



### Celebration Assembly

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

#### Thank you

A big thank you to Dimana, our Pupil Parliament Prime Minister, who has very kindly donated some new bean bags for use in our library.



#### Clubs List



Your child will receive a clubs list for this term next week.



#### Acceptable Use Agreement

Thank you to everyone who's returned their acceptable use agreement. If you haven't already done so, please complete and send back to the office asap.

### Bikeability – Year 4 and 5

We look forward to welcoming our Bikeability teachers next week.

Please be prepared for the week as per the information letter.



#### Photographs

Individual photographs are being taken on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September. If you would like your child/ren to have their photograph taken with a younger sibling (not at school), please arrive at school from 8.30 and enter through the office.

Mrs Newton will then show you into the Hall.

If your child is in Year five they will need to come to school in their uniform and bring a change of clothes for Bikeability in with them.

All children will have an individual photograph taken and one with their sibling who is in school – we will organise this within school.

PE sessions will not take place on Tuesday and children will need to come in uniform

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

#### 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:



Here is an old English proverb: "Two wrongs don't make a right"

If you do a wrong, do not try to cover it up with another wrong.

Take responsibility for your actions, tell the truth even if it's difficult.

Truth and responsibility are two of our school values.

## Darcey's Health and Well-being Box



Each day in our assembly, just after our reflection time, Darcey, our sport, health and well-being Minister, shares a little tip with us so that we can better look after our health and well-being.

She will share these on the newsletter each week.

11  
Make time to do something you really enjoy

12  
Get active outside and give your mind and body a natural boost

13  
Be as kind to yourself as you would to a loved one

14  
If you're busy, allow yourself to pause and take a break

15  
Find a caring, calming phrase to use when you feel low

16  
Leave positive messages for yourself to see regularly

17  
No plans day. Make time to slow down and be kind to yourself

## Welcome to Year Group Meetings

*Apologies but we failed to mention on last week's newsletter that Mrs Nicol will be running a creche, in the Hall, during each of these sessions.*

For your information, here are the dates and information again:

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

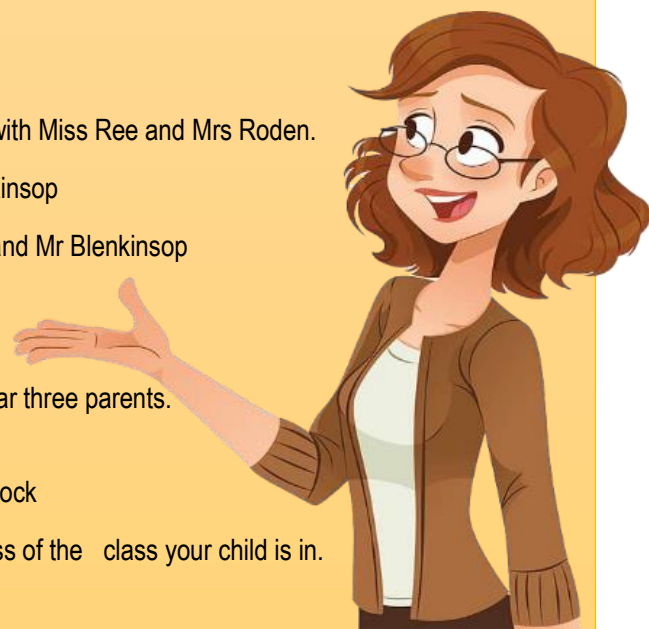
Welcome to Year one – 4pm – to take place in Malvern Class with Miss Ree and Mr Blenkinsop for all year one parents regardless of the class your child is in.

### 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.



# Artist of the Week:

Megan Coyle – Collage artist.

Avon class will be studying the work of this artist this term



## Music of the week:

This week we've been listening to some music from Chopin Mazurkas Op.24. His name looks like 'chopping' but is pronounced 'Shopan'. Mazurkas are Polish folk dances usually in three four time with an accent on the second or third beat. Mazurkas are the national dances of Poland.

You can follow the link to his music on Youtube - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OCP9IKX-Tf8>

Please only use YouTube with your parent's supervision and permission

## DIARY DATES



- 18.09.23 - Bikeability Week – Years 4 and 5
- 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.
- 27.10.23 – School finishes at 3.15pm for half term holiday.  
**WRONG DATE last week.**
- 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 -TERM ENDS FOR CHILDREN**
- 22.12.23 Staff Training Day**
- 08.01.24 - TERM STARTS**
- 09.02.23 - Staff Training Day
- HALF TERM - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February**
- 22.03.24 - TERM ENDS**



## Colour Run

Friday 29<sup>TH</sup> September.

Please see letter sent home today for details.

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**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 – Eze**  
 **Cheer Bear – Olly V**  
**Sports Award - Ava**



 **Golden Apples:** 

**Avon – Holly H & Isla V**

**Malvern – Mollie & Skylar**

**Cotswold – Cole & Phoebe**



**Severn – Olivia & Ben**



## Stars of the Week

 **Avon – Archie**   
 **Malvern - Alberta**   
 **Cotswold – Lucy**   
 **Severn – Jack M** 



## Birthdays

 This week, we celebrate the birthdays of Thea and Kara. 

Father God, today we celebrate the birthdays of Thea and Kara 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

 **1<sup>st</sup> -Rubies** with 32 housepoints 

**2<sup>nd</sup> -Sapphires** with 28 housepoints

**3<sup>rd</sup> - Emeralds** with 21 housepoints

## Attendance

**Avon -98.3%**

**Malvern -98.3%**

**Cotswold -99.1%**

**Severn -94.6%**

**Overall-97.6%** 