

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 how to sort the food in our supermarket.

Willow: Enjoying role playing the book Troll and being pirates!

Beech: Starting our topic on Gods and Mortals and finding out about different gods and goddesses.

Oak: Taking part in a whole KS2 cricket round robin session in PE. We visited different stations and learnt lots of new skills.



Hello! I do hope you have had a lovely Easter together, enjoying the sun, at last. We decided it would be a great idea to paint our whole house, find some new walks, clean out the hens and build a hive for some bees! Many of the children have excitedly shared their holiday news too. With so much activity, we might all need a break – lucky there's a

long weekend coming up!

Alongside this, school was also a hive of activity (see what I did there?). I hope you will notice certain small, but important improvements: the front and side of our oldest school building have been freshly painted, with the back wall to follow soon. There are new playground signs in some places, and repairs to the gates and shelter at the back. Our Log Cabin has been spring cleaned and the broken planters in the meadow have been removed, so soon we will plant wildflowers, to provide colour and food for pollinators all summer long. We know there will always be new jobs to do, but working together we can achieve anything and it feels good to have a fresh start for the Summer Term. The children, I hope, will be starting to tell you about their new themes: Ash – Keeping Healthy, Willow – Ahoy there!, Beech - Greek Gods and Goddesses and Oak - The Ancient Egyptians. If your child always replies 'Nothing!' when you ask what they have learned each day, try dropping in a key fact about their topic to surprise them with. They may be amazed, or disbelieving, but either way you've started a conversation. Remembering and talking about the information they have seen and heard really helps to embed learning.

Extra-Curricular Activities

This term, as the weather and other restrictions improve, we are already taking part in the Honiton learning Community Sports events – a special report on Year 6 rugby is included –and several children in Beech have taken part in a Quad Kids event where they experience four sporting activities.

We also hope that swimming can start again, for Oak this term, so please check that their swimming suits still fit, as I'm sure they've all grown over Easter!

Choir – We will be starting next Friday at 12 – 12.30 in Oak Class.



Friday, 29th April 2022

Stars of the Week

Ash- Nathan

Willow – Remy

Beech – Ethan & Marley

Oak – Hattie

House Points

Attenborough: 44 Anning: 46

David Attenborough - Champion of the Earth!

As part of The United Nations' Environment Programme, David Attenborough's commitment to sharing the wonders of the natural world and championing the cause of environmental action has been recognised. Sir David said that we all must "take action now" to protect nature and the planet.

For more information, follow this link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/61173989>

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SATS:

All children in the following year groups need to be attending regularly at this important time. Teachers will be ensuring they are prepared and ready to share what they have learned. We will also make sure all children feel reassured - tests are great for recalling all they have been learning and they help us to know what to teach and learn next. They are the foundations they will build on in the future and a good preparation for the challenge of future exams, as part of growing up that we all experience. They can and should feel proud of all they have achieved, despite all the complications of the past two years.

- **KS1 SATS – Year 2** Standardised Assessment Tasks (SATS) take place across the two weeks starting **Monday, May 9th, ending Friday 20th May 2022**
- **KS2 SATS – Year 6** students will be engaged in tests each morning, from **Monday May 9th to Thursday 12th.**
- **Phonics Screening Check - Year 1 (and 2)– Week of June 6th**
- **Multiplication Checks - Y4 children – three weeks from June 6th**

Please support your child by:

- Making sure they get to bed in good time, so they are well rested
- Make sure your child is on time for school, so they feel prepared, not rushed
- Plan a few treats to look forward to – a favourite tea, or snack, or trip at the weekend etc.

You may already have seen this, but it has been an unusual year, so if not, focus on the 'weeks before SATS section:

<https://www.yearsix.co.uk/year-6-sats-preparation-guide/>



Quad Kids

Some of the children in Beech Class took part in a Quad Kids session at Honiton Community College on Thursday. They took part in 4 disciplines including throwing with a howler, standing long jump, 400 m run and 50m spring. Well done to Amelia, Elizabeth, Fiona, Tilly, Rowan, Thomas, Cohen and Serge!

Tag Rugby

On 26th April, 8 people; Abigail B, Abigail M, Isla, Crystal, Noah, Faber, Elliott and Hattie all went to Honiton Primary School to play a Tag Rugby Tournament. We played 8 multiples; won 5, drew 1 and lost 2. – We all showed a great team spirit! - Noah

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

Dates for your diary

Please see the separate list. We will be adding further events as they arise and some will inevitably have to be altered.

Operation Seabird

Please see the attached poster now we are all able to visit the coast and go on boats again.