

Offenham C E First School

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Look out for a letter and some raffle tickets in your child's bag today. Have a look at the attached email to see some of the prizes on offer!



Offenham CE First School PTA's BIG EASTER RAFFLE March 2024!
Sponsored by Autocare Service Centre, Inches Lane, Evesham



A big thank you to the PTA for organising the raffle and to



'Autocare service Centre' for sponsoring the 40+ prizes on offer.



Christingle - Thank you to everyone who gave to the Children's Society through the Christingle candle boxes. £103.09 has been sent to the Children's Society on our behalf. *Thank You!*

Next week ...

Tuesday- Parent's Evening
Thursday- Parents Evening
Friday- Non-uniform day (bottle)
Friday- Wine Tasting Evening

A Message from the PTA -

There are still spaces available for the Wine Tasting next Friday- bring your friends and family (18 and over) to enjoy this evening.
See flyer on email.



Clubs



Multiskills club next week will be on the Monday 11th instead of Tuesday.



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

★ Wake up Wednesday - Make sure to take a look at the 'Wake-up Wednesday' email being sent out via email. ★

Trip to the Houses of Parliament

Year four children had a great trip to London yesterday. They learned so much about how Parliament works and will hopefully put this into practice when they become our new Pupil Parliament next year.

Their behaviour was exemplary and their relationships with one another were a joy to observe. A special thank you to Mr Webb, our Safeguarding Governor, who joined us for the day and to Mrs Walker who gave up her day off to be with us!

See more about our trip on next week's newsletter!

For the year four children, who came to London, and who didn't get the chance to wear their pyjamas to school we have set **Tuesday 12th March** as a day when they can come to school in their pyjamas (if they wish to) and bring a blanket to snuggle into for the whole day!



Key Stage 2 Trip

Last week we had an amazing, fun filled day at Bishops Wood. Cotswold and Severn classes enjoyed activities from the stone age throughout the day. They included us becoming experts in identifying plants that could be foraged and eaten safely, building waterproof houses which could be easily moved as well as lighting fires. We also tried hard to throw spears - however this was harder than it looked and although the animals stayed still for us many of us still missed! When building walls for the roundhouses we used willow to weave, we were very successful with our weaving willow walls. We impressed the leaders with our knowledge of the Stone Age. Everyone had a great day and we had lots of unforgettable experiences.



Celebrating World Book Day

A huge thank you to everyone who helped celebrate World Book Day yesterday. It was great to see children and adults dressed up in their pyjamas and snuggle up with their favourite book. Children shared a story time in the morning as a whole school, as well as again in the afternoon. All classes also had the opportunity to share their own books with other children whilst snuggling up in our blankets and on our cushions. Just look at all the fun they had reading...



Don't forget to spend your world book day voucher. Here are some of the books you can get for free with your voucher this year...

Darcey's Health and Well-being Box



Here are Darcey's tips for the week from 'Action for happiness'.



'Mindful March' is the theme of this month's calendar.

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| 4 Notice how you speak to yourself and choose to use kind words | 5 Bring to mind people you care about and send love to them | 6 If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down | 7 Take three calm breaths at regular intervals during your day | 8 Eat mindfully. Appreciate the taste, texture and smell of your food | 9 Take a full breath in and out before you reply to others | 10 Get outside and notice how the weather feels on your face |
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Dates for your Diary

Science Day – 19th March

Maths Day – 19th April –

Wear something maths themed –
look on the web for some amazing ideas!



Music Box

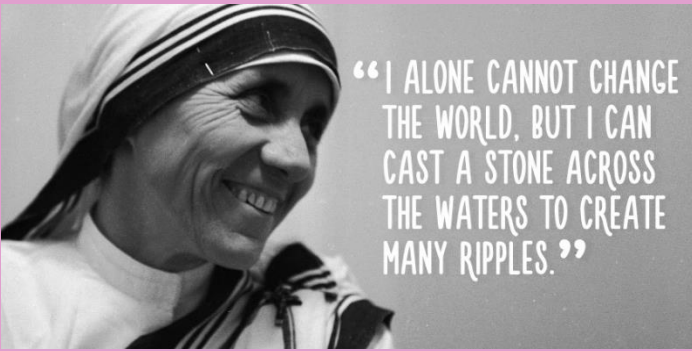


This week we've been listening to a romance for piano and violin by Clara Schuman – a composer from the Romantic period.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G2yVMWbslCM>

Thought of the Week

Today is International Women's Day. Thank you to Steliyan's parents who sent a posy of flowers into school for each female member of staff. Thank you too to Alina who brought some special balloon flowers in for some of our staff.



Childnet – Information for parents about online issues:

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

SCHOOL DIARY DATES

- 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
- Monday 22nd July – Staff Training Day



PTA DIARY DATES

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

- 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 10 – 11.30am.

Awards This week:



Golden Apples:

Avon – Anjuna & Jack

Malvern – Steliyan & Thea

Cotswold – Annabelle & Arthur

Severn – Simon & Maisy



Stars of the Week

Avon – Freddie

Malvern – Henry Hu

Cotswold – Billy

Severn – Jack



Viv Bear – Ivy

Sports Award – Mack

Cheer Bear – Emily



Housepoints

1st - **Sapphires** with 280 housepoints

2nd - **Rubies** with 263 housepoints

3rd - **Emeralds** with 232 housepoints

Birthdays

This week we celebrate the birthdays of George & Annabelle

Father God, today we celebrate the birthdays of George and Annabelle 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% **Malvern** -98.5%

Cotswold -94.2% **Severn** -95.4%

Overall-96.3%