

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: Starting to learn the nativity story.

Willow: Learning about every day materials in Science.

Beech: Learning subtraction with an exchange and using Times Tables Rockstars.

Oak: Decorating the classroom for Christmas.

Last weekend, four of our older mathematicians attended the **Wellington Maths Challenge**. This is the first time since Covid that the competition could happen in person. Unfortunately, due to illness, a member of staff was unable to attend. However, having attended in previous years, I know how well organised the day is. I have spoken with the Team, to let them know how proud we are of their perseverance and resilience; it is a huge challenge to enter a new environment, work with so many different adults and children and still do their best to work through each challenge as a team. Thank you to the parents who supported their children through the day.

The Team (pictured) have written (as a Team) this short article about the Challenge:



We are the Wellington Maths children: Elliot, Maisie, Polly and Isabella. Last Saturday, we competed in the Wellington Maths Challenge. This was an incredible experience and the questions were quite hard, but it was still very fun. There were some extra challenges, like guess the number of sweets in the jar. We each got a small puzzle and a pencil. 😊

Our **E-Team** (the E stands for Eco, as these young people stand up for our environment) has written the following very polite request:

The E-Team (Eco Club) is asking for a donation of bird feeders to make The Meadow more ecologically friendly. We will happily accept any amount of bird feeders (or bird food). Can anyone willing to make a donation nicely talk to Mrs Hunt?

Individual and Sibling Photos

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Monday 5th December 2022**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).



Friday, 2nd December 2022

Stars of the week:

Reception – Tilly

Willow – Ellsie

Beech – Ethan

Oak – Sephira

Next week:

Monday; WASP

Tuesday; WASP, Sportshall Athletics – some Oak

Wednesday; WASP

Thursday; WASP, Christmas Jumper Day

Friday; PTFA Christmas Fair 3.30pm

Sunday; PTFA Wreath Making

House Points

Attenborough: 359 **Anning:** 279

Well done Attenborough!

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Childhood illnesses

As mentioned in previous newsletters, it is clear that more young children than usual are coming down with a range of childhood illnesses. This is probably linked to the fact that normal immunity has not been built up over the preceding three years, for obvious reasons, e.g: staying apart.

Please ensure, if your child missed the **flu vaccine** that was offered at school, that you take them to the GP Surgery or Pharmacist to give them this important protection.

Unsurprisingly, the higher incidence of illness has led to lower than usual attendance. Please do not be offended if you receive a call or letter at the end of term. It is the duty of all schools to ensure good attendance, especially after a time when so many children have had interruptions to their education. The call or letter are simply to ask you to discuss any information that can help show the reasons for low attendance, and most importantly, to offer any help we can.

- If you are unsure when your child should, or should not attend school, please follow this link: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>
- If you would like to self-refer to the Public Health Nursing Team (**School Nurses**) you can contact: [0333 234 1903](tel:03332341903)
easternphnhub@devon.gov.uk
- If your child has a need for prescribed medication, or pain relief such as Calpol or Nurofen during the day, we can administer this. Please complete a form available from the office

Ethos Group

Genevieve, Ethan and Ayla have joined existing members of the Ethos Group; Charlotte, Serge and Polly. They will work together with Mr Thomas talking about the Christian Distinctiveness of our school.

Story & Rhyme

The next Story and Rhyme session in Ash Class is Thursday, 8th December at 2.40pm. Everyone with pre-school children is welcome to attend. Please tell any friends or neighbours who may be interested.



Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday, 8th December

The children are invited to wear non-uniform and a Christmas Jumper for a suggested donation of £1 which will be split between our Urafiki charity and Save the Children.

Christmas Letter

Please keep an eye out for a paper copy of our 'Christmas' letter. This contains information about how to order a Christmas dinner for your child. It will be the traditional roast turkey and trimmings (vegetarian strudel is an alternative) and chocolate fudge cake for dessert.

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