

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:

For everyone in all classes the highlight was work done and experiences during Environmental Week but specifically:

Ash: Using tweezers to fish plastic pollution from the sea and saving the turtles!

Willow: The all day welly walk including painting, looking for mini-beasts, marshmallow toasting, finding frogs and watching Mr Thomas jump!

Beech: Making instruments and visiting Honiton Community College for our environmental workshop.

Oak: Investigating trees with Jon Ball following identification on our welly walk. We enjoyed making bug hotels and pyramids in the woods.

Environment Week as you'll see from our highlights, has been a wonderful opportunity to educate and inspire our children to know more and do more to protect our environment and ultimately ourselves for the future. Many thanks to Mrs Hunt and the E-Team, who planned and organised this programme of exciting events.

Sun Safety

Hopefully you should have all seen the warning for today's very hot weather sent by email yesterday. I'm also giving you a timely reminder that all children should be bringing hats into school which they should wear whenever they either play outside or have PE outside. We have a supply of green legionnaire style ones for sale for £3 each. Sunscreen should be applied before the children come to school. The naming of uniform and hats is even more important at this time of year! Please remember that open toes sandals are not part of school uniform as they can be dangerous when the children are running. Let us hope for some sunny weather for the rest of term.



Heat Health Warning (Devon County Council)

The warning (sent out yesterday) is part of Devon's strategy for coping with the increasing effects of Climate Change, leading to severe weather events that we, unfortunately, need to prepare for. Reducing our energy use will help: both to keep us cool and reduce the use of fossil fuels that contribute to climate change. This is part of our world now and is something we need to understand. This link sets out facts for children on this subject:

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geography/general-geography/what-is-climate-change/>

In case you missed it, for future reference, Parents and Carers, please follow the link to read the following government publication for signs of Heat Stroke and 3 simple rules: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/heat-exhaustion-heatstroke/>

Привіт і ласкаво просимо!

We say **hello and welcome** to three new children: Sofiia in Willow Class, and Pavlo and Nazar in Beech Class. They join us, with their family, from Ukraine and we are happy to welcome them. Their English is certainly better than our Ukrainian, so here is a short film for anyone who would like to learn more: How to introduce yourself in Ukrainian <https://video.link/w/GPKwd>



Friday, 17th June 2022

Stars of the week:

Reception – Eli

Willow –

Beech – Elizabeth R & Oliver

Oak – Faber & Clem

Next week:

Monday; Woodroffe School to visit year 6

Tuesday; Open the Book, Bladder & Bowel Nurse

Wednesday; Oak swimming

Thursday; Story & Rhyme

Friday; Beech Class Aquarium

House Points

Attenborough: 75 Anning: 94

Well done Anning!



Aria bravely taking part in a 5 mile fun ride near Ottery on Storm!

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Child Friendly Devon - Wish for Devon

We all want our own children and those of our friends and families to grow up safe in a caring environment. We want them to feel inspired to learn and grow. We want them to have every opportunity and encouragement to be the best they can be and to become strong, positive, independent adults able to make a positive contribution to their family, community, and society. DCC's new Strategic Plan vision for a Child Friendly Devon goes further to make this our aim for every single child and young person in Devon. Simply put we want Devon to be the best place to grow up for ALL children and we want to make this a top priority in all we do. You can help us to shape and develop the new visual identity for a Child Friendly Devon by completing a short survey. To share your thoughts before Friday 24 June, search **Wish for Devon**.

The AIM Group are supporting **Offwell C of E Primary School** with **Fully funded level two and level three qualifications**.

How does this work? By using government funding, they offer free learning resources designed to learn and complete in your own time. There are several Level 2 course and three Level 3 courses available.

Level 2 Courses available: [Overcoming Adversity and Trauma](#), [Climate Change](#), [Mental Health First Aid](#), [Business Admin](#), [LGBT Inclusivity](#), [Digital Skills](#), [Understanding Autism](#), among many others.

Funding Criteria? Aged 19 or over on or before 31st August 2021 / UK residency for 3+ years / Not already on free online course (Apprenticeship for example)

The following three courses require a working role or free volunteering placement within a school, this would only require to be a minimum of **12 hours a week** in total, but it is mandatory to be accepted on course. Your school is happy, with appropriate checks, to talk to any interested parents about the possibility of volunteering.

Level 3 Courses available: [\[Working in a School Classroom\] City & Guilds Specialist Support for Teaching and Learning in Schools Level 3 Diploma \(RQF\)](#)
[\[Working as a Playworker in Midday/Morning/After School Club\] City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma in Playwork \(RQF\)](#)
[\[Working in Childcare ages 0-4 in a Nursery or Pre-school setting\] City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma in Early Years Workforce \(RQF\)](#)

Eligibility:

- Aged 19+ (31st August 2021 / Been in the UK/EU for the past 3 years / Not already enrolled on another gov funded qualification at the same time.
- Need to have an English GCSE C or above. OR EQUIVALENT (Key Skills L2 etc.)
- All learners require a recent DBS within last 6 months (or enhanced) get a DBS number along with two references – one employment and one character reference
- Working or Volunteering 12 hours per week in a classroom or playwork based setting minimum

If you are interested, click the link below to register - Chris Greenfield will be in touch once you have registered so he can explain more [Offwell C of E Primary - link to register course interest](#)

Bladder and Bowel Nurse

A reminder that Debbie Richards, the Bladder and Bowel nurse, is visiting school on Tuesday, 21st June during the afternoon. If you would like a slot to talk to her, please email us.

Story and Rhyme

The next Story and Rhyme session is in Ash Class next Thursday, 23rd June at 2.40pm. Everyone with pre-school children is welcome to join us. Please pass this on to any family that maybe interested. They don't have to come to Offwell School already!

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

