



Offenham C E First School

Newsletter – 27th October 2023



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HAPPY HALF TERM BREAK

We have enjoyed a wonderful first half term back at school after the summer holiday.

All children have worked hard, behaved well, listened lots and have learnt much.

We are so proud of them and all they've achieved.

We wish them, and all of you, a happy and restful half term holiday.

We'll see you on the 6th November for another wonderful half term of learning together!

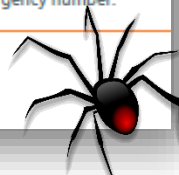
Tips to stay safe if you go 'Trick or Treating'

Adults should always accompany children when trick or treating. Young people should never go trick or treating alone.

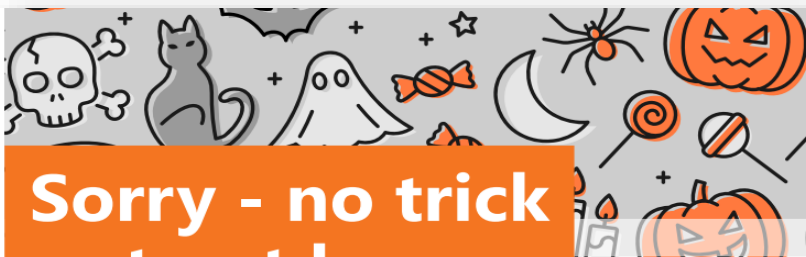
- Do not knock on the doors of strangers - only go to people you know. Never go into a stranger's house.
- Always keep to well-lit areas. Wear bright clothing and always carry a torch. Remember road safety.

- Unless pre-arranged, do not visit elderly members of the community. Be careful not to frighten vulnerable people.
- Keep your tricks within the law - anything that results in damage is an offence and will be dealt with as such.
- Please do not knock on doors where there is a 'No trick or treat sign'.

For the latest crime prevention advice visit:
www.westmercia.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/
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 For crimes in progress call 999.
 For non emergencies report online: www.westmercia.police.uk/report
 If you are unable to report online, you can contact the police via the 101 non-emergency number.



You could put this little poster in your window or on your door if you don't want any 'Trick or treaters' to call at your home.



Sorry - no trick or treat here

Please do not disturb - thank you.



Parents Evening Details

Tuesday 7th November -
Avon and Malvern Class – 3.30-6.30pm

Wednesday 8th November -
Cotswold Class – 3.30-6pm

Thursday 9th November -
Avon, Malvern, Cotswold and Severn classes – 3.30-6.30pm

Friday 10th November -
Severn Class – 3.30-6.30pm

Thought of the Week:

“In omnibus requiem quaesivi, et nusquam inveni nisi in angulo cum libro”

(Everywhere I have sought peace and not found it, except in a corner with a book.) – Thomas a Kempis.



This Week in Severn Class...

We have had a very busy half term in Severn Class.

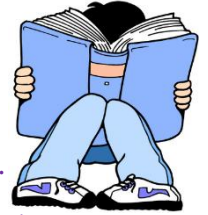
As part of our English 'Feast' unit we had an experience lesson with a dog called Pixie, she was very well behaved just like us!

Year five children have started their cornet lessons - they are enjoying it very much indeed.

During Science lessons, Year fives have been finding out about materials by carrying out experiments; we were hoping to eat the chocolate we used in one experiment but no such luck!



Year four children have had the opportunity to create their own sounds experimenting with different volume and pitches.



Throughout the half term our love of reading has continued to grow. ERIC time is one of our favourite times of the week; all snuggled up with a blanket and a good book.



Finding out all about Ancient Egypt has been very interesting, we especially liked finding out about their many different gods and the process of mummification.

We have been in Forest School too, creating dens for us and the animals, making delicious mud cakes for Miss Aucock as well as bug hunting under logs.



One of our favourite lessons this half term has been art and design; the installation outside our classroom looks amazing, we are very proud of our work.

We are hoping the next half term is just as fun and busy as this one!



Artist of the Week:

Our artists of the week are Cotswold and Severn class children. Both classes have created wonderful art installations in our corridor spaces. Thank you to the children and to Mrs Ellis.



A message from your ECO Ministry Team

Turn off the water while you brush your teeth and save 4 gallons a minute. That's 200 gallons a week for a family of four.

SAVE WATER

Music of the Week:

This week we've been listening to some music by Mozart called Alla Turca. You can follow the link to this piece of music on Youtube –



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ScsJ8GOIM7Y>



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

Darcey's Health and Well-being Box : Here are Darcey's tips for the week from 'Action for Happiness' - 'Optimistic October' calendar.

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| <p>23 Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise</p> | <p>24 Write down three specific things that have gone well recently</p> | <p>25 You can't do everything! What are your three priorities right now?</p> | <p>26 Find a new perspective on a problem you face</p> | <p>27 Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time</p> |
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Childnet – Information for parents about online issues : <https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/>



SCHOOL DIARY DATES

HALF TERM – Monday 30th October – Friday 3rd November

w/c 06.11.23 – Parent's Evening sessions this week

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

23.11.23 – Flu nasal spray.

01.12.23 – PTA Christmas Fayre – 5.30 – 7.30pm

02.12.23 – Hedge Planting with the Parish Council

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 12th February - Friday 16th February

22.03.24 - TERM ENDS



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.



PTA DIARY DATES

10.11.23 – Non-Uniform day (chocolate item)

27.11.23 – Wreath Making Evening

01.12..23 – Non-Uniform day (cake)

01.12.23 – PTA Christmas Fayre

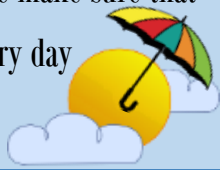


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REMINDERS



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.



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.



Awards This Week:



Viv Bear - Amber



Cheer Bear - Jessica O

Sports Award - Ollie S



English star of the Month

Avon - Jack

Malvern - Elsie

Cotswold - Esme

Severn - Jack M

Science Star of the Month

Year 1 - Brody

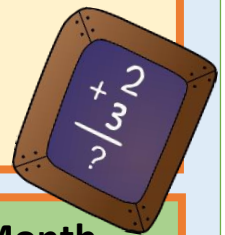
Year 2 - Jacob R

Year 3 - Cole

Year 4 - Isla D



Year 5 - Isaac



Maths Star of the Month

Avon - Isaac

Malvern - Olivia

Cotswold - Mack

Severn - Isla D

Housepoints

1st - **Sapphires** with 228 housepoints

2nd - **Rubies** with 221 housepoints

3rd - **Emeralds** with 218 housepoints

Attendance

Avon -92%

Malvern -96.6%

Cotswold -97.8%

Severn -95.4%

Overall-95.5%



Golden Apples:

Avon - Lacie & Robyn

Malvern - Maya & Leon

Cotswold - Luke & Fiodar

Severn - Simon & Nancy

★★★★★ Stars of the Week ★★★★★			
LAST WEEK		THIS WEEK	
Avon -	Jack	Ivy	
Malvern -	Terry	Tyler	
Cotswold -	Jude	Esme	
Severn -	Isla G	Isaac	

Birthdays

This week, we celebrate the birthday of Jackson & Isaac M.

Father God, today we celebrate the birthday of Jackson and Isaac 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.

Happy Half Term Holiday.