

Offenham C E First School

Newsletter - 1st March 2024




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Health and Safety -  We request that dogs are not brought onto the playground. Please wait at the gate. Thank you.



Clubs



There is no Netball club and no Muliskills club next week.

Muliskills club the following week will be on the Monday 11th instead of Tuesday 12th.



Parents' Evening

We hope you have all managed to sign up for a suitable parents' evening session. Class teachers are looking forward to meeting with you very soon. We are sure you will be so proud of all that your children have achieved and the progress they've made.

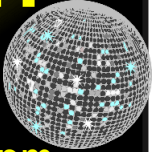


DISCO TONIGHT

KS1 – 5-6pm

KS2 – 6.15-7.15pm

Remember to get your dancing shoes on and bring a water bottle. There's going to be so much 'boogying' - you'll get very thirsty!



Lunches - Could we ask that you only select meals for your children that you know they will enjoy and eat.



Hair Accessories



Please could we ask that all hair accessories are kept modest and in line with school colours. Head bands, bobbles, bows and scrunchies should be blue, grey or black.

Messy Church

**March 29th in Offenham School Hall
9.30am – 12.30pm.**

Refreshments provided. Fun for all ages.

Please contact Penny Christison for further information and to register your interest. This will help with catering arrangements. Pennyanne68@gmail.com



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!



Golden Tickets!

Here are some photographs of our Golden ticket winners.

We also had some silver ticket winners, many of whom have redeemed their vouchers and come to school in non-uniform or with a cuddly friend.

I am looking forward to my Afternoon Tea session with some of the silver ticket winners very soon!



Congratulations

This Sunday at Offenham Church



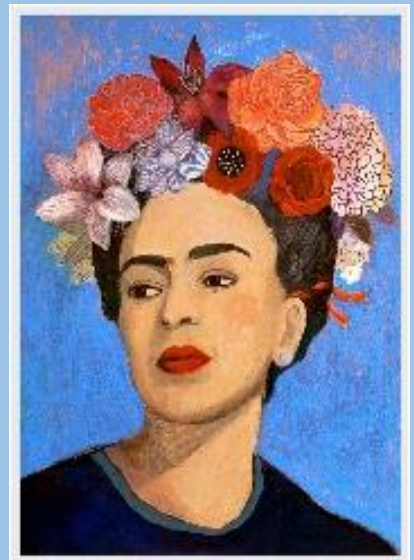
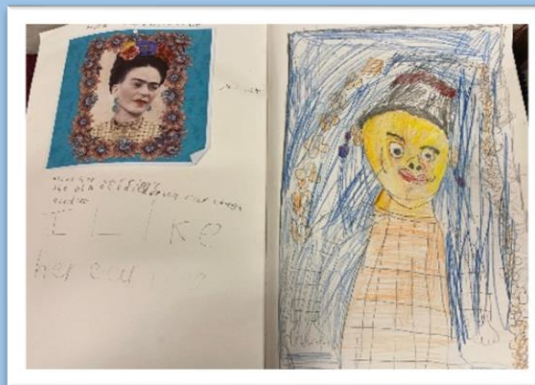
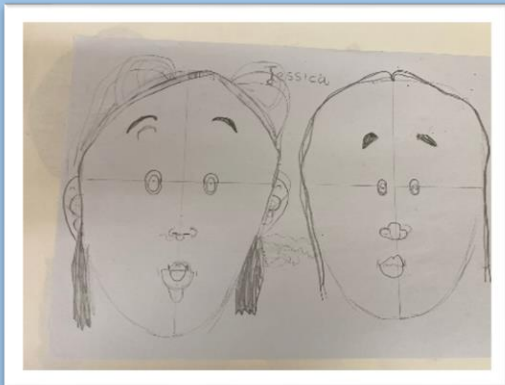
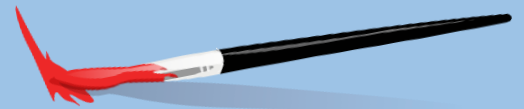
There is a special service at Church at 11am on Sunday. Come and hear the story of St Milburgh and her geese. There will also be an Offenham family baptism and a celebratory cake! It would be lovely to see you there. Everyone is welcome!

Wake up Wednesday - You will have received an email today containing some 'Wake up Wednesday' publications which have some great tips to help and support your child if they are experiencing bullying or dysregulation of emotion. I hope you will find time to read these publications. You will receive regular updates throughout the term.



Art in Malvern Class ...

This half term in Malvern, Year one and Year two are learning about the artist Frida Kahlo and how she uses different backgrounds and colours to express mood in a picture. Last week, we started off trying our own self-portraits using mirrors to help us. This week we were finding out about Frida Kahlo's life and experiences and talking about her art. We then tried to recreate our favourite piece of her art in our sketch books. We are looking forward to recreating our own Frida Kahlo self-portrait at the end of term!



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.

26

Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones

27

Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them

28

Give positive comments to as many people as possible today

29

Acknowledge someone's problem or pain rather than trying to fix it

1

Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness

2

Notice three things you find beautiful in the outside world

3

Start today by appreciating your body and that you're alive

IMAGE OF THE WEEK - This term, Avon class are studying the work of Jackson Pollock – an abstract expressionism artist. He created very large pieces of work by dripping or flicking paint onto large canvases. He even walked on them barefoot and added sand or other materials to add texture.



We look forward to seeing Avon's artwork. Do you think we have a big enough space to hang a giant canvas like the ones Jackson Pollock produced?



Thought of the Week

Happy Martisor!

Today, myself and other members of staff received Martisors from Claudia. I always love receiving my special bracelet made of red and white string. I have received many over the years and its acts as an encouragement that summer is on its way. The red and white ribbons represent life, vitality, snow and wisdom.

It's also the start of 'meteorological spring' but it's not yet 'happy astrological spring' - that won't be until 19th March.

However, days are getting longer and that is always good!

"Spring: a lovely reminder of how beautiful change can truly be." – Unknown



Music Box



This week we've been listening to Mendelssohn's – 'A Midsummer Night's Dream, Op. 61/4: Scherzo'. You can watch a video of the Vienna Symphony orchestra playing this piece, using the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sUm41WqTix8>



Childnet – Information for parents about online issues:

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

SCHOOL DIARY DATES

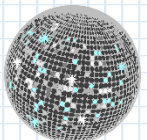
- Thursday 7th March – World Book Day
- Thursday 7th March – Y4 trip to Houses of Parliament
- Tuesday 12th March – Parent's Evening
- Thursday 14th March – Parents Evening
- Tuesday 19th March – Science Day
- Friday 22nd March - TERM ENDS
- Friday 29th March – Messy Church – school: 9.30-12.30
- Monday 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



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 – Archie & Liliya

Malvern – Emmy & Thea

Cotswold – Arthur E & Emily

Severn – Khloe & Amber



Stars of the Week

Avon – Hayden

Malvern – Maya

Cotswold – Mack

Severn – Oliver P



Viv Bear – Olivia D

Sports Award – Neve

Cheer Bear – Robyn



Housepoints

1st - **Sapphires** with 184 housepoints

2nd - **Rubies** with 175 housepoints

3rd - **Emeralds** with 142 housepoints

Birthdays

This week we celebrated the birthday of Henry Hi.

Father God, today we celebrate the birthday of Henry and we say thank you that he is part of our school family. We pray that he may grow in wisdom and grace; give dignity and respect to others and that he may know your hope and joy every day. Strengthen and bless him on his birthday and every day throughout the next year. Amen.



Attendance

Avon -96% **Malvern** -99.2%

Cotswold -93.3% **Severn** -94.6%

Overall-95.8%