 8th November – week 2

15th November – week 3

22nd November – week 1

29th November – week 2

6th December – week 3

13th December – week 1

Parents' Evenings

These are planned for the week beginning 8th November. We will send you an invitation on Monday which we will need to be returned by the end of next week. We are discussing as staff the format these will take. It may be that one of the evenings is offered as a Zoom session with another in person, in school.

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Remembrance: As part of remembering the sacrifices others have made for us, we are delighted to be able to bring a little colour to the residents of Netherhayes, a Residential Home for Dementia, in Seaton. Keri Smith, parent of Marley and Ellsie, works there, organising activities and is asking each child to paint a pebble with a poppy, to share our support for Remembrance Day in a positive way. Remembering can be upsetting for people who suffer from dementia, but it can also be a delight. We also hope to sing some songs that will bring them some memories of happier times at Christmas, and we are delighted to have been able to begin this link, thanks to Kerri.

Equality Matters

Each class has been consciously considering lessons from the perspective of promoting equality:

In Ash, the children's role-play has centred around health and care and they have been encouraged to be both Nurses and Doctors, and care for patients of all genders and colours.

In Willow, an exciting range of male and female figures from History were researched, and 'interviewed', with a closer look at the life of Rosa Parkes.

In Beech, the class will be finding out about Maro Itoje, modern, multi-talented rugby player (linking to tag- rugby), and learning about Olaudah Equiano, writer and anti-slavery campaigner, from about 300 years ago. This is his portrait, which you can find at the RAMM, in Exeter!

In Oak, Miss Phillips led an activity which challenged stereotypes, using life stories from every country of the world (see <https://www.lyfta.com/>), while Mr Dunning shared the incredible 8,000 mile journeys undertaken by people who travelled on The Windrush and some of their stories.



You Are Not Alone Embarrassingly, this week, I am also writing about myself - I'd rather not - but I should probably share where I was last Thursday and Friday. Last year, with a group of other Heads and School Leaders, I wrote a book, called 'You Are Not Alone', about equality in education. As a result, I was asked to go to London, opposite The Houses of Parliament, at the weekend, to give a few speeches to the National Association of Head Teachers. I sound like I do this all the time, but in fact, I was very nervous. I told myself it was like a big assembly, just with very big children, and it worked! So, if ever you are thinking of writing a book, or giving a speech, don't worry – just imagine your readers or listeners as being just like you! https://features.naht.org.uk/naht_book/index.html



Lantern Parade & Competition

Please see poster for further information of this parade and competition on **Saturday, 30th October**. Money raised will go to the PTFA. The village family fireworks will follow and further information will be given in due course.

Lorna Legg

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

Honiton Community College Visits

- Tuesday 19th October - 9.30am
The tours are only for families who have not yet been able to look around the college and spaces are limited. Bookings can be made via admin@honitoncollege.devon.sch.uk or by calling 01404 42283

Thai Street Food Night - this Saturday October 16th cooking from 5.30 pm – 8.00pm – Offwell Social Club

Driving through the village

It has been reported that some cars are driving through the village far too fast when taking children to school or collecting them at the end of the day. This is obviously dangerous for the not only the people travelling in the village but to other road users, either in another vehicle, cyclists or pedestrians. If this applies to you **PLEASE SLOW DOWN!**

Library Competition -

What makes your hero super?
bl.uk/superheroes

From 11 October to 30 November, we're asking children to create a comic and help us assemble a new galaxy of superheroes! We're celebrating heroes of every kind – whether they have the power to scale walls, save forests or make someone smile.

Teachers and parents can help themselves to a raft of **free online resources**. There are top tips, videos and templates to inspire you to make comics, flying heroes and flip-

books: <https://www.bl.uk/children-s-books/activities/what-makes-a-hero-super>

Share your creations

Share photos of children's work on Twitter @BL_Learning or by emailing childrens.books@bl.uk. On 30 November we'll pick 5 lucky schools and 5 lucky families out of our (virtual) hat to **win National Book Tokens**.