

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: Working together on our construction site, to build structures safely and as a team. Thank you to Freddie's and Rosalie's families for their generous donations of resources for our construction site. The children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring all the different materials.

Willow: Making castles and having a banquet. We also acted out safe, supervised armed combat!

Beech: Learning about different types of castles.

Oak: We started our topic learning about Shackleton's Journey and watched a video about endurance.

Lent is a 40-day period of religious observance. A prominent part of the Christian calendar, it commemorates the 40 days Jesus is said to have spent fasting in the desert. Many Christians start the Lent period by eating pancakes, before fasting, or giving up certain luxuries. The solemn period of Lent ends with the festivities of Easter, which celebrates the resurrection of Jesus. The Ethos Committee are planning a celebration and time for reflection in the week leading up to Easter. More to follow from Mr Thomas.

For I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink,
a stranger and you welcomed me,
naked and you clothed me,
ill and you cared for me,
in prison and you visited me.
Matthew 25: 35-36



Lent this year, a time when we choose, perhaps to give something up, must make us reflect on all those we know are having to go without in many parts of the world. The people of Ukraine, Afghanistan, Syria and Somalia are some of

the countries currently at war: there are currently – appallingly - more than twenty! We might feel, understandably, that the knowledge of so many in such hardship is too much to bear; that we should turn away for our own wellbeing.

We must, of course, live our lives well and count our blessings, but be aware that the discomfort of awareness cannot be as bad as the difficulties others endure. Even if things here are not perfect, many would love to share in our relative peace and plenty. In thinking of them, and supporting the charities that can help them, we share their burden and hold in common with them the aim and desire to reduce the suffering of everyone, no matter where they are. Helping others and engaging in charitable acts is also, as a matter of fact, a real boost for our wellbeing. The **UN reveals** a bit of good news for humanity: following the pandemic, benevolence (kindness) is surging globally!

In response to the terrible situation faced by so many, we will all be raising funds for those affected in various ways: via Comic Relief (well done for our total today!) and we plan to hold fundraising events such as cake sales, to observe UN International Refugee Day on June 20th and the UN International Day of Peace on September 21st, when we can reflect on challenges faced by children across the world. These will be opportunities to raise awareness and funds for our sponsored children in Kenya DEC (Disasters and Emergency Commission), as well as support the work in Ukraine and elsewhere, which will be ongoing.



Friday, 18th March 2022

Stars of the Week

Ash- Esme

Willow – Rhys

Beech – Taylor

Oak – William and Toby

House Points

Attenborough: 183 Anning: 158

Well done Attenborough!



Tag Rugby

Some of Beech Class were lucky enough to get involved in a Tag Rugby tournament organised by Honiton Learning Community. The team played against other local schools winning half of their 6 games. Well done to Rowan, Fiona, Cohen, Oliver, Elizabeth R, Thomas, Amelia and Serge.

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In school, and at home, we can share simple acts of kindness every day:

1. Hold the door open for your teacher or parent.
2. Let someone else go in front in the queue to go out to play.
3. Help a friend who's stuck on their classwork, or who has fallen over.
4. Clear up a mess you didn't make, or hang up someone's coat if it's fallen off its peg.
5. Say please, thank you and sorry, without being asked.

The human capacity for love and empathy is something we must encourage and value above all.

Congratulations

This week, 2 children have shared achievements of interests they have outside school. Congratulations to Ella for her distinction in Dance and congratulations to Tilly for her 10 metres swimming certificate!



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This is a reminder that if you are struggling financially and therefore facing food crisis, we can provide help.

**The King's Centre
Food Bank**

For information on how we can support you, please contact the Food Bank on 07907 232076

King's Centre Foodbank

We are sending an application form for the Foodbank if you feel you and your family are in need of this help.

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

COMIC RELIEF

Comic Relief

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Comic Relief by dressing in red and for purchasing red noses. We sold all our red noses so we passed on £120 to Comic Relief for them and our collection for wearing red raised £75.

Headlice

It seems that now we are mixing more, the head lice have become more prevalent. We have had cases reported this week in Oak, Willow and Ash so whichever class your child is in, please could you check your child's hair and treat before they return to school. Please see this as an ongoing problem for a while and check your child's hair on a regular basis, treating as necessary.