

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 The Three Little Pigs and finding out about straw, sticks and bricks.

Willow: Colour mixing in Art.

Beech: Identifying different types of rocks.

Oak: Beginning to learn our songs for Exeter Cathedral.

Newsletters have gone out from each class, setting out new and exciting learning (and the important regular learning we all need) for this term. Each teaching team will be very happy to hear from you, regarding any questions, resources or even expertise you may have.

As educators, we know that our teaching works best when we are working together with you. The interest you show in what your child is learning, plus any interests, talents or skills you pass on, give your child the strong message that they and their learning matter to you.

However, none of us are experts in everything, so if you would like to know more about a subject and how to support your child with their learning, please let us know. Last term we offered a Phonics workshop, which was well attended. A few parents last time asked for workshops in other subjects, such as Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation (SPAG) and Maths. Therefore, I will share this idea with the Subject Leaders and we will plan to provide workshops in these key areas over the next two terms.



We need you: Thank you to the parents who have offered to take part in updating our website, so we can reflect all we do in the area of Special Needs and make access to this information as user-friendly as possible. I would also like to start up a termly meeting, where we can share what is working well and where we can help each other, to the benefit of our children.

Tea, coffee, and cake will be available in Oak Class from **3.30pm – 4.30 pm Monday January 30th**. If any other parents of children with additional needs would like to be involved, either in updating the website, or in a regular SEND meeting, please respond to the email that will be sent out. We need your views to support us to continue to help all our children to learn as well as possible.

RECYCLE: Don't throw away your old wellies!

Our welly wall, which reflects our love of nature and the welly walks we do each term, has started to show its age. If you have some pretty, but worn out old wellies, why not give them a new lease of life, by following the easy guide on the Dobbies Garden Centre website? We would be very grateful for any of your old, but beautiful wellies, but especially thankful if you have planted them up with something lovely, like snowdrops, daffodils, tulips, pansies, or any Spring and Autumn flowering plants. All you will need is a welly, a few stones, some compost, bulbs, seeds, or plants and a helpful adult.

<https://www.dobbies.com/recycled-welly-planters>



Friday, 13th January 2023

Stars of the week:

Reception – Skylar J

Willow – Eli

Beech – Rhys

Oak – Fiona

Next week:

Monday; WASP, Bellringing

Tuesday; WASP

Wednesday; WASP, Youth Speaks (some Oak)

Thursday; WASP, Booster Yr 6, Story & Rhyme, School Census Day

Friday: Art Club (Beech Class)

House Points

Attenborough: 75 Anning: 60

Well done Attenborough!

Story & Rhyme

The next Story and Rhyme session in Oak Class is next Thursday, 19th January at 2.40pm. Everyone with pre-school children is welcome to attend. Please pass this invitation on to any neighbours, friends, etc who may be interested.



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Equality Matters

As part of developing our vision, in recent training, staff explored ideas around equality. We looked at how education can remove barriers and create a positive future for all. We will look for opportunities to promote our inclusive approach to education continue to share the following ideas, through the language we use and the lessons we teach:

We are all unique, with our own ways of **being**, learning and living.

We all have things in common, when we take the time to look, listen and **learn** from each other.

We have the right to **live** protected from discrimination, especially on the basis of any of the nine protected characteristics:

- age
- disability
- gender reassignment
- marriage and civil partnership
- pregnancy and maternity
- race
- religion or belief
- sex
- sexual orientation



We all have more than one of these characteristics, so the law protects all of us. For more information, see:

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/equality-act/protected-characteristics>

E-Team Thanks

We would like to thank Jessica Rose's mum for bringing bags of bird feed in and offering to bring in some more. We would also like to thank the Dean-Stickles family for their generosity in providing us with bird food. The E-Team

Flu Immunisation Survey

HCRG School Aged Immunisation Team have now finished the flu delivery programme in Primary schools, and would very much value your feedback.

You are invited to complete a short survey using the link below, which is expected to take no longer than 5 minutes, and would really support the future service delivery.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=4B4rLKGo5kmoIFzkiQz0ZmNjq7rO9axJpK8-fQW1_HtUM0xKODdLNVNTS1JNRVJRT0tXM1lyMkFTTy4u

Please could all responses be provided by Friday 20th January.

Your child can still access their vaccination at a community clinic if you would like them to receive it, please contact 0300 247 0082 or by email on vcl.immunisations@nhs.net.

School Census Day

It is school census day on Thursday, 19th January and funding for our infant free school meals for the year depends on how many children is Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have a school lunch on that day. If your child would normally have a packed lunch on Thursdays, please could you encourage them to have a school lunch! The main meal is pizza with a vegetarian option but alternatively your child could have a jacket potato of their choice with tuna, cheese and/or beans.

Lunch Time Cover

We are appealing for help at lunchtimes! This would be a paid position! If you are interested, please speak to Mrs Davey or myself for further information. Ideally, we would like someone everyday but if you are only able to offer certain days of the week, we would still be interested.

Co-ordination Event

Some of our children took part in an event at the Leisure Centre earlier in the week and had a great time trying out archery and other sports.



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