

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: Singing our songs for the nativity play.

Willow: Learning about natural and human made materials.

Beech: Making our clay Christmas decorations.

Oak: Teaching Willow Class to dance through the ages.

Christmas is happening! A small, rosy-cheeked, curly haired person (a pupil, not an elf) offered me my first "Merry Christmas Mrs Legg!" this morning, and my heart sang. I know lots of us will be going to the **Christmas Fayre** later, and I hope you have a wonderful time and win lots of prizes. There is also the annual wonder of **wreath-making**, this weekend. You will see Mrs Hunt, as well as members of the PTFA, all working hard behind the scenes, as helpful as an elf (one of the nice ones from the North Pole, not those naughty ones!). We thank them for all their efforts to create a wonderful Christmas for us all.

Welcome! This half term, we have welcomed three new children: Ares in Ash Class, Anuhas in Willow, and Ezekiel in Beech. All three boys have settled so quickly, it is as if they have always been here. We welcome the unique gifts each child brings to our school and look forward to getting to know them better every day.

We will also welcome a new teacher, who will join the Ash Team in the New Year for part of the week. Mrs Hunt remains the Leader of our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) unit, with Ms Hansford and Mrs Jordan, and we are recruiting a new teacher to increase our capacity. The person recruited will teach in Ash on a Friday and sometimes provide extra support for children with Speech, Language and Communication needs. We look forward to sharing the news of our new member of staff next week.

As well as saying 'Hello' to new people, we must also say 'Goodbye' to a long-standing member of our school family: Mr Dunning. Having taught here since 2014, he leaves us at the end of this term, to explore new opportunities, and we all wish him every success in the future (please pass on any messages to Mrs Davey in the Office). Miss Phillips, who has been teaching alongside Mr Dunning for several years, will take full responsibility for Oak Class, ably supported by Mrs Holohan. This has proven to be an extremely effective and positive partnership and will provide a smooth transition for the children of Oak.

Ash Nativity

A reminder this is on Tuesday, 13th December at 9.30am in the village hall. All Ash parents/carers/grandparents, etc are welcome to attend.

Whole School Christmas Production

Thursday, 15th December at 2pm and 6pm

Everyone is welcome to attend. The children in Oak Class will take their costumes home after the afternoon performance. Please could they change at home and all children should go straight to the village hall for 5.45pm.



Friday, 9th December 2022

Stars of the week:

Reception – Jack and Ares

Willow – Lacey

Beech – Ezekiel and Thomas

Oak – All of them

Next week:

Monday; WASP

Tuesday; WASP, Open the Book, Ash Class nativity – 9.30am

Wednesday; WASP, Christmas dinner

Thursday; WASP, Christmas Production – 2pm & 6pm

Friday; Last day of term – Celebration Collective Worship – 2.15pm

House Points

Attenborough: 51 Anning: 39

Well done Attenborough!

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Sportshall Athletics

Zach, Rory, Oliver, Elliot, Marley, Nazar, Sephira, Beth, Genevieve, Fiona, Tamara and Amber attended an Athletics event: well done all for your team spirit! Two of our athletes are also reporters and write the following:

We went to the Sports Hall Athletics at Honiton Community College, this week, We did every event: 1lap, 2 laps, 3 laps and more. When everyone was doing their events, the other people were cheering them on, being determined to finish and do their bit. Oliver

On Tuesday, 12 children from Oak Class took part in the Honiton sports hall athletics. We did field events, such as chest pass and triple jump and some track events. It was fun, but we were a bit tired at the end. However, we worked as a team to cheer each other on in the sporting activities. Sephira

Holiday Activities and Food programme Christmas 2022

Please see the separate letter for further information. There is an opportunity for those children who are in receipt of income based free school meals to benefit from FREE attendance at the club. Other children can attend, if there are spaces, for a charge. This is at Honiton Leisure Centre from 19th to 22nd December.

See also the flyer for a HAF scheme running from Littleton Primary School from Monday, 19th December until Thursday, 22nd December. This is only on offer to children who are eligible to receive benefit related free school meals, children assessed as being in need, looked after, have an Educational Healthcare Plan, assessed as otherwise vulnerable or living in high deprivation for whom it is free. See contact details on the form to apply. Mr Bardot, from Beech Class, as a qualified Sports Coach, will be taking part in the team running of this Club.

School Meals

Fresha is continuing the present menu into the new year until the end of March 2022. The children return to school in January on Thursday, 5th and the menu will start with Week 1. A copy is attached so you can keep track of what week the menu is working on.

Christmas Lunch – Christmas jumpers again!

A reminder we have a whole school Christmas dinner on Wednesday. We will all be going to the village hall to eat together. Children who are bringing a packed lunch will be coming too!

Christmas Bingo – Saturday, 10th December

Doors open 6.30pm. Eyes down 7.30pm. Village Hall. All welcome. Profits go to Offwell Sports and Social Club.

Christmas Cake Raffle – Sunday, 18th December in the Sports & Social Club.

Serving hot soup and crusty bread with a visit from Santa. Bar open from noon. All Club members, family and friends welcome.

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

End of Term Celebration Collective Worship

School breaks for Christmas on Friday, 16th December at 3.15pm. We will be holding our usual end of term Collective Worship at 2.15pm and parents/carers of children who have won an award will be invited to attend.

If your child is the holder of a termly trophy, please could this be returned to school as soon as possible. Thank you.



Amber, in Oak Class, and her swim team had their photo in the paper! This was Amber's first gala in Plymouth she swam both breaststroke and backstroke and came 5th.

We all very proud of her. Well done Amber!