

# 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 of our mummies, daddies, grandparents and younger brothers and sisters joining us for Story and Rhyme.

**Willow:** Looking at the book the Smeds and the Smoos, which explores diversity and different, and painting our own purple Smed/Smoo!

**Beech:** Learning about carnivorous plants as part of our 'Predators' project.

**Oak:** Painting water lilies in the style of Monet to learn more about impressionism..

As a small village school, we know we are lucky to have such a supportive, caring and active Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA) and Governing Body. In different ways, both contribute enormously to the life of our school and therefore to improving our children's lives.

This week, we warmly welcome our new Chair of Governors, Mrs Janet Dimond, to this vital position on the Governing Body. We will continue to benefit from her experience of governance, leadership, teaching and Special Needs, and I am really looking forward to having her support and guidance over the next year, so that we can continue to move our school forwards, together.

We also say a fond farewell to our outgoing Chair, Mr Ian Wallace. I am glad to say that he will remain as a supportive friend to our school, after years of service as parent, governor and Chair. I have particularly appreciated his experience of education and technology (being a BECTA winner!). He has always been there to listen and provide advice and support at some of the most challenging times for our school. Thank you!

## Come and say 'Hello!'

**The PTFA and Governors look forward to greeting you on Monday morning, from 9am**, in the Village Hall. Tea, coffee, cake and a friendly chat await you. Of course, we will be delighted to talk to anyone who is interested in joining either the PTFA, or Governors - you will be having the chance to improve every child's experience of school- but we will also be happy to hear from you about your child's experience of Offwell, so that we can do our very best for your child. A reminder that we have vacancies for 3 Parent Governors with the closing date for nominations being Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> September at 12noon.

Thank you to everyone who has returned raffle tickets. Please send back any stubs, money or unsold tickets by Wednesday.

## Parent Survey

At the end of last term, we sent out a parent survey to help the Governors understand as much as possible about your experience of our school. One thing we learned: never send out a survey at the end of the school year! As we had so few returns, we are sending it out again, so we ask that you please respond, even if you did so before. If you have any issues completing it, please ask - we will have a tablet available for anyone with difficulties accessing it, so you can always complete it at drop off or just before collection, to make life easier. We need to know your thoughts, in order to rapidly address any gaps and continue to build on our strengths. <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=v3P2ImC-JUCYYnQPrW7ZQ9mcpQNa71FDIGP5YjWBDedUMDNONIjOSDNJNkdIOFJXMDISSENXVzkWUS4u>



**Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022**

## Stars of the week:

Reception – Skylar-Rae

Willow – Joseph

Beech – Tilly P

Oak – Nazar and Isabelle

## Next week:

**Monday;** Construction Club, WASP

**Tuesday;** Art Club, WASP

**Wednesday;** WASP

**Thursday;** WASP

**Friday;** Games Club

## House Points

**Attenborough: 84 Anning: 86**

**Well done Attenborough!**



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**Harvest Festival** will be celebrated in St Mary's Church on Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Next week's RE lessons and Collective Worship will explore Harvest and generosity. Traditionally, we have given food to Honiton's Food Bank. This year, we would like to continue, while understanding that we are almost all affected by the current cost of living squeeze, so nobody needs to feel any compulsion. Our Collective Worship has shared a verse from The Bible: 'God loves a cheerful giver', so we want to encourage this in our children (and forewarn you of their potential requests). Any non-perishable items: a tin of beans, or some pasta, will all be gratefully received and shared.

## **Clubs**

The children were asked about clubs and activities they would like to do, last week. Staff have come forward to provide the following and we ask that children sign up next week (We ask children to sign up for half a term, so they give it a good go):

**Monday** Lunchtime: 12.30-1pm. **KS1 - Construction Club** – Mr Thomas (Willow Class)

**Tuesday** Lunchtime: 12-12.30pm. **KS2 - Art Club** - run by Y6 children, supervised by Miss Phillips and Miss Kirkland

**Thursday** – Alternate weeks: 12-12.30 pm:

**KS1 and 2 - School Council** (elected) – Miss Kirkland

**KS1 and 2 - E-Team** (our environmental club)– Mrs Hunt (Log Cabin)

**Friday** 12-12.30pm – KS2 - **Board Games Club** – Mr Dunning

Miss Phillips is also organising training for our new Year 6 pupils, so they can take on the role of Play Leaders for our younger children. This was highly successful and enjoyable last year, with benefits to both sides.

In the Spring Term, we plan to provide new clubs, which may include: Running Club, Sports Club, Choir and possibly even (we hope) Campanology!

## **Tapestry**

If your child is in Year 2, their Tapestry account will be deleted on 7<sup>th</sup> October so if you would like to download and save any photos, you will need to do so before then. If you have a problem downloading them yourself, let Mrs Hunt know and she will download them for you.

## **Menu - Week of 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

It is School Census Day on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> October and it is financially beneficial for the school to have as many children in Willow Class and Reception take a school dinner on that day. Therefore, the canteen has changed the menu to try and encourage children to take this up.

Wednesday: Roast day – dessert - jelly (Was Thursday)

**Thursday Census Day: Burgers - dessert - chocolate cookie (Was Friday)**

Friday: Pizza – dessert - chocolate & banana cake (Was Wednesday)

Please let us know if your child would like to change their normal arrangements during that week.

Meals are free for all children in Reception and Years 1 and 2.

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