

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: Ash has enjoyed role playing as Santa's elves and delivering parcels to houses.

Willow: Starting some water colour painting.

Beech: Creating and showing our presentations on the Iron Age.

Oak: Finishing our assessments and putting up the Christmas tree.



The crisp, cold mornings and starry nights of winter are here, and in just a few weeks it will be Christmas! A time to be kind to ourselves and others; a time to wrap up presents and wrap up warm; play board games and watch Christmas films (Elf, Arthur Christmas, Klaus, Groundhog Day...)

One thing nobody wants for Christmas is Covid, and you will have seen in the news that additional national guidance has now been updated on: contact tracing and isolation, travel and quarantine, face coverings and vaccination of under 18 year olds in the following guidance to reflect the new measures for schools: [schools COVID-19 operational guidance](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus) and for Parents and Carers: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

The main point is: **From 29 November, face coverings should be worn in communal areas in all education settings by staff and visitors** (but not Primary aged children). In every sense, a classroom is a communal area. We class any area inside the school building as being communal, if someone else is there.

One of our pupils, reminded to cough into her elbow, so she didn't share any germs, said, "But sharing is one of our core values!" 😊

If, like me, you wear glasses with a mask at times, you may find this short video helpful:

How to Stop your Glasses Steaming Up:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/newsbeat-53406105>



Friday, 3rd December 2021

Stars of the Week:

Ash – lola

Willow – Lewis

Beech – Elizabeth R & Ethan

Oak - Isabella, Elliot and Faber

Weekly House Points:

Attenborough: 57 Anning: 40

Well done Attenborough!

Scomis Parents' Online Safety Newsletter

Please click the link for this useful information.

<https://s6.newzapp.co.uk/t/click/1519736616/29303629/15509009>

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In other news: we are delighted to announce that Isla, Hattie, Abi M and Chloe, who entered **The Wellington Maths Challenge**, won **Bronze!** We are also extremely proud of Faber, Clem, Noah and Jacob, who took part (virtually) in this challenging mathematical marathon, alongside teams from 50 schools!

Nursery Nativity – Wednesday 8th 9.30am- In order to proceed with this cherished event, but as safely as possible, we are limiting places to two per family – free tickets will be sent home – your seating will be set out in pairs with space between. Please wear a mask. We will take photographs of the group, taking into account any child/children who do not have permission for their image to be shared, and you can get a copy/copies from the office.

Our **Carol Concert is planned Wednesday 15th December**. We aimed to have it in St Mary's church, but given the circumstances, we now plan to sing Carols for you outside Church (weather permitting) at **9.30am**, or at **2.30pm**. Please could one parent/carer per family attend at a session to ensure numbers are kept to a minimum? Ideally, one parent/carer would attend one session but if there is a situation where 2 parents need to attend separate sessions, please let us know. Please ensure you and your child are wearing extra layers – we will look forward to all the Christmas jumpers, hats, gloves and scarves! We will film it and put it onto Google Classroom for those of you who cannot attend at either of these times. Due to the evolving situation regarding Covid, if we need to change our plans, I will let you know as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience.

Hot School Dinners

A new menu for January 2022 is being sent home electronically with this newsletter. If your child has a school dinner, we will assume they will be having the main meal and first listed dessert unless you tell us otherwise. Please return a copy of the marked menu if you wish to choose something different over the 3 week period or email admin@offwell-primary.devon.sch.uk with your choices.

Christmas Dinner

This will be on Thursday, 16th December. It is open to all children in school regardless of whether or not they usually have a hot school dinner. Please advise by email or use the separate letter being sent home today to advise us if your child will be having a school dinner on that day if they don't usually. The cost for children in Beech, Oak and Nursery is £2.50 unless eligible to receive a free school meal. It is free for children in Reception and Willow Class. The meals will be served in the village hall in two sittings.

Flu Immunisations

These will also take place on Thursday, 16th December.

Photographs

Individual and sibling photographs were taken on Tuesday and proofs were sent home the same day. If you would like to place an order, this should be done online before Thursday, 9th December to qualify for free postage.

Lorna Legg

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



Netball

Some of the children in Year 6 took part in a netball tournament at Honiton Primary School earlier in the week. Thank you to those parents who collected their children from school to take them to the tournament and stayed to support them during the games. They played 4 other schools and it was lovely for them to play on a big court in a 'competitive' way! It was good to be part of a team and they did really well.

Fish & Chips

Saturday Dec 4th, frying in the car park from 6.00-7.30pm, bar open, eat in or take away, also Christmas cakes and puddings for sale, profit to the Social Club. Please be Covid Aware. **Note for you diaries**. Christmas Eve and New Years Eve 'bit of a do' at the club, more details nearer the time, but two nights not to be missed.

Ann Richards