

# Offwell C of E Primary School

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Dear Friends and Families of Offwell,

## Highlights of the Week:

**All classes:** The visit from the community police officers. We enjoyed meeting them and learning about what they wear. We also learnt about road safety and we enjoyed looking at their police car.

## National Day of Industrial Action

As explained in my email on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January, Teachers across the country, who belong to the National Education Union (NEU) have voted for strike action on **Wednesday 1st February**, as part of industrial action on teachers' pay and school funding, unless there is a resolution to the dispute before this date.

Conditions and decisions will vary from school to school, based on their particular circumstances, but taking these things into account in our school, the potential for strike action to affect our ability to offer suitable supervision and a good standard of education on that day is high.

I have taken the decision to close the school on that day, alongside our Chair of Governors, to give you as much notice as possible, so you can prioritise arranging suitable childcare for your children on that day. Our decision regarding the three possible further strike days - 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March - will follow after February 1st, so that you can make appropriate arrangements well in advance, if needed.

As mentioned, to limit any impact on our pupils' learning, especially those who need more support and practice, activities will be posted on Google Classroom and Tapestry, our learning platforms, by the end of this week, or emailed in advance. Please contact us before February 1st, so we can assist you with any issues.

## Holocaust Memorial Day

This day marks the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, 78 years ago. It takes place every year on 27th January. The theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2023 is **Ordinary People**.

Each year, across the UK, people come together to learn more about the past and take action to create a safer future. On Holocaust Memorial Day we remember all those who were affected by the genocides in Germany, Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. These genocides represent a failure of humanity to learn from the Holocaust and are a reminder that we must be prepared to guard against genocide happening again in the future. Together, we need to face the lessons of the past; **be** courageous advocates of equality and **learn** to **live** well together.

You can find out more information about the theme on the Holocaust Memorial Day website. There are many different ways to get involved, for children aged eight and over. HMD resources have been shared with teachers and you can access them here: <https://www.hmd.org.uk/take-part-in-holocaust-memorial-day/schools/>

*"There is nothing we can do about the past, but we can do a lot about the present and the future."* (Zigi Shipper BEM, survivor of the Holocaust, who died yesterday)



Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023

## Stars of the week:

Reception – Ophelia  
Willow – Hetty  
Beech – Jessica R & Lily  
Oak – Beth & Genevieve



## Next week:

**Monday;** WASP, Bell Ringing (Yr 6), SEND Meeting  
**Tuesday;** WASP  
**WEDNESDAY: SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS**  
**Thursday;** WASP, Booster (Yr 6)  
**Friday:** Art Club



## House Points

**Attenborough: 101 Anning: 82**  
Well done Attenborough!

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## Thank You for the Wellies - a few more, please!

Many thanks to Lewis and Sophie's Mum, who has very kindly and efficiently cleared the wall of the worst of the old wellies, and divided up the viable plants between the remaining good wellies. She has done a brilliant job and they now look tidy and ready to give us some well needed spring colour.



We have had a donation of a pair of tiny red wellies, full of snowdrops, from Anna, Sofiiia, Nazar and Pavlo's Mum, which look great. I think we have room for a few more, especially any brightly coloured or patterned ones. So, if you happen to have a couple, or even the odd one, that you or your children have grown out of, we would be very grateful, and it gives those old boots a new lease of life.

The Dobbies website (shared previously) gives easy instructions for you to create a tiny, recycled garden display. <https://www.dobbies.com/recycled-welly-planters>

## Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND) Meeting – Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> January 3.30pm – Oak Classroom

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, this is a reminder of our first termly SEND meeting. All parents/carers with children with SEND are welcome to attend.

## Hoodies

A few people have asked for a new 'Be Well, Learn Well, Live Well' hoody. If enough are required, we will place an order. Please email [admin@offwell-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@offwell-primary.devon.sch.uk) if you would like to order one for your child. They cost £15 each.



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

