



# Offenham C E First School

## Newsletter – 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023



LOVE TRANSFORMATION GROWTH

*'Growing deep roots. Producing good fruit'*

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Welcome back to the start of a new school year.  
A very special welcome to all of our Reception children and our two new families who have joined our school. We hope you will feel very welcome.

### WISDOM

This term, during our assembly times, we will be considering the virtue of WISDOM and how it helps us to live well together as a community.

This week, as at the beginning of every term, we've looked our anti-bullying charter together and how we can show love in our relationships.

We thought about our words and the effect they have on others. We considered how our words are like toothpaste. Once the toothpaste is out of the tube it's so difficult, if not impossible, to get it back in.

The words we say – spoken and written – have consequences.

This helped us as we thought about cyber-bullying and the importance of being wise when we're on-line.



### Acceptable Use Agreement

Your child will have brought home an acceptable use agreement form today which has been updated in line with the document 'Keeping children safe in Education'.

Please discuss this document with your child and sign it, returning it to school as soon as you are able to but by next Friday at the latest.



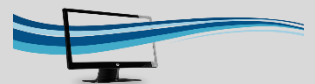
### SCHOOL MEALS

It is essential that you check your orders for school meals as those meals you have previously ordered may have cancelled due to a technical issue on ParentPay. So please check and re-order. Those who have paid already (KS2 pupils) will still have the credit available.

**A reminder that school meals must be ordered on ParentPay by Thursday of the week before. ANY ORDERS LATER THAN THAT WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.**

Swimming starts on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September for all KS2 pupils. Please don't forget swimming costumes on Mondays.

### Website



We have a new website but we are having a few teething problems. We hope that you will be able to access it very soon. We will keep you posted.

# Thought of the Week:

**Proverbs 16:24** "Kind words are like honey; they are easy to accept and good for your health."



We have really enjoyed singing this song in assembly. The words are:

'A little bit of kindness in your day

Will bring a lot of happiness your way.

It doesn't take a lot to stop and say,

'Can I help you?'

A little bit of kindness here and there

Will show a lot of people that you care.

It's something you can practise anywhere

If you want to!



**CHORUS**

*What a difference we can make,*

*When we brighten someone's day,*

*Is there any better way to be happy?*

*Just a little thing or two,*

*It's not difficult to do,*

*Will be just as good for you as each other!*

## Welcome to Year Group Meetings

Teachers will be holding Year group meetings to discuss end of year expectations and ways you can support your child's learning at home. It would be great to see as many parents as possible at these meetings, even if you've previously attended such a meeting. The ground frequently shifts within education and there may be different things you may now need to be aware of. We know that parents have found these meetings helpful.

### **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

Welcome to Reception – 3.30-4pm - to take place in Avon class. This will be with Miss Ree and Mrs Roden.

Year two meeting – 3.30 – 4pm – to take place in Malvern class with Mr Blenkinsop

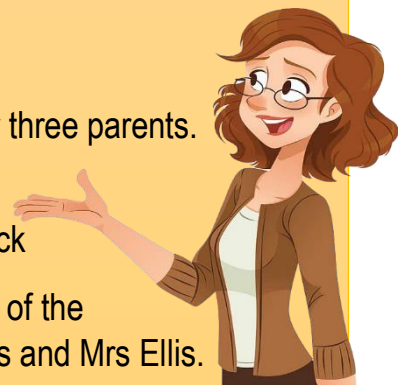
Welcome to Year one – 4pm – to take place in Malvern Class with Miss Ree and Mr Blenkinsop for all year one parents regardless of the class your child is in.

### **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

Welcome to Year three – 3.30-4pm - to take place in Cotswold class for all year three parents. This will be with Mrs Daniels and Mrs Ellis.

Year five meeting – 3.30 – 4pm – to take place in Severn Class with Miss Aucock

Welcome to Year four – 4pm – to take place for all year four parents regardless of the class your child is in. This will be in Severn Class with Miss Aucock, Mrs Daniels and Mrs Ellis.



## **Celebration Assembly**

Takes place each Friday 9am. All are welcome.

You will be made aware if your child is being awarded or if we are celebrating their birthday that week.

# REMINDERS



## RECYCLING - We have a recycling drop-off point

in our entrance area – you can bring your pens, batteries and empty crisp packets.



**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.



## HATS & COATS in SCHOOL

Please make sure that your child has a hat and coat in school every day regardless of the weather in the morning.



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# Dates for your Diary



15.09.23 – The first CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY OF THE YEAR – all are welcome.

18.09.23 - Bikeability Week – Years 4 and 5 – letters have been sent out.

19.09.23 – Class photos – Individual portraits.

20.09.23 - Cornet lessons start for year 5.

21.09.23 - PTA – AGM – Time to be confirmed.

25.09.23 - Swimming starts for KS2.

29.09.23 – PTA – Colour Run – details to follow.

13.10.23 – PTA Disco – Avon and Malvern – 5.30-6.30

Cotswold and Severn and year 6 leavers – 6.45-7.45pm.

20.10.23 – Harvest Festival at church.

Tea and Talk at school.

25.10.23 – Walk in Wednesday.

26.10.23 – School finishes at 3.15pm for half term holiday.

## HALF TERM – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

09.11.23 – Open Morning for prospective parents – 9.30-11.30.

23.11.23 – Flu nasal spray.

04.12.23 - Last swimming session.

06.12.23 – Music concert.

13.12.23 and 14.12.23 – KS1 nativity play – 5.30pm

21.12.23 – Christmas Service and Christmas party at school (parents are very welcome at Church).

21.12.23 - Last day of Term for children.