

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: Performing our Christmas nativity to our parents and carers.

Willow: We enjoyed the visit from the author Triona Atkinson. She read her book 'The Tomluc Tree' and we shared some colourings. The Tomluc Tree is available to buy from Amazon.

Beech: Writing stories based on Mog's Christmas Calamity.

Oak: Having a full run through of our space dance ready for the performance next week.

Today we are all dressed up in Christmas jumpers, for charity: half will go to Urafiki, our school charity, which supports two children through school in Kenya, and half to Save the Children which helps children across the world. Sparing a thought for others, at a time when we have so much to be thankful



for, can feel uncomfortable, but it is right. The story of Mary and Joseph's journey, leading up to the birth of Jesus, is repeated in Nativity plays everywhere. The children, rightly, are the stars of the show, but we should never forget the challenges the family

would have faced. Today, they would be classed as refugees. Only kindness saved them.

There is only one more week of school to go, and only 15 more sleeps until Christmas day! There is so much to do: a few reminders are set out below. Given this, we mustn't wish the time away – it will go quickly enough. Let's try to make the most of every minute, and count our blessings. Whether we get all the presents we asked for or not, we are lucky.

Our youngest children knew they were lucky, this week, as they had a special visitor: an author and illustrator, who shared her story-telling and drawing skills with the children...

Latest Covid Guidance – Plan B - for Parents and Carers:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

- Wear a face covering in most indoor public places and on public transport
- [Get tested](#) and self-isolate if required
- Work from home, if you can
- [Get vaccinated](#)
- Let fresh air in if you meet indoors. Meeting outdoors is safer

Nursery Nativity – Wednesday 8th 9.30am- I am so pleased that we were able to hold the Nativity and I hear that one little sheep couldn't wait to do it all over again! Thank you for adhering to the guidance and allowing this to take place safely.



Our **Carol Concert is planned Wednesday 15th December**. We look forward to singing Carols for you outside Church (weather permitting) at **9.30am, or at 2.30pm**. Please could one parent/carer per family **attend one event**, to ensure numbers are kept to a minimum. Don't forget those extra layers – judging from the Christmas jumpers today, with the addition of

hats, gloves and scarves you should be cosy!



Friday, 10th December 2021

Stars of the Week:

Ash – All the class

Willow – Poppy

Beech – Cohen & Ayla

Oak - Finley W, Oliver H, Starr & Noah

Weekly House Points:

Attenborough: 77 Anning: 39

School Christmas Lunch –

Thursday 16th December. All being well, we plan to serve this in two sittings, with classes seated separately, in the Village Hall. We aim to get to the end of term with everyone feeling as healthy and happy as possible. Due to possible complications regarding weather or Covid, if we need to change our plans to try to ensure this, I will let you know as soon as possible.



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A huge "thank you" to all of you who attended our annual Christmas Wreath Workshop last Sunday. What a fabulous festive event we had! We saw over 40 parents and friends of the school spend a festive couple of hours, enjoying some Christmas spirit and creating some stunning creations for their doors. We would also like to thank all of those who helped organise this event. Those who foraged or donated greenery, set up tables, swept floors, cleared rubbish and most importantly, kept the supply of hot drinks flowing! There were two little helpers in particular who helped all day, Isabella Brake and Elliot Arcscott. They were perfect at floor sweeping and tidying up. They helped hand out wires and even took the tea and coffee orders for us. We received some glowing compliments from our guests on how polite and helpful they were, so well done you two! In total we raised £832.55 for our PTFA, that is just fantastic! This will definitely be a huge benefit to all of our school children, so thank you very much for getting involved and we look forward to next year already!

Crisp Packets

I just wanted to say a big thankyou to everyone who gave me their empty crisp packets. Last week I sent off 422 crisp packets to The Iron Man. Hopefully that will make lots of survival blankets.
Abi M, Oak Class

Christmas thoughts from the children

The last few days have been quite wet so at break we decided to make our classroom festive by putting a Christmas tree up and making painted pieces of wood for our trees outside. – Crystal
On Friday we wore our Christmas jumpers to school and brought in £1 to donate to children in need. We like helping the children because they need everyone's help and we like to share kindness and forgiveness – Starr
This year's Christmas advent calendar – we have an app called IMOVES. Everyday you do the number of the date and it is a new dance every day. – Will
English and Maths in Oak, especially Division the Bus Stop is really fun. English is the best thing in school, better than golden time. - Zach

Lorna Legg

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



Offwell Church Carol Service
Thursday, 23rd December
6.30pm – Outside school – all welcome!

www.activeadvent.fun

We have been counting down to Christmas using Active Advent. See the link above which is also great to use at home.

School Meals

Last week we sent home a new menu from January 2022. Please could you return your child's choices as soon as possible if they will be having a hot school dinner at any time and not having the main choice every day.

End of Term Service

We break for Christmas next Friday, 17th December and have our final service at 2.15pm on that day in St Mary's Church. If your child has won an award, we will invite you to attend.

If your child is the holder of a termly cup, please could you return this as soon as possible.

Individual & Sibling Photos

Proofs of these photos were sent home last week. Please remember to place your order by the closing date to qualify for free postage.

Christmas Lunch

Thank you to those people who have let us know if your child is having a Christmas dinner next Thursday (if they don't usually have a school dinner on Thursdays). Beech and Oak children's meals can be paid for by using Parentpay.

After School Provision, Breakfast Club & School Meals

All attendance and meals taken for the half term will be recorded on Parentpay early next week (if you pay using this method) so please visit and settle the balance. Thank you!