

Offenham C E First School

Newsletter – 20th January 2023



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Jack in the Box

A big thank you to Lily and Jessica who plan, organise and deliver our Jack in the Box worship each Tuesday for our Reception children. They now take complete responsibility for leading the session - they do such an amazing job. We are so proud of their commitment and maturity in leading this act of worship. The children in Reception love meeting Jack each week. Can you spot Jack in the photographs?



A Grandparents' Guide to Online Safety



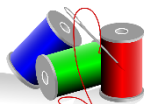
A recent study found that 4 in 10 grandparents help out with childcare in what has been dubbed 'granannying'.

To help grandparents get to grips with life online, Internet Matters have created a new grandparents guide to online safety with practical advice to keep children safe.

Please follow the link below or forward it to your child's grandparents to help them understand how to keep children safe on line.

[Grandparents' guide to online safety - Internet Matters](https://www.internetmatters.org)

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This week in Severn Class



Super Severn: Once again we have been super busy this week in Severn and have had an excellent start to the New Year. Today, we'd like to tell you all about our D&T project which is making a stuffed toy. To begin with we had to design a toy, thinking carefully about its shape, colour and design. No two will look the same - our designs are all unique! In our lesson this week, we are learning a new sewing stitch as well as practising some we already know. The stitches will either be used to sew the toy together or to create the designs we have planned on to the toy – such as patterns or attaching buttons for eyes. We've really enjoyed our sewing lessons so far and are looking forward to more. We will be experts before we know it.



Artbox

Snowy Path - embellished giclee on canvas by Rodel Gonzalez



Thought of the Week

This week, in our assemblies, we have been considering the theme of friendship and togetherness. Did you know that Winnie the Pooh day is celebrated every year on the 18th January? We looked at the characters in the story and thought about their different personalities and how, despite differences, they work well together. We explored the concept of the Church and our school being 'many parts, one body' and the importance of togetherness. We also explored what a good friend is by looking at the account of the paralysed man being brought to Jesus by friends.

Here's a quote from Winnie the Pooh:

"Love is taking a few steps backward, maybe even more, to give way to the happiness of the person you love."

Winnie the Pooh.



Music Box

This week our entrance and exit music for assemblies has focused around friendship. We listened to "You've got a friend in me" from Toy Story and the theme song from Winnie the Pooh sung by Carly Simon.



You've got a friend in me -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dV4wQErFmas>

Theme from Winnie the Pooh -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BA4-OdRxHGg>

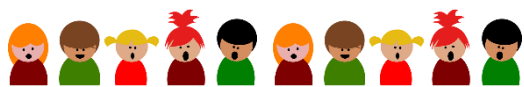
MARK YOUR CALENDAR! **DIARY DATES 2023**



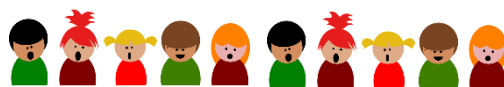
- Sunday 22nd January.....Messy Church (at school) 4-6pm
- Friday 10th February Valentine's Disco
- Wednesday 15th February Walk-In Wednesday
- Wednesday 15th February Uniform and Cake Sale
- HALF TERM 20th February – 24th February**
- Thursday 2nd March.....Wear Pjs for World Book Day
- TERM ENDS.....Friday 31st March**
- Friday 7th AprilMessy Church (at school) 9-12.30pm
- SUMMER TERM STARTS..... Monday 17th April**
- Friday 28th AprilPyjama Day (bring a bottle)
- Friday 28th April Movie Night
- Saturday 13th May Spring Fayre
- HALF TERM..... 29th May – 2nd June**
- Wednesday 7th June – 9th June..... Y4 and Y5 trip to Whitemoor Lakes

Strike Action - As you are now aware, there are proposed teachers' strikes for members of the NEU in our area on the 1st February, 1st March, 15th and 16th March.

I am awaiting further clarification of operational procedures from our Trust HR department but may I reassure you that I will take all reasonable steps to keep the school open for as many pupils in line with our Trust policy.

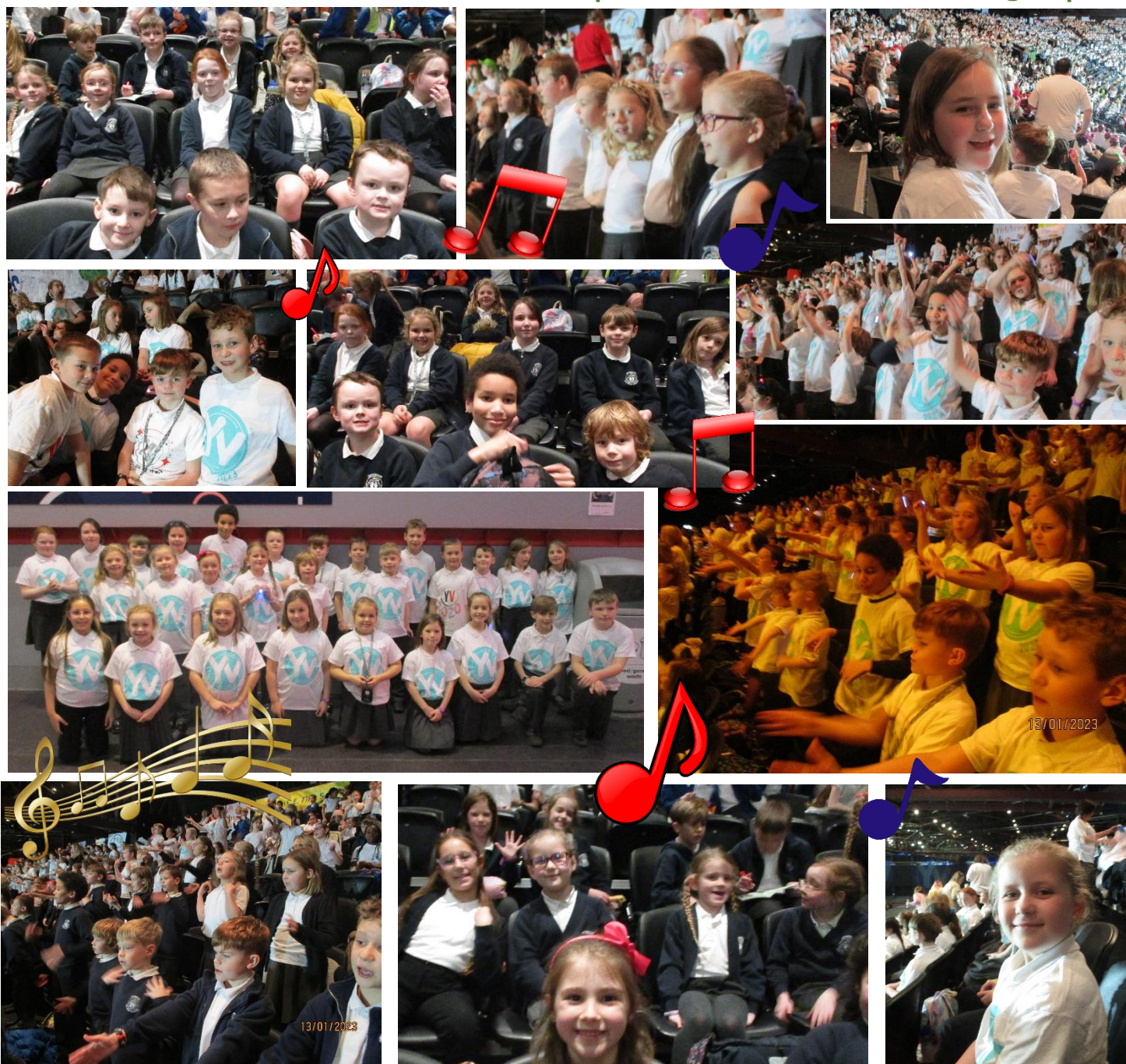


Young Voices



As promised, here are some photos from our time at Young Voices. We had a great time and loved the experience of singing with 6,400 other children at the Arena. The Young Voices children taught the rest of the school one of their favourite songs and we have been singing it every day in assembly this week.

We hope that lots more children from Offenham School join us next year. If you will be in Year three to Year five from September 2023 make sure to sign up!



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.**

Messy Church
This Sunday 4-6pm



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
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World Book Day-2nd March Pyjama Day -Wear your pjs, bring a blanket and we'll 'cosy up' with a good book or two.



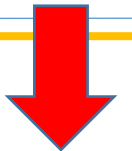
COATS: Please ensure your child has a coat with them at school every day.



Awards This Week :



Stars of the Week



Last Term

Avon – Summer
Malvern – Oran
Cotswold – Harry

Last Week

Avon – Steliyan
Malvern – Elsie
Cotswold – Isla G
Severn - Rebecca

This Week

Avon – Olivia
Malvern – Bashir
Cotswold – Amber
Severn - Victor

Golden Apples awarded this week:



Avon – Summer & Brody D
Malvern – Amelie & Phoebe
Cotswold – Oliver P & Carson
Severn – Alex & Charlie



Cheer Bear – Nellie



Viv Bear – Jessica E & Lily



Sports Star – Isla D



Housepoints



1st Sapphires with 146 housepoints

2nd Emeralds with 143 housepoints

3rd Rubies with 139 housepoints



Birthdays



This week we celebrate the birthdays of Isla G, Ethan V, Mason and Oran

Father God, today we celebrate the birthdays of Isla G, Ethan V, Mason and Oran 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 –97.7 **Malvern –99%**

Cotswold –97.8% **Severn –97.8%**

Overall–98.1%

