

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 the story of Rama and Sita.

Willow: Writing our stories 'The Paper Dolls 2'!

Beech: Sketching an owl – linked to our topic on predators.

Oak: Creating art work and poetry based on Remembrance Day.

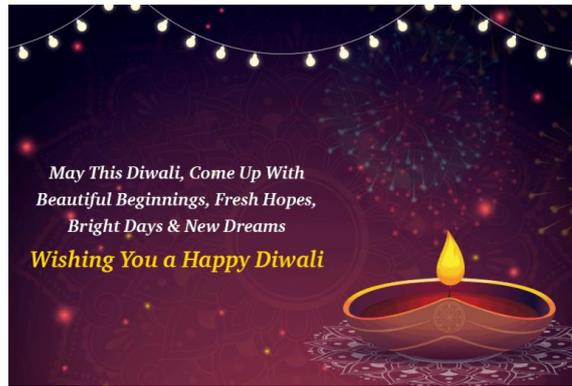
This time of year can be hard at the best of times, let alone when we're having to think each time we switch on the lights and the heating.

However, this time of year is also a time of celebration:

Harvest, Carnival, Halloween, Diwali and Christmas ... each event brings us light and hope, at a time when our

days are approaching their shortest, darkest and dampest. Goodness knows, we need them!

Ash Class, as part of their Religious Education, are learning about Diwali; a festival of lights. It is one of the major festivals celebrated by Hindus, Jains and Sikhs across the world. It usually lasts five days and is celebrated during the darkest time of year, when the opposites of dark and light come together to create wonder; the darkness allows the colours we may take for granted at other times, to glow and bring us joy. Diwali symbolises the spiritual "victory of light over darkness, good over evil" and looks forward to the possibility of new beginnings. I imagine we can all join in hoping for that, whatever our beliefs or religion.



Remembrance Day:

As mentioned, Oak Class have been creating poems and beautifully painted poppies for a display in the church. On the 11th November, at 11am, we will join with members of the local community and church, as we do each year, to recall the sacrifices made by so many during each war. No longer can we say that these wars have ended all wars, but in remembering the damage wars do, must make us more determined to prevent war for all people, for all time.

Due to Remembrance, we will not ring next week, but we held our first Bell Ringing Club this Friday lunchtime. We hope that this did not disturb the village too much, and hope it explains why the bells apparently rang out about 50 o'clock! The children had a great time and the club will take place on the five Fridays from November 18th, up to the end of term.



Friday, 4th November 2022

Stars of the week:

Reception – Sophie

Willow – Harry & Lewis

Beech – Harrison

Oak – Serge

Next week:

Monday; WASP

Tuesday; WASP, Gym Festival – Oak, Netball - Oak

Wednesday; WASP

Thursday; WASP

Friday; Remembrance Day Service

House Points

Attenborough: 56 Anning: 45

Well done Attenborough

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Road Safety:

The Twenty is Plenty campaign has proven very popular with local residents. You will hopefully have seen and admired the signs our children created to support the idea that twenty is fast enough, when driving through the village. Thanks to you for taking notice of them and to Linda Whithear for suggesting and organising this. Apparently, more signs are needed, so we will see what we can do.

Please try to drive in at the far (tip) end and out via the village in the mornings, and reverse this, if possible (leaving via the tip road) at home time, in order to avoid when the majority of children will be on the road, especially now the mist and light levels can be at their worst.

Online Safety:

With children spending more time indoors, please make yourself aware of their online habits. Be open and curious, avoiding any barriers which could prevent your child coming to you if they need help, but as the parent and provider of the devices your child uses at home, you have the right and responsibility to check and set limits on the devices they use. This can be a challenging aspect to parenting, but facing this is a vital part of safeguarding your child. The following website gives really helpful conversation starters and advice on safe use of tablets, phones, games consoles and smart TVs and speakers:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>



After School Club and Early Morning Provision

Attendance at WASP and Early Morning sessions have been input onto Parentpay for last half term. If you pay in this way, please could you visit the site and make payment. Thank you.

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

Fish & Chips

Just to remind you that it is fish and chips this week Saturday, Nov 5th, frying in the car park from 6.-70pm, bar open at 6.00pm, eat in or take away. Offwell Sports and Social Club.

Church Quiz

Friday 18th November, 6.30 for 7 in Offwell Village Hall. A Quiz to raise funds for St Mary's Church. Teams of up to 6, but don't worry if you haven't got a team, there will be new friends to join in with. £7 per head, to include a Ploughman's Supper. There will be a bar. Details from Pam on 831478, Phyllis on 831520 or Jonathan on 831450