

# Offenham C E First School

## Newsletter – 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023



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### Online Safety

For tips and advice on how to help your child safely engage with the online world, head to 'internet matters' and get lots of up to date information and advice.



<https://www.internetmatters.org/schools-esafety/parent-online-support-pack-teachers/>

This week is National Story telling week and as part of the week, we have introduced some new activities into school life.



### Visit to Cavendish Park House

Earlier this week, three of our Year five boys went to Cavendish Park to read with some of the residents. This was the introduction to our 'intergenerational reading project'. After half term we will welcome three residents to our school who will become reader helpers, listening to our children read weekly. We are so excited about this project. My thanks go to the boys who were friendly, open, warm and incredibly well-mannered. They were fantastic ambassadors for our school!



### Reading Clubs

This week Miss Aucock has set up two lunchtime reading clubs - one for KS1 and one for KS2. Children have the opportunity to join these clubs if they wish to. Our thanks go to Miss Aucock for organising this. There were lots of KS1 children for their reading club yesterday – they enjoyed listening to stories with Miss Aucock. Let's hope this enthusiasm continues!



**This Week in Malvern...** In Design Technology this half term, Year one and two have been testing different ways to build a structure. After testing, we decided that the cylinder was the strongest shape to support our structures as it has no corners and spreads the weight equally.



Year one got to work on their windmill making sure it was strong and stable enough support a turbine. Meanwhile, Year two had to strengthen their chair so it could hold the weight of baby bear! Both Year one and two have loved this creative topic and I can definitely see some budding engineers of the future in Malvern Class.

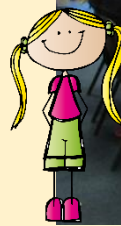


### Lift Your Spirits

Each week, Pete our Pastoral worker comes in to work with individual children but also supports the pupil-led 'Lift your spirits club'. This is a group that exists to do what it says on the can - to 'lift your spirits'!

Yesterday, the children were playing a game with playdough, a bit like 'Rapidough'. There was lots of laughter coming from the room and everyone looked so happy – the group is obviously doing its job because spirits were definitely high! Our thanks to Pete for all that he does for the children at our school.

*happy*



## DIARY DATES

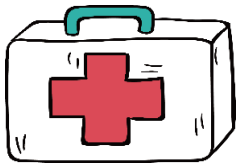


MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February ..... Valentine's Disco
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February ..... Walk-In Wednesday
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February ..... Uniform and Cake Sale
- HALF TERM ..... 20<sup>th</sup> February - 24<sup>th</sup> February**
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.....Wear Pjs for World Book Day
- TERM ENDS.....Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March**
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April .....Messy Church (at school) 9-12.30pm
- SUMMER TERM STARTS..... Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April**
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April .....Pyjama Day (bring a bottle)
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April ..... Movie Night
- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May ..... Spring Fayre
- 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 Whitmoor Lakes
- TERM ENDS ..... Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July**





## Medical Appointments

We understand that hospital / specialist appointments will often take place during school time and if that is the case we ask for a copy of the appointments letter so that it can sit behind our absence information. We would also encourage GP/dentist appointments to be arranged outside of school hours where at all possible.



## Valentine's School Disco

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Wear something you love!



Key Stage One children 5:30 to 6:30pm  
Key Stage Two children 6:45 to 7:45pm

£2.50 per child, payable in cash on the door.

Please arrive through school reception and pick up afterwards will be from the playground.

Crisps and squash included.



## Artbox

This week's art work can be found in the Tate Gallery in London. It is simply called 'Candlemass Day' by Marianne Stokes.



## Thought of the Week



This week we have been learning about hospitality as part of worship and also about the festival of Candlemass. Did you know that yesterday – the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February marked the end of the Christmas period in the Church calendar?



## Music Box



This week, we have been listening to the theme tune from the film 'Chariots of Fire'.




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



Here's a quote from Eric Liddell, the main character from the film,

***"I believe God made me for a purpose...but he also made me fast. And when I run I feel His pleasure"***

# 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

7<sup>th</sup> April - 9 - 12.30pm



**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.**



WORLD BOOK DAY  
2 MARCH 2023

## World Book Day - 2<sup>nd</sup> March

**Pyjama Day** - Wear your pjs, bring a blanket and we'll 'cosy up' with a good book or two.



**COATS:** Please ensure your child has a coat with them at school every day.



## It could be you!

Golden Ticket

## Awards This Week:

**Golden Apples awarded this week:**

**Avon** - George & Jacob R

**Malvern** - Tyler & Isla

**Cotswold** - Alina & Arthur

**Severn** - Logan & Ellie C



## Stars of the Week

**Avon** - Anjuna

**Malvern** - Jack P

**Cotswold** - Oliver S

**Severn** - Ethan S



**Cheer Bear** - Harry J

**Viv Bear** - Noah A



**Sports Star** - Olivia T

## Birthdays

This week we celebrate the birthdays of Alina, Archie, Victor, Esme and Dimana.

Father God, today we celebrate the birthdays of Alina, Archie, Victor, Esme and Dimana 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 74 housepoints

**Joint 2<sup>nd</sup> Rubies and Sapphires** with 72 housepoints



## Attendance

**Avon** -91.7%

**Malvern** -92.4%

**Cotswold** -95.6%

**Severn** -99.6%

**Overall** -94.4%

