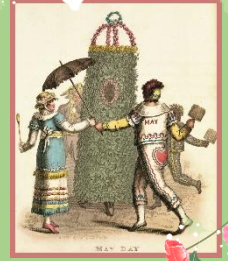




## VILLAGE MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS

Make sure to head down to the Maypole from 6pm on Bank Holiday Monday for this wonderful village tradition.



## Attendance

Our school target for attendance is 95% but we encourage everyone – both children and adults - to aim for 100% attendance.

Attendance is monitored daily and we will be sending out text alerts to families whose children's attendance falls between 90% and 95%. If your child's attendance falls below 90%, regardless of the reasons, you will receive a letter. Texts and letters will be sent out early next week.

We understand that some absence is unavoidable - illness and hospital medical appointments cannot be avoided.



Other medical appointments such as dentist, optician and GP should be, where possible, made outside of school hours.

Holidays should not be taken in school time. Almost all holidays will be unauthorised absence. Only in some exceptional circumstances will holidays be authorised. More information concerning these matters can be found in our attendance policy, which is on our website.

## Coronation Celebrations in School



We are planning an afternoon of celebrations next Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May to commemorate the King's Coronation.

Please could children come to school wearing something red, white and blue in any combination. We request no football or sports kits on that day.

We will be having an outside picnic – weather permitting – and so would ask that every child brings a packed lunch on that day. There will be no hot lunch provision on this day.

## School Nurse

Earlier this week I met with our new School Nurse Emma Carpenter. It was a really good opportunity for me to get to know her and to discuss what the School Nursing Team can offer our school and its families. Why not visit the 'Starting well' website as well as the 'Action for children' website for advice, tips, ideas and signposts.

<https://www.startingwellworcs.nhs.uk/families>

<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/>



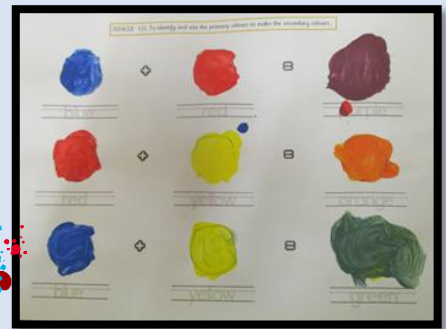
**Website** - Please be patient as we wait for our website to be moved to a different provider. Some areas are inaccessible from our administrator login and some areas, such as the PTA, school opening times and policies are not able to be updated. We are so looking forward to having a new website very soon!

## This Week in Malvern and Cotswold Classes...

In art this half term, our focus is all about colour and the different ways colours are made. Last week, Year one started to explore which primary colours, when mixed together, made the secondary colours. Year two used their existing colour knowledge to create pictures by allowing watery paint to slowly mix together and create different shades of secondary colours.




Malvern class love art lessons, especially when we have the opportunity to get messy!



In Cotswold Class in our Design and Technology lessons, we are making a sling shot car. We have already used our skills to create a moving chassis. We have used glue guns to attach the different parts together. We are now creating the body work to go onto our cars. We are trying to use symmetrical designs so that both sides of the car look the same.



When our cars are completed, we will attach a rubber band and then propel them to see how far they travel. We are really looking forward to this! ..... 

## DIARY DATES

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May** .....Bank Holiday  
**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May**..... Coronation Celebrations in School  
**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May** .....Bank Holiday  
**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May** ..... Spring Fayre  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May**.....Walk In Wednesday  
**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May**..... Sports Day  
**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May**.....Y4 & Y5 trip to Houses of Parliament  
**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May**.....Reserve Sports Day  
**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  
**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June** (after celebration assembly) .....Tea and Talk  
**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July**.....**CANCELLED**.....Y5 Brass Concert @ PHSS  
**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July**.....Fun Evening & Camp over  
**TERM ENDS** ..... **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

The Year 5 brass concert at PHSS has been cancelled. Sorry for the disappointment.



## DIARY DATES

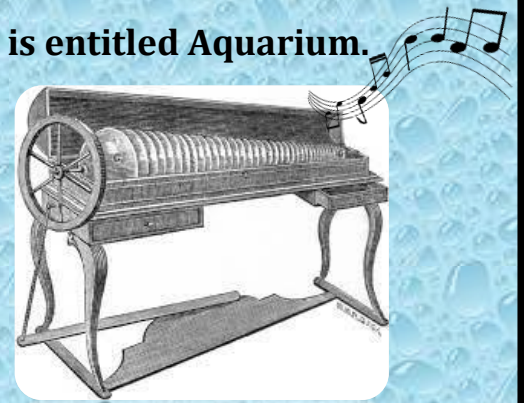
### PTA DIARY DATES

**May**  
 12<sup>th</sup> - Non-uniform Day – (cake)  
 13<sup>th</sup> - SPRING FAYRE 1-4pm  
**June**  
 24<sup>th</sup> - Night at the Proms

*Don't forget to follow Offenham First School Information Page on Facebook for more information.*

# Music Box

This week's piece of music from the Carnival of Animals is entitled Aquarium.



Look out for the glass armonica being played in the background. It is apparently one of the most dangerous instruments to play. What do you think?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K0x7zm05ppw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ibU0Z3Kp7vk> - here's a link to a clip about the armonica.



## Stamps for Leprosy Mission

We recently received an email thanking us for the huge number of used stamps we collected for the work of The Leprosy Mission. Our contributions were used to raise money for people affected by leprosy.

Did you know that every two minutes, across the world, someone is diagnosed with leprosy. That's more than 200,000 new cases a year. Although it is curable, millions of people worldwide are living with the effects of the disease, from physical disability to mental health problems, poverty and discrimination.

Unfortunately, we are no longer collecting stamps for The Leprosy Mission because the value of stamps has decreased so much and this is not a sustainable part of their work. Look out for details about other fundraising opportunities for this charity.



Thank you to Mrs Cielava for her kind donation of plants to make our planters beautiful.

## Thought of the Week ...

This half term we will be thinking about the 'upside-down' nature of the kingdom of God – where everything is 'flipped'. This week we've been thinking about how, in the Kingdom of God, everyone is seen, no-one is forgotten and everyone is welcome.

Remember: A smile is a sign of welcome so make sure to be liberal with your smiles!




## Artbox

Topsy Turvey art by Giuseppe Arcimboldo. Giuseppe was an Italian renaissance painter best known for creating imaginative portrait heads made entirely of objects such as fruits, vegetables, flowers, fish and books. This painting could be viewed both ways either as a fruit bowl or a face!



# REMINDERS

 **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.**



 **Tea and Talk** - We had a very select group this morning - just two parents joining me for a cuppa. Our main point of discussion was our school website and the possibility of teachers posting more photographs of special occasions and trips. This will be discussed with staff.







## Awards This Week:



 **Viv Bear - Henry H**  
 **Cheer Bear - Chloe**  
 **Sports Award - Isla S**

## Golden Apples awarded this week:

 **Avon - Brody H & Edey**  
 **Malvern - Leon & Noah S-T**  
 **Cotswold - Egons & Ellie**  
 **Severn - Alex & Aimee**



## Stars of the Week

**Avon - Eze**  
**Malvern - Jacob M**  
**Cotswold - Alina (we will celebrate with Alina next week)**  
**Severn - Logan**

## Birthdays

This week we celebrate the birthdays of Jacob W, Skylar & Sofia-Lily

Father God, today we celebrate the birthdays of Jacob, Skylar & Sofia-Lily 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> - Rubies** with 244 housepoints  
**2<sup>nd</sup> - Emeralds** with 243 housepoints  
**3<sup>rd</sup> - Sapphires** with 208 housepoints

## Attendance

**Avon -92.5%**      **Malvern -92.2%**  
**Cotswold -98.9%**      **Severn -99.5%**  
**Overall -95.4%**