

# Offwell C of E Primary School

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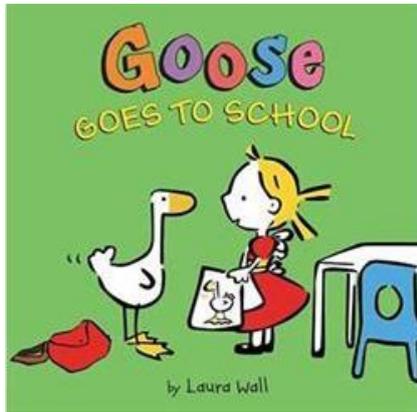


Dear Friends and Families of Offwell,

Amazingly, this newsletter marks the end of our first summer half term. It has gone by so quickly, but then there have been lots of events happening, which means we have all been very active and probably need a rest already!

Just in the past four days we have had:

- A **Quad Kids Sports** event for children in Oak Class, on Monday, arranged by Honiton Learning Community, of which we are an active part.
- On the same day, The **Sports Project** ran a day of activities - Flag Football and Street Dance - with active participation from almost every child, even those who would usually not see themselves as dancers or footballers.
- A **Phonics Workshop** for Parents held on Monday at 4.30pm –we will be happy to send you the information, if you were unable to attend.
- We had a whole day of **Art and Writing** on Tuesday, with author and



illustrator Laura Wall, who has engaged and inspired children across the school to become author-illustrators and generously gave us a set of her lovely 'Goose' books.

- On Wednesday, our teachers collaborated with teachers from another local school, so we can agree on **writing judgements** across a wider range of writing, work out our next steps in teaching

writing and know our results are accurate and fair.

- There was also a well-attended **Parent Meeting** for our Residential, in Oak Class, on Wednesday at 5.30pm, to share some of the exciting activities and challenges the Year 5 and 6 children will experience.
- Today, Thursday, we will have held our own **Platinum Jubilee** event, with each class learning about a different aspect of The Queen's seventy-year reign, singing, eating cake and generally enjoying an opportunity for reflection and celebration. Thank you to the PTFA members for providing the cake!



Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022

## House Points

**Attenborough: 63 Anning: 29**  
Well done Attenborough! This means that Attenborough are the half termly winners again. They will be rewarded with a non-uniform day on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> June.



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I do hope you all enjoy a well-deserved rest on the extra bank holiday and get to spend some quality family time together next week. Next half term is a long one: seven weeks (and two days!) but it, too, is full of events, experiences, education and enjoyment to look forward to. **Key events in weeks coming up:**

## **Week 1 – beginning 6<sup>th</sup> June:**

**Year 1** children will be assessed to find out their phonics knowledge and skills for reading. This is a national assessment and we ask that you make every effort to support your child's school attendance.

**Year 4** children will be assessed on their Times Tables knowledge. Again, this is a national assessment and your support with maintaining your child's full attendance will be much appreciated.

**Oak Class** will be visiting Dorchester Museum, to see the exhibition of Ancient Egyptian artefacts on Tuesday and going swimming on Wednesday.

**Week 2 - 13<sup>th</sup> June:** Environment Week, set aside for children to learn more about our environment and plan how we can have a positive impact on our world.

**Week 3 -20<sup>th</sup> June:** Our end of year assessments take place this week, each morning.

**Week 4 – 27<sup>th</sup> June:** Oak Residential (June 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> Aug)

**Week 5 – July 4<sup>th</sup>:** Arts Week, when we will explore various artists and techniques, as well as complete our mosaic, weather permitting. This is also Honiton Community College's three-day Induction week for prospective pupils (Y6)

**Week 6 – July 11<sup>th</sup>:** Induction week for future King's pupils

**Week 7 – July 18<sup>th</sup>:** Sports' Day option A, Tuesday July 19<sup>th</sup>, option B, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our Year Six Leavers' Service is on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>, in the afternoon.

It makes such a change to be able to think ahead. We go on into an eighth week for two days (Monday 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>); I am sure we will manage to fill them!

## **Junk!**

We will be having an Environment Week soon after half term and we will need some items of junk to make recycled items! Please could you save some small 'rubbish' items such as yoghurt pots, toothpaste boxes, egg boxes, etc and send them in after half term? Thank you.

## **Driving Through the Village**

I have been asked, once again, to remind parents/carers that you must drive carefully and slowly through the village for the safety of our children and adults.

## **Foundation Stage Unit Position**

We are presently advertising for the position of FSU worker within Ash Class for mornings until the end of the school year in the first instance. If you think you may be interested, please email [admin@offwell-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@offwell-primary.devon.sch.uk) and we will send you further information and an application form. The closing date is Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> June.

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

On 21 May 2012 ex Scout and Army Cadet Ryan Braunton-Turner was privileged to be able to carry the Olympic Torch for the Olympics. To celebrate 10 years since the Olympics, Ryan loaned the Olympic Torch to the 1<sup>st</sup> Honiton Scout Group, to use with The Baton.

The Baton (the handle of a military stretcher) is a symbol for The Baton Family charity, because military stretchers are used for friend or foe – anyone needing care– and its bearers should never discriminate. The stretcher it was taken from was used by the courageous Medical Emergency Response Team (MERT) in Afghanistan. "A Baton can be passed from caring hand to caring hand, carrying with it the tangible feelings of many".

1 st Honiton Scout Group hoped to raise money for those serving in the Armed Forces, former serving members and their families. All local Scouts were asked, over a week, to do 2012 laps and each young person will get the chance to carry the Olympic Torch and Baton. One of these was our Zak (pictured with the Torch and Baton).

