

# 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:** So many to choose from this week; welly walk in the woods, holding chicks, learning how to be a dentist in our new role play area and Story and Rhyme Time. Thanks to Lillian's mum for showing us the chicks.

**Willow:** Our peripatetic teacher, Emily Miller, came into class and helped us sing the song, Count On Me.

**Beech:** Learning new maths games and representing decimals in different ways.

**Oak:** Completing the Stand Together Survey.

It is World Bee Day! As a very new bee-keeper, I am fascinated to learn more about these amazing insects. Bees and other pollinators like butterflies, bats, and hummingbirds are a necessary part of our ecosystem and need to be preserved.

Various human activities have resulted in the endangerment of such pollinators. World Bee Day is celebrated to communicate the importance of such pollinators, the threats faced by them, create awareness and help to save them.

The United Nations' themes for World Bee Day 2022 are: '**Bee engaged: Build Back Better for Bees**'. There are lots of activities available from a quick search, such as Save Our Bees and Bee Detectives on this Science and Technology website: <https://www.stem.org.uk/resources/collection/511622/world-bee-day-20th-may-2022> Aimed at primary level, you can download activity packs containing bee-related activities that link to the curriculum, covering: identifying plants and animals, pollination, lifecycles, food chains, habitats and more. Happy World Bee Day!

**Jubilee Celebrations** – On our last day of this half term, **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>**, the children will be celebrating our own Queen Bee! Each class will prepare a short show or presentation on their chosen theme, linked to the Queen Elizabeth the Second's Seventy-year reign. They will share their learning with the rest of the school at a 'tea party', with cake kindly provided by the PTFA for the children in the afternoon. **Please send your child in on Thursday wearing as much Red, White and Blue as possible.** We are unable to invite parents this time, due to space, but we look forward to being able to share more with you next half term.

**Monday Sports:** *The Sports' Project* is a non-profit-making company who support children's mental and physical health as well as academic achievement through sports' clubs. They will be providing free hour long sessions on **Monday 23rd** for each class. You will receive a flyer and link you could use to book onto their sports club, *but there is no obligation on you to take part at all.* The sessions will be on Street Dancing and Flag Football and we're sure the children will experience something new and exciting. **Please ensure your child is in their PE kit on Monday, so they can take part.** NB: Oak Class pupils may need an extra snack and definitely a drink, as some children will also be taking part in Quad Kids in the morning, as part of our regular programme of Honiton Learning Community sports activities.



Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022

## Stars of the Week

**Ash-** All Reception!  
**Willow** – Lewis and Sofia  
**Beech** – Genevieve  
**Oak** – Oliver and Rory

## House Points

**Attenborough: 92**

**Anning: 74**

Well done Attenborough!

## Next Week:

**Monday:** Quad Kids (some year 5/6), Phonics Workshop 4.30pm-5pm

**Tuesday:** Laura Wall visit

**Wednesday:** Oak Residential Trip meeting – 5.30pm  
Oak swimming  
Bladder & Bowel nurse – 2pm to 3.30pm

**Thursday:** School Platinum Jubilee Celebration Tea Party  
Finish for the half term break!

**Friday: Day Off!**



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**Rugby Success!** News from our intrepid Sports' Reporters: Abigail Barrett and Noah Lees:

*On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2022, eight pupils from Oak Class took part in the final Tag Rugby Tournament at Honiton Primary School. Before we started the matches, the person running it said to us that we we're third out of eight schools. We had perseverance to cope in the down-pour of rain we had. We hope we tried our hardest. N.L.*

*On the 17<sup>th</sup> of May, Faber, Noah, Crystal, Elliott, Abi M, Hattie and Abigail B went to Honton Primary to play the final tournament of three. We played the best to get the best results on our tournament. At our final game, we beat Uptontery 4 – 3. We hope we did you proud Mrs Legg. A.B.*

You certainly did! Congratulations on coming third overall!



## **Amber**

Amber, in Oak Class, had 15 inches of her hair cut off for the Little Princess Trust which provides hair to make wigs for children undertaking chemotherapy. Well done Amber; your new haircut looks very smart!

## **Phonics Workshop – Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May – 4.30pm to 5pm**

Thank you to everyone who responded to our survey asking which time you would prefer for the Phonics Workshop. The most popular time was 4.30pm to 5pm. The meeting will be held in Ash Classroom in person and everyone is welcome to attend, even if you didn't respond to the survey. It is particularly relevant for parents/carers of children in Willow and Ash Classes.

## **Bladder & Bowel Nurse Visit**

Debbie Richards will be visiting school on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> May from 2pm and will hold a session in the big log cabin to talk about bladder and bowel issues in children. If you would like a slot to see her, please get in touch.

## **Name Labels**

It is very important that uniform is named and if you order name tags through [www.mynametags.com](http://www.mynametags.com) and use the ID 28948 the PTFA will be given 24% of each sale.

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

## **Laura Wall – Artist & Author**

This visit has been delayed twice due to the Covid situation but hopefully Laura will finally make it next Tuesday. Thank you to everyone who has already contributed but voluntary donations are still welcome of the suggested amount of £4! Laura will spend the whole day with us working with children from Reception to Year 6. Do visit [www.laurawall.com](http://www.laurawall.com) to find out more about Laura and her work including the 'Goose' stories.

## **Oak Residential Meeting – 25<sup>th</sup> May – 5.30pm**

A reminder of the meeting for parents/carers of children in Oak Class regarding the upcoming residential trip to Wildside in June. This is an important meeting where questions can be asked and potential worries allayed. Information will be sent home to those parents/carers who are unable to attend.

## **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration**

We finish for the half term on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> May with a tea party for the children to celebrate the Jubilee. Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> May is an additional day's holiday for us as the extra bank holiday falls within the half term break.