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Parking

Esta – our SMSC minister has just started working with Severn class on ways that we can make the roads around school safer for our school community and for our neighbours. Moving forward she and Darcey, our Health and well-being minister, will work to keep this issue in our minds so that we are all safe.

Here's a message from Esta: *"Yesterday, I set before Severn class the issue of road safety. The children in my class came up with some solutions to help tackle this problem. One of our first tasks will be to design, create and distribute posters. Here's one of the slogans I came up with to help everyone drive and park safely –*

DON'T ACT LIKE FOOLS. FOLLOW THE TRAFFIC RULES.

Do not park on or obstruct the newly painted zig zag lines outside school.

Avoid parking on or near bends or junctions.

Do not park and cover someone's drive.

I look forward to working with Severn class and all of you to make our village and especially the area around school safer for all".



Parents' Evening

Parents' evening dates this term will be as follows. Zoom appointments will be available as well as in-person appointments. Sign-up sheets will be available soon.

Tuesday - 12th March

Avon class - 3.30-6.00pm
Malvern class - 3.30-6.30pm
Cotswold - 3.30-6.30pm
Severn class - 3.30-6.30pm

Thursday 14th March

Avon class - 3.30-6.00pm
Malvern class - 3.30-6.30pm
Cotswold - 3.30-6.00pm
Severn class - 3.30-6.30pm

If you still wish to book a place on the Young Voices coach, it is essential that you ring school as only a few spaces remain. ParentPay is now closed off for this.



Swimming will still take place on Monday for those children not going to Young Voices.



CHILDREN'S BUGS AND BEASTS AFTERNOON AT OFFENHAM ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB

SATURDAY 2ND MARCH 12 NOON - 2 PM
AN EDUCATIONAL AFTERNOON OF FANTASTICAL BEASTS AND BUGS
SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES, EVEN THE ADULTS!
£8.00 PER CHILD TO INCLUDE A FREE GOODIE BAG
£2.00 PER ADULT
ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT
TICKETS ON SALE NOW. LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE
CALL 01386 446526, MESSAGE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE OR EMAIL offenhamrbclub@gmail.com to book.



Christingle: Christingle takes place this year on the 4th of February at 4pm in Church. Everyone is welcome to attend that service. Our Year five children will make the Christingles in school on Friday 2nd.

If you or your child would like to be involved in the service, please contact Reverend Jo. You can telephone on 07561823135 or send a WhatsApp message.



This Week in Avon Class—Forest School

Reception children have been enjoying their time in Forest School this term with Ellie, their Forest School leader, and Mrs Roden.

We are lucky to have a Forest School on site and every week they spend the morning there. The children love exploring through play, looking at nature and completing an activity that Ellie has prepared.

Each week, the children enjoy having a hot chocolate and biscuit around the fire pit.

This week they were using compasses to explore North, East, South and West.



Darcey's Health and Well-being Box

Here are Darcey's tips for the week from 'Action for happiness' – 'Happier January' calendar.

14 Eat healthy food which really nourishes you today

15 Get outside and notice five things that are beautiful

16 Contribute positively to your local community

17 Be gentle with yourself when you make mistakes

18 Get back in contact with an old friend

19 Focus on what's good, even if today feels tough

20 Go to bed in good time and allow yourself to recharge

IMAGE OF THE WEEK

Nature is the most amazing artist. Here is an image of frost on a window. The frost has created the most beautiful patterns that look like ferns.



Clubs

A clubs letter will be coming out soon.



Music of the Week:

This week we have been listening to Clara Schumann's 'Piano Trio in G'.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9JyeWA1ZD8g>



Thought of the week:

This week in assembly we have been exploring the themes of freedom, honesty and responsibility.

From the Bible – “The truth shall set you free” - John 8:32

The Truth Will Set You Free!

Freedom

SCHOOL DIARY DATES

- 22.01.24 – Young Voices
- 01.02.24 – Year 5s to make Christingles
- 04.02.24 – Christingle Service
- 09.02.24 - Staff Training Day
- HALF TERM - Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February
- 22.03.24 - TERM ENDS
- 08.04.24 – TERM STARTS FOR CHILDREN
- 06.01.24 – May Day
- HALF TERM – 27th May – 31st May
- 24.05.24 - Staff Training Day
- 19.07.24 – TERM ENDS
- 22.07.24 – Staff Training Day



Childnet – Information for parents about online issues:
<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/>

PTA DIARY DATES



Please watch this space!
Follow Offenham CE First School PTA on Facebook for information and updates.

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.



Safeguarding



Please could we ask that if your child has hurt themselves at home and has a scratch, bruise or bump that you email the office alerting us to this.

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.**

Health and Safety



Just a reminder that bikes and scooters should not be ridden across the playground. Please make sure to dismount and push them across the playground so that everyone remains safe.

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.



Offenham Baby and Toddler Group (NCT) takes place every Friday @ Offenham Village Hall 9.45-11-15am.

Viv Bear - Holly

Cheer Bear – Isaac T

Sports Award – Henry P



Awards This Week:



Golden Apples:

- Avon** – Anjuna & Esme B
- Malvern** – Bonnie & Jonah
- Cotswold** – Esme L-A & Lucy
- Severn** – Alex & Oliver S

Housepoints

- 1st - **Rubies** with 185 housepoints
- 2nd - **Emeralds** with 141 housepoints
- 3rd - **Sapphires** with 139 housepoints

Stars of the Week

- Avon** – Lacie
- Malvern** – Sofia-Lily
- Cotswold** – Ava
- Severn** – Isla D

Birthdays

This week we celebrate the birthdays of Mason and Oran.

Father God, today we celebrate the birthdays of Mason and Oran 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.

Attendance

- Avon -97.1%
- Malvern -100%
- Cotswold -99.2%
- Severn -99.5%

Overall-99%

