



# Offenham C E First School Newsletter – 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

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**JUST A REMINDER – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June will be a teacher training day and children are not required to be at school that day.**



## SPORTS DAY

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our family picnic and sports day on Wednesday – it was a wonderful afternoon and we were so blessed that the sun shone.



Rubies were the overall winners



Leavers' race – girls

1<sup>st</sup> place – Olivia

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Sofia

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Aimee



Leavers' race – boys

1<sup>st</sup> place – Victor

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Ethan V

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Charlie



Toddler race

1<sup>st</sup> place – Martha

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Pippa

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Leia



## CLUBS LIST

You will have received a club list with details of places at clubs after half term. There are now no spaces available in country dancing as we are already over-subscribed. Thank you for the prompt return of slips.



## Thank You

A huge thank you to our governors – Mr Arthur, Mr Enstone and Mr Webb for accompanying us on our trip yesterday. We are so grateful for your time and enthusiasm.

Thank You!

## A New Opportunity

Mrs Nicol has been offered an opportunity to work with Cleeve Prior School for one day a week as their Executive Head. It will be 'business as usual' here at Offenham with Mrs Daniels, our assistant head covering for Mrs Nicol when she is out.

# Houses of Parliament

What a day we had! The children in Year 4 and 5 had a superb time in London yesterday visiting the houses of Parliament. Throughout the visit we had the opportunity to visit different rooms and areas such as Westminster Hall, House of Commons and the House of Lords. Along the way we learned lots of amazing facts as well as asking lots of questions to find out even more - we were very inquisitive! After our tour we also took part in a workshop which told us all about how parliament works and how laws are made. The debating part of the workshop was our favourite with us having to give lots of reasons to support / not support the main idea (such as banning homework). Later in the workshop we also met and spoke to Nigel Huddleston, our local MP. We had lots of interesting questions to ask him which helped us to understand his job and Parliaments job even more. The trip to London and back was long however we saw some sights on the way, such as the London Eye and Wembley Stadium. The children had a fantastic day, we as staff were very proud of their exemplary behaviour and we learnt lots too.



## DIARY DATES



**HALF TERM**..... 29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June**.....TED Day

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June – 9<sup>th</sup> June**..... Y4 and Y5 trip to Whitemoor Lakes

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June** .....Wake Day

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June**.....Y5 Bell Boating

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June**.....Class and Leavers photos

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June**.....Move Up Day

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June** (after celebration assembly) .....Tea and Talk

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July**.....Y5 leavers trio to Legoland

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July**.....Fun Evening & Camp over

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July**.....Eye Test for Reception children

**TERM ENDS** ..... **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

**No maypole after school  
on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June  
due to residential.**



## DIARY DATES



## PTA DIARY DATES

**June**

**24<sup>th</sup> - Night at the Proms**

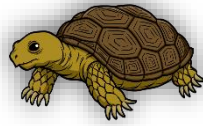
**Don't forget to follow Offenham First School  
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# Music Box



This week's piece of music from the Carnival of Animals is entitled – The Tortoise. Saint Saens wrote this as a parody of the 'Infernal Galop' by Offenbach, otherwise known as the 'Can Can'.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zWytgJy-u8w>



Here is the slower version by Saint Saens – the music starts at 44 seconds. Can you imagine the tortoises doing the 'Can-Can'?



## Thought of the Week ...

This week we have thought about meekness in our assemblies, in particular, the power that is found in being truly meek.

Interestingly, when our year four and five children met with our MP Nigel Huddleston, he was talking about the importance of humility in power.

Here's a quote from – Lidia Longorio - author of 'Hey Humanity'

**"You are meek**

**A trait few seek**

**Mistaking it for weak"**

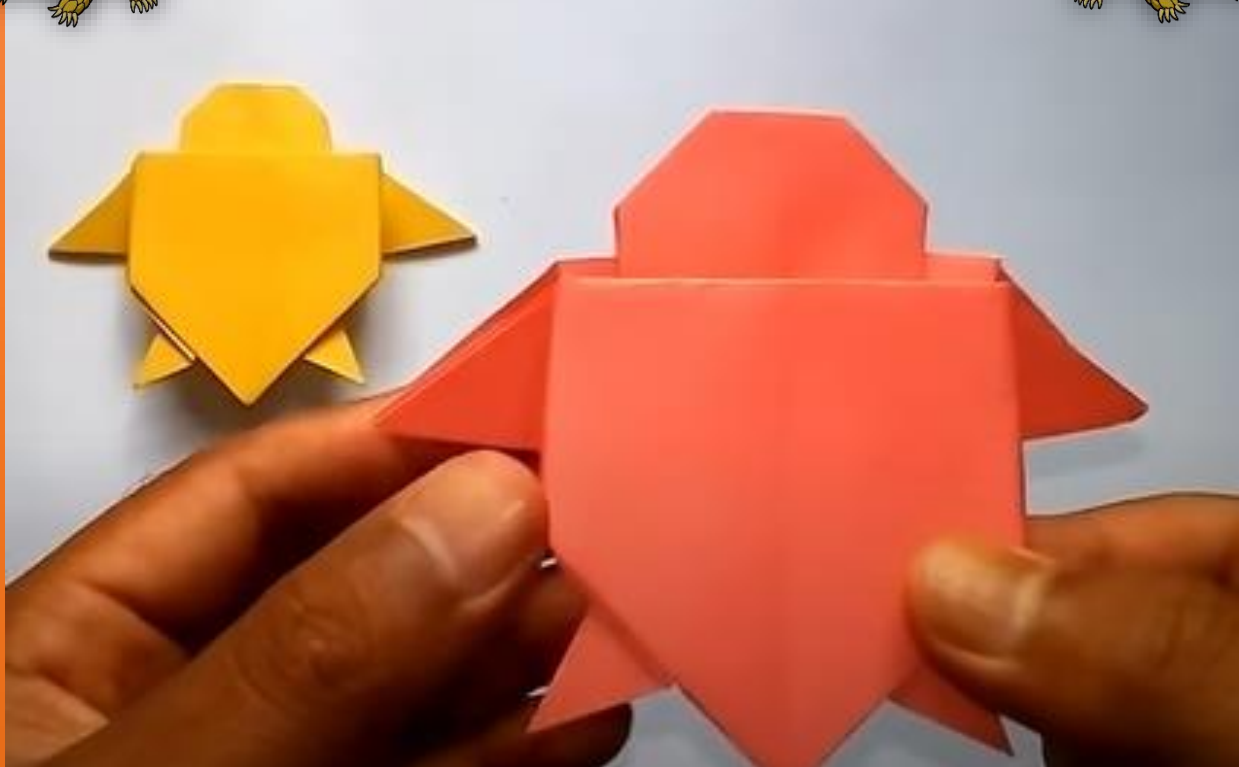


## Artbox


Some of you in KS2 loved making origami butterflies for our Vision Day. Here's a video teaching you how to make an origami tortoise/turtle.

Why not have a go at making one during half term?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NDeVeYaVsJg>



# REMINDEERS

 **RECYCLING** - We have a recycling drop-off point in our entrance area - you can bring your pens, batteries and empty crisp packets.



## REMINDER – SCHOOL MEALS

School meals must be ordered on ParentPay by Thursday of the week before. **ANY ORDERS LATER THAN THAT WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.**

## Tea and Talk

The next dates is 30<sup>th</sup> June.



## COATS in SCHOOL

Please make sure that your child has a coat in school every day regardless of the weather in the morning.



**Water bottles** - Children should bring a water bottle with them each day.

If your child would like juice at lunch time, please send another bottle.

**ONLY WATER IN CLASS.**



## Move Up Day – Transition Day

This exciting day will take place on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Here in school, all children will move to their new classes and we will invite the new Reception starters in for a short time into their new class. Children moving to Middle school will attend their new school and details of their day will be sent out to Y5 parents from their next school.



**Viv Bear – Sofia-Lily**

**Cheer Bear – Lucy**

**Sports Award – Ava**



## Awards This Week:



## Stars of the Week

**Avon – Henry H**

**Malvern - Jesse**

**Cotswold – Esme**

**Severn – Lily**



**Golden Apples awarded this week:**



**Avon – Henry H & Isla V**



**Malvern – Tyler & Jacob W**



**Cotswold – Isla D & Harry**

**Severn – Aimee & Rebecca**



## Birthdays

This week, we celebrate the birthdays of Ava, Khloe, Lucy, Noah A and Ethan S.

Father God, today we celebrate the birthdays of Ava, Khloe, Lucy, Noah and Ethan and we say thank you that they are part of our school family. We pray that they may grow in wisdom and grace; give dignity and respect to others and that they may know your hope and joy every day. Strengthen and bless them on their birthday and every day throughout the next year. Amen.



## Housepoints



**1<sup>st</sup> -Emeralds** with 298 housepoints

**2<sup>nd</sup> -Rubies** with 281 housepoints

**3<sup>rd</sup> -Sapphires** with 274 housepoints



We wish you all a very happy half term break.

