



# Offenham C E First School

## Newsletter – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023

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### Contact Details – Are all your contact details up to date?

If you change your home phone/email/mobile number, please let the school know, so that we have the most up-to-date contact details.



**Safeguarding – Childnet** - Online Resources Childnet has created a set of free, adaptable resources that cover the important topics of healthy relationships and digital wellbeing, which are designed to equip and enable parents and carers, to support children and parents with the online world.

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/parent-and-carer-toolkit/>



### Mental Health and Well Being

Good Thinking is a Digital Mental Wellbeing website that has various support for young people, parents and carers. You will find help on topics such as sleep, anxiety low mood and stress. There are podcasts, apps, workbooks, and guides together with assessments that you can take. <https://www.good-thinking.uk/parents-and-carers>



**Important** - Please do not forget to order lunch choices for the week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> April by THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup> MARCH.



**Non-prescribed Medicines, Cough Sweets and Creams** - We are not able to administer any medications other than those prescribed by a GP. Please do **not** send your child into school with any cough sweets or cream in their bags. If your child is able to apply non-prescribed cream such as Sudocrem on dry patches, this can be brought into the office and your child should come to the office to apply it there.

Cough sweets or throat sweets should **not** be brought into school. There is a danger of them being shared and they could be an allergen for some children or become a choking hazard.

**BRASS WORKSHOP** - On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March, some Year five children went to Prince Henry's High School for a music workshop. The people who went were: Myself (Ethan V), Aimee, Charlie, Noah, Ethan S, Victor, Stanley, Jessica, Logan and Mija. When we arrived, it was massive! We went in with six people from Blackminster school. As everyone walked into the Prince Henry Music block, the bigger instruments (Tuba, Trombone and Baritone) went into the room on the left-hand side. Cornets, Trumpets, and Flutes went into a room on the right side. Our teacher was really nice and helpful, he made all our different music notes sound great together, it all made sense and everyone agreed with that.

Our sheets of music were called: 'What Should We Do with a Drunken Sailor', 'Blues', 'Lest We March' and 'Sunset Orange'.



After a half an hour of GREAT practice, everyone in both rooms went out to the massive playground for a 10- 15 minutes break. We came back in for more practice and finally everyone from both music rooms walked over to the Art centre (Henrician) where we all practiced together for the first time and it couldn't have gone any better. We are now looking forward to meeting again in July for our concert. *By Ethan Vale*



A huge thank you to Mrs Ellis for planning and organising our Vision art project and for working at the weekend to put it all together. Thank you to Mr Ellis for scaling very tall ladders to position the beautiful butterflies created by Malvern and Cotswold class. Thank you too, to Mrs Bindley and Mrs Steward for painting the furniture.

We are not quite finished, we just need to refurbish the seating area but it is looking good so far – there has been a lot of transformation!

## Tea and Talk



Thank you to those parents who came to Tea and Talk this morning. We discussed issues of uniform, parking, clubs, trips, and the possibility of 'buddy-up' schemes, a 'Break the Norm' day, Welfare Dog visits with Freya the dog and further diversity days.

I will take all of these issues to staff and appropriate pupil ministries. It would be good to see more of you next time as we work together to make our school an even better place for everyone. The next dates are 28<sup>th</sup> April and 30<sup>th</sup> June.

Thank you to Councillor and Mrs Farmer for attending our assembly this morning. Thank you to the Parish Council for their donation towards Easter eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt.



Coronation Commemorative mugs purchased for each child by the Parish council will be distributed after the Easter holidays just in time to raise a glass to his majesty.

## Easter Bonnets

Our Easter bonnet parade will take place in school next Friday. Enjoy getting your bonnets ready!



## DIARY DATES

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Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March.....RE Trip to Birmingham  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 6pm..... Reception Parents Information Evening  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March.....Easter Bonnet Parade  
**TERM ENDS.....Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March**  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April .....Messy Church (at school) 9.30-12.30pm  
**SUMMER TERM STARTS..... Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April**  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April (after celebration assembly).....Tea and Talk  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May..... Coronation Celebrations in School  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May ..... Spring Fayre  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May..... Sports Day and Walk-In-Wednesday  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May.....Reserve Sports Day  
**HALF TERM..... 29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June**  
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  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July.....Walk-In-Wednesday  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July.....Y5 Brass Concert @ PHSS  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July.....Fun Evening & Campover  
**TERM ENDS ..... Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

### PTA DIARY DATES

**March**  
24<sup>th</sup> -Easter Bingo – **SOLD OUT**  
30<sup>th</sup> - A-Plan Easter Tombola  
31<sup>st</sup> - Non-Uniform Day (sweet jars)  
**April**  
12<sup>th</sup> - Fundraising Quiz @ Boat Lane Brewery  
21<sup>st</sup> - Non-uniform Day (bottle)  
28<sup>th</sup> - Wear your pjs followed by Movie Night  
**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.*



# 'Dog Poo' Poster - Thank you to everyone who created a poster.

The winners from each class are as follows: Reception - Olivia

Year one - Oran

Year two - Annabelle

Year three - Ellie

Year four - Amber

Year five - Charlie



## Thought of the Week ...

This week we looked at the account of Jesus washing his disciples' feet and thought about how serving others is a good example of how to live well in community.

When you next do an act of service for someone, whether they know it was you or even thank you for it, remember this:

*"A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle." - James Keller*



## Artbox

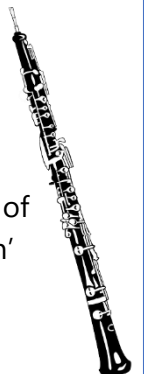
Jesus washes his disciples' feet



## Music Box -




This week we have been listening to a piece of music that we've listened to in the past. It's a piece of music from the film - 'The Mission' entitled 'Gabriel's oboe' by Ennio Morricone



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2WJhax7Jmxx>

# 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

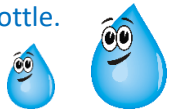
School meals must be ordered on ParentPay by Thursday of the week before. **ANY ORDERS LATER THAN THAT WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.**

## Messy Church



9.30 - 12.30 - 7<sup>th</sup> April  
Offenham School Hall.

**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.**



## NEW EVENT AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Friday Family and Friends Monthly Get Together  
Starting Friday 31st March 2023, 6-9pm

Chat, relax, listen to music and have a drink from our licensed bar.  
Board games for the children.




## Awards This Week:


### Golden Apples awarded this week:

-  **Avon** - Sofia-Lily & Imogen
-  **Malvern** - Jack P & Arthur E
-  **Cotswold** - Jack A & Arthur D
-  **Severn** - Lily S & Olivia D



**Stars of the Week**  
 **Avon - Sofia-Lily**   
**Malvern - Annabelle**  
**Cotswold - Simon**  
**Severn - Darcey**

 **Viv Bear - Harry J**   
**Cheer Bear - Maisy**  
**Sports Award - Brody H** 

 **Housepoints**   
**1<sup>st</sup> - Emeralds with 321 housepoints**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> - Sapphires with 312 housepoints**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> - Rubies with 294 housepoints**



## Birthdays

This week we celebrate the birthdays of Anjuna & Arthur

Father God, today we celebrate the birthday of Anjuna and Arthur 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.

## Attendance



**Avon -94.8%**      **Malvern -98.2%**  
**Cotswold -95.3%**      **Severn -97.5%**  
**Overall -96.4%**