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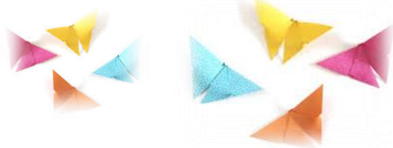
Following a risk assessment we have taken the decision to open school to everyone on Wednesday the 15th but will need to close school on the 16th to both Malvern and Severn Class. Avon and Cotswold class will be open as normal.

As with the previous strike day, should you wish your child to access work on that day may we encourage you to visit www.thenational.academy.

Select your child's year group and lesson focus.

VISION DAY

We had a great day yesterday creating components for our updated Vision Tree. We have re-visited and reactivated our thinking and learning about the three words that sum up our school vision.



LOVE TRANSFORMATION GROWTH



Each class had a different focus for their art work.

Together, Avon class made a large caterpillar using 'modge podge' – it was quite messy but great fun! They also worked together to create a floppy butterfly made out of felt. They made a floppy butterfly because butterflies have to struggle to get out of their cocoons and are always floppy when they first emerge. In our assembly on Wednesday, we thought about how struggles can be good for us and mistakes can be marvellous and help us to learn perseverance and help us to grow.

Malvern class have written a separate report for us.

Cotswold class created a garden of beautiful flowers using plastic drinks bottles as well as making lots of pom-poms for the bodies of the huge butterflies created by Malvern.

Severn class created intricate origami butterflies and lots of beautiful butterflies made out of milk bottles.

Mrs Ellis and her team will now assemble all the components and update our school vision tree.

Our thanks go to Mrs Ellis for all her hard work.



THANK YOU

Thank you to the fabric shop in Evesham who kindly gave us a discount on our new maypole ribbons



This Week in Malvern Class ...

As a school, we have been reflecting and thinking about our school vision of Love, Transformation and Growth. Each class was given an art project to complete and Malvern's task was to create our own fruits and assemble the butterfly wings. Using our teamwork, communication, patience and problem-solving skills, we successfully added to our overall vision as a school in our own unique way. We had so much fun creating our vision and we cannot wait to share it with you all!



Intergenerational Reading Project

Last week, some of our children visited Cavendish Park again to take a look at the Chitty, Chitty Bang, Bang room that the staff had created for their residents to celebrate World Book Day. On World Book Day we welcomed three residents to school to listen to some of our readers. It is such a pleasure to see the way that our children interact with the residents and the joy that being with one

another brings.

We are so grateful for the opportunity to welcome them to school and look forward to seeing this project develop.



DIARY DATES

Monday 20th MarchY5 Brass workshop PHHS
 Tuesday 21st MarchParents' Evening Avon & Malvern via zoom
 Wednesday 22nd March..Parents' Evening Cotswold & Severn via zoom
 Thursday 23rd MarchParents' Evening All classes face to face
 Friday 24th March (after celebration assembly).....Tea and Talk
 Wednesday 29th March.....RE Trip to Birmingham
 Thursday 30th March 6pm..... Reception Parents Information Evening
TERM ENDS.....Friday 31st March
 Friday 7th AprilMessy Church (at school) 9-12.30pm
SUMMER TERM STARTS..... Monday 17th April
 Friday 28th April (after celebration assembly).....Tea and Talk
 Friday 5th May..... Coronation Celebrations in School
 Saturday 13th May Spring Fayre
 Wednesday 24th May..... Sports Day and Walk-In-Wednesday
 Thursday 25th May.....Reserve Sports Day
HALF TERM..... 29th May – 2nd June
 Wednesday 7th June – 9th June..... Y4 and Y5 trip to Whitmoor Lakes
 Saturday 10th JuneWake Day
 Monday 12th June.....Y5 Bell Boating
 Friday 30th June (after celebration assembly)Tea and Talk
 Wednesday 12th July.....Walk-In-Wednesday
 Thursday 13th July.....Y5 Brass Concert @ PHSS
 Friday 14th July.....Fun Evening & Campover
TERM ENDS Friday 21st July



PTA DIARY DATES

March
 16th - Non-uniform day – **POSTPONED**
 24th -Easter Bingo – **SOLD OUT**
 30th - A-Plan Easter Tombola
 31st – Non-uniform Day (sweet jars)
April
 12th - Fundraising Quiz @ Boat Lane Brewery
 21st - Non-uniform Day (bottle)
 28th - Wear your pjs followed by Movie Night
May
 12th Non-uniform Day – (cake)
 13th SPRING FAYRE 1-4pm
June
 24th Night at the Proms



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



Tea and Talk



I am looking forward to inviting those of you who are free, for an opportunity to share some refreshments and to talk about school life – your ideas and suggestions. The dates are as follows and will take place after Celebration Assembly.

24th March, 28th April and 30th June

Thank you - A big thank you to Lily and Rebecca from Severn class for leading the Science section of Monday's assembly. The girls had become concerned that handwashing may not be as good as it should be and they wanted to make sure everyone was staying safe and well. They came to see me and then did some research to find material to share with the rest of the school. The videos they chose reminded everyone of the importance of handwashing.



Here is a link to the Handwashing rap:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=OZ3oSvfiwU4>

Spring Fayre Poster Competition

Well done to the winners of the Spring Fayre poster competition. Thanks to Mrs Whitby (chair of the PTA) for coming into school and handing out the prizes in assembly on Wednesday morning.

Here are our winners

Reception – Edey Year one – Tyler

****Year two – Leah – Overall winner****

Year three – Ellie Year four – Esta Year five – Ehan S

Keeping Children Safe While Gaming - Here's a link to a good website with advice on how to keep your child safe when gaming and how to apply parental controls.



<https://www.askaboutgames.com/>

'Dog Poo' Poster



The Parish Council are running a competition for the children to design a poster to encourage dog owners to pick up after their dogs.

There will be a winner in each year group with an overall winner. These posters will be displayed around our village.

Posters should be returned to school by the 17th March – thank you.

If you would like some paper for your child to work on, please speak to the office.



Artbox

'On Fertile ground' by Renee Dumont



Thought of the Week



A thought from the Bible:

"They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit"
(Jeremiah 17:7-8).




Music Box -



This week we have been listening to another piece of music by Edward Elgar called 'Salut d'amour' – "A greeting of love" - it is played by the Trio Orien.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=J2NGsSzMXFg>

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 - 12.30, 7th April

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.**



Parents' evening will take place on the following dates:



- 21st March - Avon & Malvern via zoom
- 22nd March - Cotswold & Severn via zoom
- 23rd March - All classes face to face.

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 - Isaac & Steliyan

Malvern - Bertie & Billie

Cotswold - Jessica & Athena

Severn - Olivia A & Sofia

Stars of the Week

Avon - Henry H

Malvern - Leah

Cotswold - Jack M

Severn - Olivia D

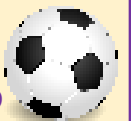


Viv Bear - Aimee

Sports Star - Ollie P



Cheer Bear - Stanley



Birthdays

This week we celebrate the birthdays of George, Annabelle and Steliyan.

Father God, today we celebrate the birthdays of George, Annabelle and Steliyan 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

1st - **Sapphires** with 107 housepoints

2nd - **Emeralds** with 97 housepoints

3rd - **Rubies** with 94 housepoints

Attendance

Avon -96.2%

Malvern -97.4%

Cotswold -100%

Severn -98.9%

Overall-98%

