

LOVE TRANSFORMATION GROWTH

'Growing deep roots. Producing good fruit'



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Anti-bullying Week

This week is national anti-bullying week and we have been focusing on this in our assemblies.

The slogan is REACH OUT and it encouraged us to “be the change we wanted to see in the world”.

We thought about our Roots – friendship, perseverance, respect, responsibility and truth and Fruits – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control and how they help us to live well in community.

We thought that if we are continuing to grow deep roots and producing good fruit in our individual lives it will affect our life together as a school. If we are all living out these values, our school would be the safest, happiest and best place for everyone to be. If all of the fruits are growing in everyone’s lives at our school, it leaves no space for people to hate, to be grumpy towards others, to fight, to be unkind, to make poor choices, to be rough or to say and do wrong things.

We have encouraged one another to keep living out a better way... one that will not accept bullying in our school. If we see it or experience it we will always tell. We have all committed to being the change we want to see in the world.



OPERATION BOW - Between now and the end of the World Cup, West Mercia Police will be conducting Operation Bow which is their force wide domestic abuse operation. Operation Bow will also be supporting the national White Ribbon campaign and domestic abuse messaging during Op Stellar which is the national operation for the FIFA World Cup in Qatar.

There will be key messages delivered throughout the operation which will include a focus on:

- perpetrators and offenders
- support for victims/survivors
- bystanders and upstanders, which is encouraging people to speak up when they are aware of or know of domestic abuse or harassment.



Please share and follow updates from their social media accounts.



Teams4U – Shoe Box Appeal.



If you want to support this charity, there are pre-wrapped boxes for your convenience in the reception area with leaflets or you can complete the form online at www.teams4u.com. Filled boxes will need to be returned to school for collection by the charity for **Friday 9th December.**



Thank you for all your donations for Children in Need. It was great to see so many spotty children! Please donate by following this link if you haven't already done so.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=8198>



This Week in Avon Class

So far this term, in Avon Class, we have been learning about different continents.

Last week we learned lots of interesting facts about Asia and China. We did lots of research and found out some great information.

Did you know that...

in China people mainly use chopsticks to eat their dinner?

In China their currency is called Yuen?

The largest manmade structure in China is the Great wall of China.



This week we have been learning about North America. We focused on famous landmarks.



Can you name
all of these
landmarks?



MUSIC BOX -



This week we have been listening to Gabriel's oboe by Ennio Morricone.

We have listened to two arrangements. One is played with a full orchestra and the other by a string ensemble with no oboe in sight!

Full orchestra -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s7w-leNR9ko>

Two cellos arrangement -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dxxg6NenmBQ>

'Two cellos' are two men who play cellos - I guess they do what it says on the tin. They play a variety of music from classics through to pop and rock. I would recommend a google search of their work - I think they are incredible!

Despacito is particularly good

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nOFThTk9IN8>

UKRANINA CHRISTMAS FAYRE
Saturday 3rd December 1-5pm

Vale of Evesham Christian Centre

Ukrainian cakes, sweets, warm spicy drinks, tea

& coffee, craft, jewellery, decorations etc.

Santa & Wreath making between 2-4pm



SCIENCE BOX



This week in our science slot in assembly we were looking at states of matter that exist in this image. The natural world is so incredibly beautiful and we continue to marvel at it.



WOW!

Thought for The Week

This week is 'Anti-bullying week' and we have been thinking about our school community and how we behave towards one another. We looked at some of the 'Allelon' sayings of Jesus – which translated from the Greek means 'one another'.

Love one another, care for one another, encourage one another, build up one another, forgive one another, live in harmony with one another, be patient with one another, serve one another, comfort one another, show hospitality to one another, do not grumble against one another and do not lie to one another.



Artbox

Severn class have been learning about Retrofuturism. The children looked at the painting 'Family playing on the moon'. I knew nothing of this style of art work so I thought I would look deeper into the work of this genre. It is said that 'every picture paints a story' and it is so interesting looking at people's ideas of the future back in the 1960's. Here is 'Painting of futuristic transports in the city' by the artist Anton Brzezinski.



Reader Helpers

We are so grateful to the adults who come into school to help with reading but we would love to recruit some more help. If you have an hour or so to spare each week, we would love to invite you in to listen to our children read. If you are interested, just send an email to the office and we will get the wheels in motion. All volunteer posts are subject to a DBS and you will need to provide two references.



DIARY DATES



25th November – Non-uniform day – bring some chocolate for the chocolate tombola to be used at the Christmas Light switch on.

28th November - Last Swim

2nd December – doors open 5.15pm – Christmas Light switch on at school with stalls and fun for everyone!



7th December – 1.30pm – KS1 Nativity

7th December – 6pm – KS1 Nativity

8th December – 6pm – KS1 Nativity

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



9th December – Wear a Christmas jumper – bring a small Christmas themed item for the Friend of Offenham Church Christmas Wonderland festival.



9th and 10th December – Christmas Wonderland festival at the Church – time to be confirmed.



14th December – Walk in Wednesday – 3.15 – 3.40pm

15th December – KS1 trip to Atwell Owl Farm Park

16th December – End of term service at church – all welcome to church. Party afternoon at school for children.

3rd January – **STAFF TRAINING DAY**

4th January – **SPRING TERM**

13th January – KS2 Young Voices concert

7th June – 9th June – Y4 and Y5 trip to Whitemoor Lakes



REMINDERS

Important

Please bring your donations for the Christmas Light Switch On to the school office. Many thanks!

RECYCLING - We have a recycling drop-off point in our entrance area - you can bring your pens, batteries and empty crisp packets.



Wrap Round Care – Early Birds  and **Offenham Owls**  If you would like a space for your child at Early Birds – 7.45-8.30am or Offenham Owls 1 – 3.15- 4.15pm or Offenham Owls 2 - 4.15 – 5.30, please fill in a form at the office or email the completed form to the office email office@offenham.dowmat.education or post in letterbox before Wednesday of the week prior to the week you'd like provision. **Payment is the Friday before the week you require wrap round care. Forms are available at the office.**



Just to note, provision times will change after Christmas to 3.15 to 4.30 only. Morning sessions remain the same.



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.**



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



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.

You can order right up the end of term if this makes it easier.

Attendance

Avon -91.2%
Cotswold -93.7%
Overall-93.9% ✓
Malvern -93.8%
Severn -97.4%

Golden Apples awarded this week:



Avon – Isaac & Isla V
Malvern – Ava & Cole
Cotswold – Jack A & Isla G
Severn – Dimana & Ethan S



Awards This Week :

Housepoints

1st Emeralds with 267 housepoints

Joint 2nd Rubies and Sapphires with 262 housepoints



Stars of the Week



Avon – Imogen
Malvern – Josie
Cotswold – Ellie
Severn – Louis



Birthdays

This week we celebrate the birthdays of Luke, Rebecca and Olivia D.

Father God, today we celebrate the birthdays of Luke, Rebecca and Olivia 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.



Cheer Bear – Claudia

Viv Bear – Carson



Sports Star – Rebecca

