

Offenham C E First School

Newsletter - 23rd February 2024



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We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful half term break.
Only five weeks until the next holiday!

Clubs

You will have received a club's letter today detailing places allocated. We are all looking forward to clubs starting back!



Parents' Evening

Parents evening sign-up sheets will be available from 3pm on Monday 26th February outside the school office.

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

IMPORTANT

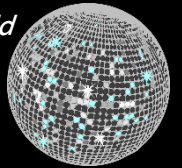
Change to timings of the School Disco on 1st March.

Please note that the new timings are as follows:

KS1 - 5-6pm

KS2 - 6.15-7.15pm

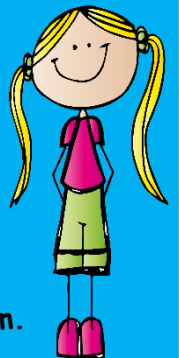
Please send your child with a filled drinks bottle. Re-fills will be available.



Pick up time

As you can appreciate, 'pick-up' time is busy and it can be quite tricky for teachers as they try to dismiss your children safely.

Please can you make sure to watch out for your child's position in the line and indicate where you are in the playground, giving eye-contact or a wave to the classteacher. The classteacher will only release your child when they are sure you are ready to receive them.



PTA DIARY DATES:

15th - Non-uniform day - please bring a bottle
15th - Wine tasting evening

APRIL

12th - non-uniform day - please bring a rainbow donation - further details to follow
12th - Movie night
19th - Family fun bingo evening

MAY

10th - Non-uniform day - please bring a jar
18th - Brass on the grass with Avonbank Brass Band

JUNE

21st - Non-uniform - please bring a cake
23rd - Summer Fayre

JULY

TBC - Teddy Bear's Picnic

Dates for your Diary

World Book Day - 7th March -

Wear your PJ's, bring your favourite book and a cushion and snuggle down to read.



Science Day - 19th March

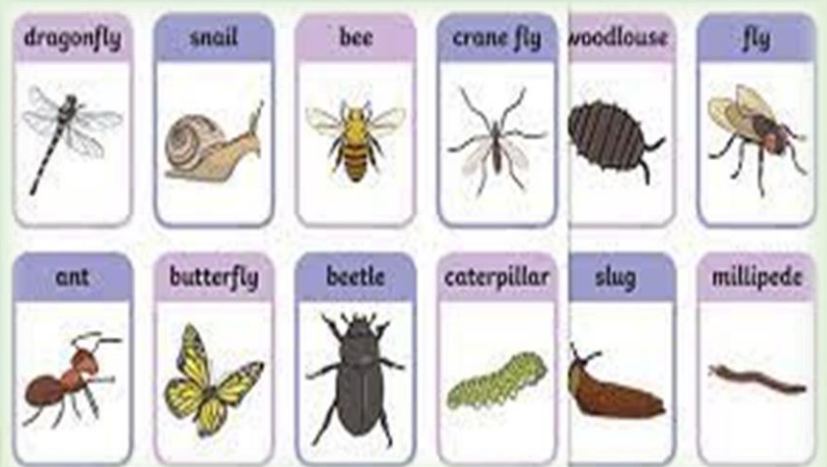
Maths Day - 19th April - Wear something maths themed - look on the web for some amazing ideas!



This week in Avon Class

This term, all year one children will be going to Forest School every Thursday during their Science lesson. This week, the children loved exploring forest school, familiarising themselves with the rules and met their new Forest School teacher, Robbie, for the first time.

The children learned lots about trees - how they get their food and where their roots are. They also enjoyed learning about mini beasts and made their own mini beasts out of sticks. Some children even made a worm with wings! - I'm glad they aren't real!



After that, the children gathered around the fire pit to enjoy hot chocolate and biscuits.



Darcey's Health and Well-being Box

Here are Darcey's tips for the week from 'Action for happiness' – 'Friendlier February' is the theme of this month's calendar.

19 Share something you find inspiring, helpful or amusing

20 Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun

21 Really listen to what people say, without judging them

22 Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today

23 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise

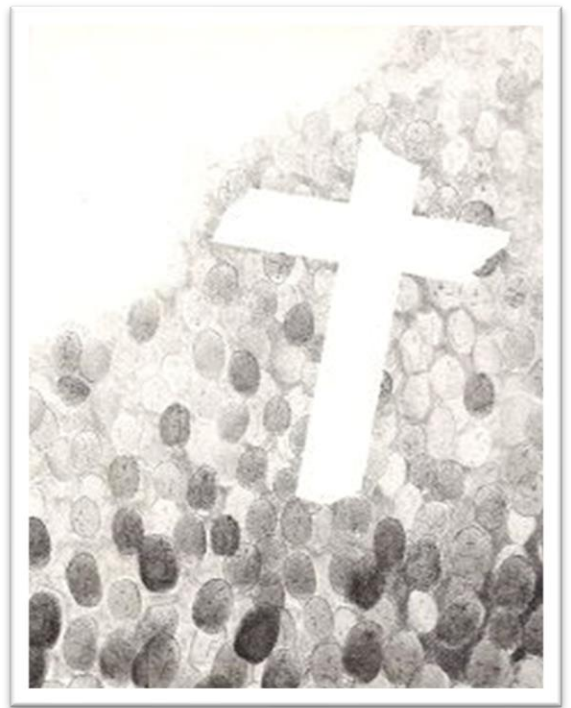
24 Tell a loved one about the strengths that you see in them

25 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why

IMAGE OF THE WEEK:

This week's image is of a community of fingerprints in ash from an Ash Wednesday service. Lent is the season in the Christian Church which marks a time of preparation as we move towards Easter. Many people give up things as they prepare but what about 'taking up' instead of, or as well as 'laying down' something?

Perhaps tie it in with Darcey's tips for the week or your children's Young Leaders Award challenge sheet. Perhaps we can use Lent as a time to do things that will make a difference around us? What will you do?



Thought of the Week

"If January is the month of change, February is the month of lasting change. January is for dreamers... February is for doers."
Marc Parent

February

Music Box



This week we've been listening to 'Sacrae Symphoniae' from the composer Giovanni Gabrieli who wrote music in the Renaissance period.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lmFpggGC6eU>

Childnet – Information for parents about online issues:

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/>

SCHOOL DIARY DATES

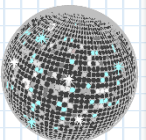
Thursday 7th March – World Book Day
Tuesday 12th March – Parent's Evening
Thursday 14th March – Parents Evening
Tuesday 19th March – Science Day
Friday 22nd March - TERM ENDS
Monday 8th April – TERM STARTS FOR CHILDREN
Friday 19th April – Maths Day
Monday 6th May – May Day
HALF TERM – 27th May – 31st May
Friday 24th May - Staff Training Day
Friday 19th July – TERM ENDS
Monday 22nd July – Staff Training Day



PTA DIARY DATES

Follow Offenham CE First School PTA on Facebook for information and updates.

Friday 1st March – School Disco
Friday 15th March – Non-uniform day (bottle)
Friday 15th March – Wine Tasting Evening
Friday 12th April – Non-uniform day (rainbow donation)
Friday 12th April – Movie Night
Friday 19th April – Family Fun Bingo Evening
Friday 10th May – Non-uniform day (jar)
Sat. 18th May – Brass on the Grass with Avonbank Brass Band
Friday 21st June – Non-uniform day (cake)
Sunday 23rd June – Summer Fayre
TBC July – Teddy Bear's Picnic for new starters



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.

Awards This Week:



Golden Apples:

Avon – Holly

Malvern – Brody H & Jessica S

Cotswold – Cole & Ava

Severn – Jack A & Rianne



Stars of the Week

Avon – Robyn & Esme B

Malvern – Henry Hi

Cotswold – Annabelle & Jasper

Severn – Alex



Viv Bear – Summer

Sports Award – Jack M

Cheer Bear – Athena



Housepoints

1st - Sapphires with 113 housepoints

2nd - Rubies with 105 housepoints

3rd - Emeralds with 93 housepoints

Birthdays

This week we celebrate the birthdays of Mack, Ffion, Amelie and Jack E.



Father God, today we celebrate the birthdays of Mack, Ffion, Amelie and Jack 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 –96% **Malvern –98.3%**
Cotswold –91.7% **Severn –96.3%**

Overall–95.6%