

# 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:** Flying our air ambulance to rescue pets in peril, before looking after them in our hospital.

**Willow:** Doing our sponsored walk in the rain but with smiling faces.

**Beech:** Taking part in the Comic Relief sponsored walk. Also, helping to make Miss Parsons' last day with us a special one. Thank you to Miss Parsons for everything you have done for us.

**Oak:** Starting our geography work. We have been talking about time zones, climate zones, continents and oceans.

**Love and respect** to Mothers, Step Mothers, Grandmothers, Foster Mothers and all the wonderful women who have ever cared for us!

## Choral wonder at Exeter Cathedral

Last Saturday, fifteen of our Year 5 and 6 pupils performed their song (a mix of Blinded/I am Light, by Stormzy/India Arie) before a packed cathedral audience. Miss Phillips, Mrs Holohan and I were filled with delight at their wonderful singing and felt so proud of the resilience and confidence they displayed. We felt privileged to be able to hear choirs from five schools (Honiton, Littleton, Offwell, Stockland and Upottery) perform together with the Exeter Choristers in such a sublime setting. It was fantastic that so many parents, carers, relatives and friends came to watch and cheer everyone on; it was a truly memorable experience.

## Sponsored Walk for Charity

During a wet afternoon this week, children from Nursery upwards walked (and walked and walked!) around the field, with younger classes managing 59 miles, and our oldest class managing 92 miles! So, we are proud to declare we managed a total of 151 miles! This is part of The School Council's clever and courageous bid to walk a total of 100 miles for Red Nose charities. Thanks to all staff, family and friends who have supported us in undertaking and exceeding in this worthwhile challenge.

## Happy families

While Covid and Lockdowns are now, thankfully, out of the headlines, we have all - each person, family, school and country - gone through an enormous change to how we live and learn, which has naturally impacted on how we all think and feel. This site provides loads of links to clever, kind and helpful sites that support parents, carers and children to deal with the challenges of life that we all face. The subjects below are only a taster - there are nearly as many topics again! Please talk to us, too, and we will do all we can to advise and support your child in school. <https://happymaps.co.uk/age-group/primaryschool/>



Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## Stars of the week:

Reception – All of them!

Willow – Esme

Beech – Thomas, Zak

Oak – Choristers

## Next week:

**Monday;** WASP, Bikeability (Yr 5), Ash welly walk

**Tuesday;** WASP, Open the Book

**Wednesday;** WASP,

**Thursday;** WASP, Story & Rhyme,

Yr 6 Booster

**Friday;** Celebration Collective, PTFA Disco

## House Points

**Attenborough: 28 Anning: 33**

Well done Anning! !

## Church Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed the Community and Church Survey from last week's newsletter. Unfortunately, one of the links was incorrect so the correct ones are repeated below. It would be great to have some more responses.

Church Survey -

<https://forms.gle/qmnEjNQgxQ3L8iPK9>

Community Survey -

<https://forms.gle/A5yVCRJjgeBiNMmN7>

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## All weather gear

We know that the weather has been unpredictable and can change from a being bright and beautiful, to grim and wild, in the course of an hour, let alone a day. We try to get the children out as often as possible, but have had several children without coats with hoods, or even without coats at all. Please, therefore, make sure your child is wearing suitable clothing for the time of year.

## Story and Rhyme

The next Story and Rhyme session will be on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 2.40pm in Ash Class. If you have pre-school children, or a child in Ash, please come along. Everyone is welcome so please tell any neighbours or friends who may be interested.



## Year 3/4 Tag Rugby



A huge well done to Zak, Ethan, Thomas, Rhys, Taylor, Tilly, Jessica and Ayla for taking part in a Learning Community Tag Rugby Tournament against other local schools. They came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall which means they will go on to the next round.



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



## This Sunday is Mothering Sunday at St Mary's Church Offwell.

At our all age family services this Sunday you should expect bright colourful flowers, yummy chocolates, a who's who puzzle, on top of a very warm welcome from everyone at St Mary's.

**We will also be giving out packets of Cornflower seeds.** Cornflowers are a preferred wildflower of King Charles III. He is often seen wearing a cornflower in his lapel buttonhole, and it was one of the flowers used in the bloom display at the Tower of London for his mother's Jubilee. We'd love you to sow these seeds in the hope they will bloom in time for September when King Charles will be marking the anniversary of his mother's death. They may even bloom in time for our special Coronation service on May 7th.

Did you know that Mothering Sunday was the day that everyone returned to their 'mother' church. It retains the 16th century practice of returning home from domestic service to visit church and family – picking flowers on the way to give to mothers and decorate the church.

Do join us for our services this Sunday.

9.30am at St Cuthbert's Widworthy or

10.30am at St Mary's Offwell.

Rev Jeremy Putnam

