

# 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:** Looking for signs of spring and creating artwork around our new word 'blossom'!

**Willow:** Investigating fractions in lots of hands on ways and investigating/making towers.

**Beech:** Our first spring walk in the woods linked with orienteering.

**Oak:** Studying the old Japanese art of haiku.

Having taught in Oak Class earlier this week, I was delighted to find we have some remarkable poets in our midst. We explored the Haiku form, which originated in Japan in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century. With its disciplined structure – usually the first and last lines are five syllables, with the middle line being seven – this poetic form, focused on nature, demands that you choose and use words with the greatest of care:



Across the green land  
Flies a spark of destruction  
Colour creator  
Abi M

Mirroring nature  
Its beautiful reflection  
Muted the raindrop  
Isabella



Nature reflected  
A water droplet falling  
Mirrors a forest  
JM

## Changes to measures and guidance for managing COVID-19 in education and childcare settings from Friday 1 April

Yesterday, schools were informed that the government has changed its advice regarding Covid. However, the full advice is yet to be published.

Updated guidance is expected to advise:

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days
- Free COVID-19 tests will continue to be available for specific groups, including eligible patients and NHS staff, once the universal testing offer ends on Friday 1 April.



Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

## Stars of the Week

**Ash- Hetty**

**Willow – Aria**

**Beech – Eric**

**Oak – Crystal**

## House Points

**Attenborough: 81 Anning: 74**

Well done Attenborough!

## Tag Rugby

On 29<sup>th</sup> March, some of our Year 6 children took part in a Tag Rugby tournament at Honiton Primary School after school on Tuesday. They did extremely well, winning 5 of their 7 games and only losing by one try in the games they lost. Huge congratulations to; Abigail M, Crystal, Hattie, Faber, Abigail B, Elliott H, Chloe and Noah! This was the first of a series of tournaments and the children aim to win as many as they can to hopefully gain a podium position! *Crystal said, 'We got our competitive minds on to try and defend our title as tag rugby champions. We all did very well supporting each other and being there for each other, working as a team'.*

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Advice will be provided for individuals who need to leave their home when they have symptoms or have tested positive, including avoiding close contact with people with a weakened immune system, wearing a face covering and avoiding crowded places. However, this advice has not yet been published.

Devon County will be looking at the guidance and will send detailed advice to schools for the Summer Term. Having spoken, today, to Public Health and the National Association of Headteachers, I hope there will soon be greater clarity around this change. **Until then, Devon have advised that school measures to minimise transmission remain as they are until the end of term.**

## Easter Trail around school on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> April

Parents/carers will have the opportunity to explore the children's learning of the story of Holy Week and Easter. Please also feel free to take part in the prayer/reflection activities which will be around themes such as forgiveness, big questions and justice. You are invited into school on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm. Although mask wearing is no longer mandatory, we suggest you wear one as you may be in a crowded area. We would like to know an idea of numbers so please could you email [admin@offwell-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@offwell-primary.devon.sch.uk) to advise us if you intend to join us. Please see the attached poster.

## School Meals

We are sending a home a new menu which comes into effect after Easter. If you want to alter any choices, please email [admin@offwell-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@offwell-primary.devon.sch.uk) If you would like a paper copy sent home, please ask. Please remember the canteen needs numbers on the Friday of the week before. Although it can add on or take off a couple of main meals on a daily basis, they cannot always add a last minute jacket potato; these must be ordered in advance! Please ensure all orders are sent a week in advance.

## Parents' Evenings

Appointments will be emailed out today with data sheets for Oak and Beech classes. If you cannot make the appointment, please let us know.

## Head Lice

We have had more reported cases of head lice in different classes this week. Whichever class your child is in, please check their hair over the weekend and treat before they return on Monday if necessary. Please see this as an ongoing problem for the time being.

## Torbay and Devon Civic Award

Our Year 6 children continue to work for their award.

Noah is climbing the O2 Arena in the Easter holidays as part of his award. His mum has set up a fundraising page on 'just giving' under her name 'melanie lees' with the title 'Noah's O2 climb'. His chosen charity is Ocean Generation. If anyone would like to make a donation, please visit

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/noah02climb>

Ben is climbing Mount Snowdon on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April to raise money for Llanberis Mountain Rescue Team.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/benjamin-hodder>

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



## PTFA

We will be running a little Easter trail around the village

from the 8th April over the Easter school holidays. Each pupil will be sent home with an entry form and every child, who returns the form completed with the correct answers together with £1 entry fee, will be given a small chocolate egg. Each form with the correct answer will be entered into a prize draw to win a book. Forms must be returned to school by the 29th April to be entered into the prize draw together with the entry fee.

The winner of the draw will be presented with their prize during collective worship/ star of the week 6th May.

Emily Jordan, PTFA Chair

## Fish & Chips in the Village

The fish and chip van will be frying in the hall carpark this Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6.00-7.30, with the bar open, eat in or take away. Come and see our new veranda over the patio, eat out in the fresh air, please bring own condiments. The play park is open! Ann Richards  
Offwell Sports and Social Club

## Holy Week & Easter Activities and Services

The Family Church & St Paul's Church, Honiton

Please see separate poster for full details of services and events during the Easter break.