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We express our deepest sympathies for the passing of Her Royal Highness, Queen Elizabeth II. Her dedication to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and to her other realms and territories is unparalleled and we thank her for her service.

Our school will observe the mourning period but continue to support our pupils, families and staff.

Unless otherwise stated, please assume any scheduled activities and events we have scheduled will continue as planned. We will observe the national holiday for Her Majesty's funeral, which means schools will be closed that day, but outside of this, school hours will continue as normal.

Earlier today we gathered together during our assembly time to reflect, remember and give thanks to God for the life and example of Queen Elizabeth II and to pray for our new King; King Charles III.

We also spent some time during lunchtime outside in silence, listening to the bells being rung at the church.

In our assembly we listened to Mozart's Requiem in D Minor - A Requiem Mass is a mass for the dead. You will often find the words, that in Latin mean, "Eternal rest, grant them O Lord", as part of the mass.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sPlhKP0nZII>

The Archbishop of Canterbury reflected these words in what he said,

"May the Queen rest in peace and rise to glory".



### Welcome to a new school Term!

It's so good to have all our children back and we welcome all of our new reception children.

Reception children have received a paper copy of this newsletter in their book bags today, but from next week the weekly Friday newsletter will be sent to the email address we have on our system. The newsletter is also posted on our website and on our PTFA Facebook page. Please ensure you read the newsletter every week as it has vital information for all classes.



### Phonics

KS1 parents will have received a phonics information letter today.

### COATS

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



## Important dates for your diary

We are inviting the parents of each of our year (not class groups) into school to discuss expectations for the year and what you can do help be the best they can be. It is really important that you attend these meetings and we look forward to seeing you all.

**19<sup>th</sup> September – Swimming starts for Year 3, 4 and 5**

**21<sup>st</sup> September 6-6.30pm – Reception class parents – Welcome to Reception**

**22<sup>nd</sup> September – Year 5 London Trip to The Houses of Parliament – **POSTPONED FOLLOWING THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DEATH OF HER LATE MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II****

**26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> September – Level 1 – Year 4 – Bikeability**

**27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> September – Level 2– Year 5 - Bikeability**

**28<sup>th</sup> September 5.30 – 6pm – Year one parents – Welcome to Year 1**

**28<sup>th</sup> September 6 – 6.30pm – Year two parents – Welcome to Year 2!**

**29<sup>th</sup> September 6-6.30pm – Year five parents - Welcome to Year 5!**

**6<sup>th</sup> October – 5.30 06pm – Year three parents- Welcome to Year 3!**

**6<sup>th</sup> October – 6-6.30pm – Year four parents - Welcome to Year 4!**

**7<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest Festival at Church – All are invited (more details to follow).**

**19<sup>th</sup> October – Walk-in Wednesday – 3.15 – 3.40pm**

**20<sup>th</sup> October – Reception individual parents evening**

**24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October – HALF TERM**

**7<sup>th</sup> November – 3.30- 5pm - Severn class individual parents' evening**

**8<sup>th</sup> November – 4-7pm – Malvern class individual parents' evening**

**9<sup>th</sup> November – 4-7pm – Cotswold individual parents' evening**

**10<sup>th</sup> November – 3.30-5pm – Cotswold individual parents' evening**

**4-5.30pm – Avon class year one individual parents' evening**

**4-7pm – Malvern class individual parents' evening**

**4-7pm – Severn class individual parents' evening**

**18<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need day – wear something spotty**

**28<sup>th</sup> November - Last Swim**

**7<sup>th</sup> December – 1.30pm – KS1 Nativity**

**7<sup>th</sup> December – 6pm – KS1 Nativity**

**8<sup>th</sup> December – 6pm – KS1 Nativity**

**14<sup>th</sup> December – Walk in Wednesday – 3.15 – 3.40pm**

**16<sup>th</sup> December – End of term service at church – all welcome and party afternoon at school.**



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

## IMPORTANT – SCHOOL MEALS

School meals must be ordered on ParentPay by Thursday of the week before.

**ANY ORDERS LATER THAN THAT WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.**

If you think your child qualifies for free school meals, please apply following the link <https://emsi.worcestershire.gov.uk/CitizenPortal LIVE/en>

### Lunchtime Menu Choices

Please would you take time to talk through menu choices with your children so that they can tell you what meals/puddings they haven't enjoyed and you can adapt choices as necessary.



### Wrap Round Care – Early Birds and Offenham Owls

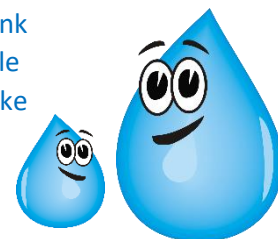
If you would like a space for your child at Early Birds – 7.45-8.30am or Offenham Owls 1 – 3.15- 4.15pm or Offenham Owls 2 - 4.15 – 5.30. Please fill in a form at the office or via email (you will have received the form as an attachment last half term) before Wednesday of the week prior to the week you'd like provision.

Payment is the Friday before the week you require wrap round care.



**Water bottles** - Children should bring a water bottle with them each day. They have access to our water coolers at school and are encouraged to drink and stay hydrated throughout the day. The only drink allowed in the classroom is water and so we ask that you send your child with a clear bottle for water. Our classrooms are our workspaces and we value the work of each child. We take pride in our Learning Logs and we do not want them spoiled by sticky juice.

An extra juice bottle can be brought in if your child would like juice at lunchtime.



### Attendance

We have re-written our attendance policy and are awaiting its ratification by our Governing Body. Our Governing Body will meet next week to discuss this, and other policies, and I will publish all updated policies next week.

In the meantime, here are some statistics for you to consider when you are thinking of booking a holiday during term time.



Attendance during one year...	...equals days absent.	This is approximately in weeks...	...which means this number of lessons missed.
95%	9 days	2 weeks	45 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	95 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	145 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	190 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	240 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	285 lessons
65%	67 days	13.5 weeks	335 lessons

## AVON CLASS

Our reception children have had a fantastic start to their learning journey with us at Offenham School. There have been very few tears and lots of lovely smiles. They have settled well and we look forward to all they will achieve in their time with us. Remember, any issues please speak to the adults in the class and they will seek to sort them as soon as possible.



## Anti- Bullying Charter

We want all children to feel safe and secure at school and so every year we talk through our anti-bullying charter with all children and ask them to sign – as a whole class – their commitment to the charter and its principles. We take matters of behaviour seriously at Offenham School and work hard to promote our Roots and Fruits values.



Our VIVs (Very Important Values) are at the root of all we do and we seek to promote:

Friendship, Perseverance, Respect, Responsibility and Truth

We encourage one another to grow the Fruits of the Spirit in our individual and corporate life together:

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Gentleness, Faithfulness and Self-control.

Our school vision for each child is that they would experience: **Love**, **Transformation**, and **Growth** while they are with us, in every aspect of their school life.

## Thought of the Day

**April 1947: Her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, “I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong.” Queen Elizabeth II**

