



Offenham C E First School

Newsletter – 22nd September

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Colouring Competition

Cavendish Park – the residential home on Offenham Road – are running a colouring competition. If you enter, you are in with a chance of winning an awesome Outdoor explorer kit.

If you are interested in taking part please come to the office to collect a colouring sheet.

All entries will need to be returned to school by the 28th September.



Online Presence – I came across this image during an on-line safety training session this week and I thought it was a sobering statement about the way many of us live our lives.

“The more you connect... the less you connect”

Here are some statistics about our media consumption - outside of work hours - per UK citizen.

In 1991 -20 mins a day

In 2011 – 1 hour and 30 mins a day

2019 – 3 hours and 29 mins a day

2021 – 3 hours and 59 mins a day

2022 – 5 hours and 3 mins a day

2023 - 8 hours and 41 mins a day

Average sleep for an adult is 8 hours and 21 mins

This means that many of us are spending more time consuming media than we are asleep!!



Swimming starts on Monday 25th September for all KS2 pupils. Please don't forget swimming costumes.

Clubs List: You will have received information about school clubs today – please return your slips as soon as possible. Please note, if your child is going to Young Voices in Birmingham, they will need to join the YV club to learn the songs.



Website

We now have a new website and you can access it using the usual website address. It is still being worked on but we hope it will be more user-friendly.

Thought of the Week:



Some wisdom from the book of Proverbs in the Bible to help us live well as a school community:

“Do not let steadfast love and kindness leave you;
bind them around your neck;
write them on your heart.”



The challenge for us this week is to wear our kindness, love and faithfulness as a necklace that beautifies us and benefits others around us.

Darcey's Health and Well-being Box



Here are Darcey's tips for the week:

18 Ask a trusted friend to tell you what strengths they see in you

19 Notice what you are feeling, without any judgement

20 Enjoy photos from a time with happy memories

21 Don't compare how you feel inside to how others appear outside

22 Take your time. Make space to just breathe and be still

23 Let go of other people's expectations of you

24 Accept yourself and remember that you are worthy of love

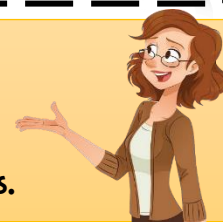
Bikeability – Year 4 and 5

Year four and Year five enjoyed a fun, but soggy, week with the Bikeability team. Our thanks go to Steve and Steve for their support and encouragement. Thank you too, to all of our children who yet again demonstrated fantastic listening skills and a wonderfully positive attitude, even in the pouring rain – well done!



Welcome to Year Group Meetings

Thank you to everyone who attended the meetings this week – we hope you found them useful as you continue to support your child's learning and progress.



Reader Helpers

If you can spare an hour or so to come and listen to children read please speak to a member of staff. You will then be provided with all the required safeguarding forms to complete.



Green Fingers

We are looking for help from those of you with green fingers. We would love some help to look after our planters around school. If you, or someone you know have the time, energy or inclination we would be very happy to welcome you to school, your volunteering would be subject to a satisfactory DBS check.

Celebration Assembly

It was so good to have so many of you with us again this morning to share in our Celebration assembly. You are always welcome.

Artist of the Week:



Malvern class will be studying the work of Matisse this term. Here is 'Polynesia - The sea', created in 1946. This was a paper-cut design created into a cloth tapestry. The images reminded Matisse of a trip he enjoyed to Tahiti in 1930.



Music of the Week:

This week we've been listening to some choral music from Mozart. It is a most beautiful piece of music entitled 'Ave Verum Corpus'.

You can follow the link to this piece of music on YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pscsAvGjQl0>

Please only use YouTube with your parents' supervision and permission.



DIARY DATES



- 29.09.23 – PTA – Colour Run
- 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.
- 27.10.23 – School finishes at 3.15pm for half term holiday.
- HALF TERM – Monday 30th October – Friday 3rd November**
- 09.11.23 – Open Morning for prospective parents – 9.30-11.30.
- 23.11.23 – Flu nasal spray.
- 01.12.23 – PTA Christmas Fayre
- 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 church (parents are very welcome at Church).
- 21.12.23 -TERM ENDS FOR CHILDREN**
- 22.12.23 Staff Training Day
- 08.01.24 - TERM STARTS
- 09.02.23 - Staff Training Day
- HALF TERM - Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February**
- 22.03.24 - TERM ENDS



Colour Run

Friday 29th September.

PTA DIARY DATES


- 29.09.23 – PTA – Colour Run
- 05.10.23 Christmas Fayre Meeting (evening)
- 06.10.23 Christmas Fayre meeting (after assembly)
- 13.10.23 – PTA Disco - Avon and Malvern – 5.30-6.30
Cotswold and Severn and year 6 leavers – 6.45-7.45pm
- 27.11.23 – Wreath Making Evening
- 01.12.23 – PTA Christmas Fayre
- Non- Uniform Days :**
- 06.10.23 – Bottle
- 10.11.23 – Chocolate Item
- 01.12.23 - Cake



Don't forget to follow Offenham First School Information Page on Facebook for more information.

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.



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.**

Awards This Week:

 **Viv Bear – Ellie C**
 **Cheer Bear – Elsie**
Sports Award – Jack C 

 **Golden Apples:** 

Avon – Finlay & Ivy

Malvern – Neve & Steliyan

Cotswold – Jude & Olly V



Severn – Athena & Darcey



Stars of the Week

 **Avon – Jessica** 
 **Malvern - Thea** 
 **Cotswold – Leah** 
 **Severn – Amber** 



Birthdays

 This week, we celebrate the birthdays of Leon and Finlay. 

Father God, today we celebrate the birthdays of Leon and Finlay 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

 **1st -Rubies** with 117 housepoints 

2nd -Sapphires with 97 housepoints

3rd - Emeralds with 94 housepoints

Attendance

Avon –99% **Malvern –98.5%**
Cotswold –98.6% **Severn –95.3%**

Overall–97.8% 