

# Offwell C of E Primary School

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Dear Friends and Families of Offwell,

This week we welcomed Harrison and Vesper into Beech and Willow classes. Welcome to Offwell School to the whole family!

## Highlight of the Week:

**Ash:** Talking about opposites with musical instruments; loud and quiet, fast and slow, etc. We enjoyed making lots of noise!

**Willow:** Learning about activists and making our own protests.

**Beech:** Designing our own sea creatures.

**Oak:** Learning and singing our Harvest songs.



**COP 26** is happening...and so is Climate Change!

Here is a round-up of the best ways we can all do our bit, because when we all do a bit better, our planet will feel a whole lot better!



1. Change your light bulbs.
2. Reduce, reuse, recycle.
3. Use less water.
4. Keep your home at the right temperature: 19 degrees
5. Walk and bike more.
6. Drive less.
7. Buy food that's grown close to home
8. Eat more vegetables.
9. Plant a tree.
10. Share these tips!

**Congratulations to our new E-Team members;** Tamara, Elizabeth, Remy, Jacob, Chloe P, Noah, Starr and Crystal, who join our existing members Ben, Polly, Faber and Abigail B. Each new member wrote a passionate letter of application which outlined their understanding of the environmental challenges facing our world and stressed their willingness to try to improve things. We are excited about lots of projects we can undertake to make Offwell School an even 'greener' place.

## Flu Immunisation

All children from Reception to Year 6 are eligible to receive a free nasal immunisation for flu delivered at school this year. The vaccines are scheduled to be delivered on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> November. You will receive a separate email providing a link for you to give your consent (or decline). Due to the number of immunisations taking place this year, the team are operating a very strict booking routine and will **close our link on 3<sup>rd</sup> November**. If you do not receive the email from us today, please email [admin@offwell-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@offwell-primary.devon.sch.uk) and we will respond using that email address. If you do not use emails and cannot register online, you will need to phone 0300 247 0082. Once you have completed the form, please make a note to yourself as we will be unable to check for you. Should your child be absent or you miss the deadline, the email sets out how your child can still be vaccinated.

The link is also here: <https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2021/devon>



Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

## Stars of the Week:

Ash – Hetty

Willow – Vesper

Beech – Harrison & Oliver

Oak - Crystal

## Weekly House Points:

Attenborough: 54 Anning: 66  
Well done to Anning. This means Anning are the half termly winners with 325 and Attenborough with 302. Members of Anning will be rewarded with a non-uniform day on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> November.

## School Photos

We have booked the photographer for individual and sibling group photos for Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> November. This year, they are **NOT** allowing parents or siblings not in school to be included due to Covid restrictions.

## Parents' Evenings

Thank you to everyone who has returned a slip or contacted Mrs Davey to request a session. If you haven't done so, please could you email [admin@offwell-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@offwell-primary.devon.sch.uk) as soon as possible giving us the session of your choice. Appointments will be shared with you after half term.

## Scomis Online Safety Newsletter

Please see attached for useful information.

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**The Torbay and Devon Civic Award:** Over the last two years all our Year 6 children have had the opportunity to work towards this award, created in 2005 by Karen Thomson, a teacher at Cockington Primary School, to encourage Citizenship. To achieve the award, pupils have to prove their participation in five main areas:

- **Active Citizenship in their school community** This could be Peer Mediation, Learning and Peer Mentors, Reading Buddies, School Councillors or other positions of trust and responsibility in school.
- **Active Citizenship in their home communities:** such as environmental and beach cleans, bulb or tree planting, helping at Brownies /Cubs/sports clubs, or looking after others in some way.
- **Hobbies:** Children are encouraged to spend about 30 minutes on average a week on their hobbies, one of which should be active, and one a non-active hobby, such as reading, knitting, or painting.
- **Residential experience and adventure training.** This entails taking part in personal and team outdoor challenges. Staying away from home usually forms part of this challenge.
- **A chosen cause or charity.** A charity/cause which they have a personal link with, or feel strongly about.

To take part and receive an award, each child needs to pass an assessment, which involves collecting and presenting evidence to an external reviewer, which could be our Governors, local Head Teachers, or you! I first found out about the award when I was asked to be an assessor in 2019 and it has been an honour to share in the amazing achievements of our pupils.

The award, much like The Duke of Edinburgh Award, encourages young people to develop confidence, resilience, creativity, research and presentation skills, therefore we encourage all our Year 6 to take part, as it will stand them in good stead for the future.



## Christmas Wreath Workshop

The PTFA are so excited to be able to hold our annual Christmas Wreath Workshop again this December, on Sunday 5th at Offwell Village Hall. We will be offering two sessions to choose from, 11am-1.30pm and 2.30-5pm. Full tuition, equipment, refreshments and

festive treats are included. £25 per person payable before 19th November.

Please visit our Facebook page (Offwell C of E primary PTFA) for further details about booking a place or speak to Claire Arcscott (Mum to Elliot in Oak class) and she'll be happy to answer any questions.

We look forward to seeing you all there, it really does kick off the Christmas festivities!

**PTFA AGM** - Many thanks to everyone who came along for teas and coffees last Wednesday. It was lovely to meet you.

We have set a date for the PTFA AGM which is on Tuesday 9th November at 7.30pm. You can either come along in person to Oak Class at the school, or join us via zoom, which ever you prefer and is more convenient to you.

The PTFA funds many extras to enhance the children's education throughout the whole school and as some parents move on and leave the primary school setting, we would love to see the committee and fundraising continue to thrive! We welcome everyone to come along.

I hope you all have a safe, healthy and happy half-term.

Lorna Legg

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

## Queen's Platinum Jubilee

As the additional national holiday given next year for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee falls within the half term at the end of May, we have selected Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> May as an additional day off school. Attached to this newsletter is an electronic copy of the term dates for 2021/2022 and 2022/2023.

## WASP

A huge thank you to Mrs Bryant who has been running WASP for a number of years now. She is stepping down from this role but will continue to cover staff absences. She will also continue with her role within Oak Class. We have appointed Mrs Claire Pawley to take over this position.

Mrs Reeve will also be taking on an additional session. Mrs Pawley will also be working in school at other times as required.



After School Club attendance has been logged on Parentpay for this half term. If you pay, using this method, please visit the website and pay as soon as possible if you have not done so already.

After half term, mainly due to the darker nights, WASP will move from meeting in Willow Classroom to meeting in Oak Classroom.

## Time to Cook

Please see attached for details of a free half term cookery competition.