

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: All of the wonderful World Book Day activities: listening to stories, acting out our favourite books, reading giant books, making bookmarks, guessing characters in a book quiz but most of all pretending to be different characters such as 'running as fast as we can,' like the Gingerbread Man!

Willow: Learning about jobs in the 17th century including the Gong Farmer!

Beech: Writing our chapters based on the book 'The Owl who was afraid of the dark'.

Oak: Making our Offwell themed World Book Day bookmarks.



Yesterday was World Book Day – changing lives through books and reading. It has been a genuine pleasure to share the love of books we, at school, all share. Miss Kirkland organised a day of literary activities. The children have had the opportunity to hear and see stories and books read by different members of staff, which have taken them across time and space:

'This is more vital than ever as **this World Book Day, half a million children in England don't own a single book.** '

Let's make sure all our children have access to the wonderful world of literature. Look out for your World Book Day token, and for the myriad of titles your child can purchase with their £1, up to the 26th of March. There was also a second hand book stall after school where lots of people gave a good home to a pre-loved book.

Thank you for helping your child to view the world through other people's eyes and words; it is even possible to explore other worlds, space and time, while staying comfortably at home!



Comic Relief – Red Nose Day – Friday 17th March 2023

It's just around the corner, so to join in with the fun, our School Council, ably supported by Miss Kirkland (who has been busy this week!) have organised a sponsored walk (obviously with noses on)

We know that four laps of our field equals one mile, from previous challenges, so the event will take place during PE

lessons across the week, with the aim of the whole school achieving a grand total of 50 miles (not individually)!

A letter will be sent out with a sponsor form for you to support your child's charitable efforts. This is an opportunity to learn about conditions faced by people across the world and to contribute to making life better for others. In addition, all are welcome to wear red on the day, for a 50p donation. All money goes to Comic Relief and you can donate here:

<https://www.comicrelief.com/homepage>

We are not selling red noses at school this year as they are available from Amazon or through the Comic Relief shop using the above link.



Friday, 3rd March 2023

Stars of the week:

Reception – Ellie

Willow – Freddie

Beech – Aria and Pavlo

Oak – Serge

Next week:

Monday; WASP

Tuesday; WASP

Wednesday; WASP, Ash welly walk, World Maths Day

Thursday; WASP, Yr 6 Booster

Friday; Celebration Collective Worship, Chorister workshop - Oak

Saturday; Chorister Performance – Exeter Cathedral – Oak Class – all invited to this free event.

Introducing 2023's
£1/£1.50 books
for all ages



House Points

Attenborough: 70 Anning: 83

Well done Anning!

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We have a new **Parent Governor!**
Thanks to Will Isaac, who has come forward following our most recent call for members. We are extremely grateful to everyone who is willing and able to support the school. There remains a vacancy, which we would be delighted to be able to fill. Please come and see me, Mrs Davey, Mrs Holohan, Mr Thomas, or

either of our parent governors: Victoria Kyberd, or Will Isaac (although maybe give him a few weeks to settle in first!), if you would like to know more. We can be put off, sometimes, by simply thinking 'it's not for me', but the fact that this is your child's school is basically almost the only qualification you need.

Save the date and get ready to dress up and get down – **24th March** – it's the **School Disco!**

Parents of children in Ash and Willow are asked to attend (so they can help their little one if distressed), parents of other children are able to leave or stay as they choose, as long as they collect their child promptly! We will share timings as soon as we can.

Advertisement: We have need for a temporary, part-time Teaching Assistant position in Willow, for one hour each morning. This would be, initially, for the rest of the academic year. After a suitable recruitment process, we would hope that the person employed could start as soon as possible.

The role would involve arriving at 8.30am, to be available until 9.30am, to undertake any preparation required by the teacher, Mr Thomas, and principally to welcome the children, ensuring that books and book bags have been sorted out, as well as settling in any child who might be feeling a little unsure that morning. If childcare is an issue, our Breakfast Club is available, free of charge, as a member of staff.

Please apply, in the first instance, via Mrs Davey in the School Office, who will explain the application process.



World Maths Day – 8th March

We will be celebrating World Maths Day next Wednesday in school. The theme this year is Mathematics for Everyone!

Tag Rugby

Well done to our Tag Rugby team made up of Amelia, Nazar, Daisie, Maisie, Amber, Fiona, Zach, and Elliot. They played other schools from the Local Learning Community and showed great team spirit. They improved hugely from the first tournament. Well done!

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

Headlice

We have had a report of a child with headlice this week. Please could you check your child's hair and treat if necessary before returning to school on Monday.

WASP and Early Morning Club

All attendance has been input into Parentpay for last half term's WASP and Early Morning Clubs. If you pay in this way, please visit Parentpay and make payment as soon as possible. Thank you.

