

Offwell C of E Primary School

Our Core Values: Honesty, Loyalty, Caring, Sharing and Forgiveness.



Dear Friends and Families of Offwell,

Highlights of the Week:

Ash: Learning a new action rhyme about building a snowman and practising using the words first, next and last when drawing, painting and modelling snowmen.

Willow: Mixing magic potions.

Beech: Writing stories based on The Night Zookeeper!

Oak: Acting out play scripts and learning how to use a protractor!

Torbay & Devon Award

I just wanted to recap on the efforts of a few of our compassionate Year 6 pupils, who have already played their part in raising funds to help others. For example, Hattie raised £240 by agreeing to have her very long hair all cut off. The money raised was donated to The Little Princess Trust, who makes wigs for children who lose their hair when undergoing chemotherapy. Abigail collected empty crisp packets which were sent off to The Iron Man and this organisation converts the packaging to blankets for homeless people. Currently, Toby, Starr and Crystal have committed to a Wild Walk for Cats, in return for donations of money and/or cat food, so they can contribute to the work of the Cats Protection League.

NHS drive to end childhood disease.

Every year, including this, young children will contract Chicken Pox. We make parents /carers in the class involved aware, but thankfully it is now only harmful in pregnancy. Today, we could assume that many diseases like measles and mumps have vanished; unfortunately, they have not. Just like Polio, Influenza (Flu) and now Covid, they once swept across the world, causing enormous suffering.

We are in a part of the world where many of these diseases have almost been forgotten, because most people in the UK are vaccinated as part of routine healthcare. However, we are in danger of some of these diseases returning, because of dangerous dis-information about vaccines. Recent Measles outbreaks have been linked to parents choosing NOT to vaccinate their children, unaware, perhaps, that these diseases killed millions in the past.

Please check your child's immunisation record (Red Book) or contact your GP Surgery to check their vaccinations are up to date.

<https://inews.co.uk/news/health/mmr-vaccine-uptake-falls-to-lowest-level-in-10-years-leaving-children-at-risk-1433545>

Covid has reminded us that disease is something we must respect. We can fight it, but only together. We are lucky to be able to be vaccinated. In some parts of the world, without enough vaccines, disease can still spread, causing severe illness. <https://www.redcross.org.uk/stories/our-movement/our-history/vaccination-a-history-of-saving-lives>

Learning more about how a vaccine works, can help us to realise that vaccines are simply weak or dead versions of the disease, that stimulate the body to launch its defences, so it is prepared for the real thing in the future. Therefore, they are, by their nature, less dangerous than the disease itself. See for yourself: <https://www.immunology.org/celebrate-vaccines/public-engagement/guide-childhood-vaccinations/how-vaccines-work>



Friday, 4th February 2022

Stars of the Week

Ash- Nathan

Willow – Wilfred & Romily

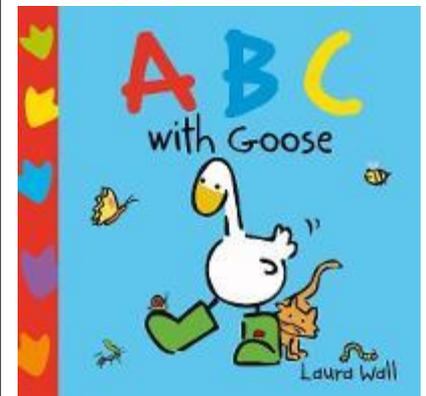
Beech – Tilly & Cohen

Oak – Daisie

House Points

Attenborough: 111 Anning: 78

Well done Attenborough!



Author Visit – Laura Wall – 16th February

We are very excited to have the author, illustrator and artist, Laura Wall, visiting us on 16th February. Please see the separate letter going home today both in paper form and electronically. She will be working with all children from Reception to Year 6.

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Here are some of the scientists who have helped to save so many:



British writer and explorer Lady Mary Wortley Montagu (1689 - 1762) who introduced the idea of Smallpox vaccination from Turkey.

Dr Kizzmekia Corbett, who has led vaccine research on Moderna in the USA.



Dr Sarah Gilbert and Dr Cath Green, who worked together to create the Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine in Britain.



'We don't have cleaners, or drivers, or nannies, and like everyone else we had other things going on in our lives.' However, their dedication has saved lives.

For some people, though, it is simply fear of the injection itself. Not all vaccines are delivered by injection now, but if you're having a vaccine, tell the person administering it that you have anxiety and let them know what would help you relax. The following site may be helpful:

<https://www.anxietyuk.org.uk/covid-19-vaccine-support/>

All adults have now been offered vaccination for Covid. Vaccination support is available for those who are not yet vaccinated. Call your GP surgery for advice.

Reception and Year 6 - Measuring Height and Weight

Please find an electronic copy of informing you that NHS will be coming to school to measure the height and weight of Reception and Year 6 children. If you are happy for this to take place, you do not need to do anything. If you wish to **opt out you must click this link** –

<https://forms.office.com/r/4tgW7kYsrM> or that contained within the letter.

Class Photos

Tempest will be coming to school on Wednesday, 9th February to take photographs of children within their classes. Children who usually attend nursery but do not attend on Wednesdays are also invited. If you would like to bring your nursery child (and they are not usually in school on Wednesday), please take your child straight to the village hall at 9am.

Lorna Legg

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

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