

# Offenham C E First School

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**Easter Service** - Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Easter service at Church and well done to Esta and Isaac who led our service.



 **EASTER WINNERS** 

Thank you to everyone who created an Easter bonnet/ hat. We were amazed at the number of entries and the imaginative and creative designs.



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| YR- Jack E | Y1- Harry  |
| Y2- Terry  | Y3- Cole   |
| Y4- Ffion  | Y5- Carson |




**WELCOME**

After Easter, we welcome Mrs Clare Hodge to be our new TA in Severn class. Mrs Hodge brings a wealth of experience with her. She has had the responsibility of being subject lead for MFL in another school and we are excited that she will be continuing the provision for French lessons here. I know that you will make her feel very welcome at Offenham.

Wake up Wednesday - Make sure to take a look at the 'Wake-up Wednesday' article being sent out via email. This week the subject is "Encouraging open conversations at home".

**Congratulations to those of you lucky enough to win one of the fabulous PTA Easter Egg Raffle Prizes.**

A big thank you to the PTA for organising the raffle and to Autocare Service Centre for sponsoring the prizes.


**Enjoy!**



**YOUR VOICE MATTERS!** Parent Survey - Thank you to everyone who filled in this survey. I will publish the results and responses to the questions after the holidays. We are so grateful for all feedback that will help us continue to improve and be the best school we can possibly be.

**YEAR 5 SCIENCE LETTER**

Year five parents will have received an email today with a letter attachment outlining science objectives for next term please take time to read it.



**Messy Church**  
**March 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Pennyanne68@gmail.com)



# Afternoon Tea with PTA Raffle Winners

Thank you to the PTA for providing our Afternoon Tea, we had a really lovely time chatting together.



**RAINBOW DONATIONS:** It's non-uniform day on THURSDAY 11th APRIL in exchange for a rainbow donation for prize hampers. The colour will depend on your Year group: **Reception Red, Year 1 Orange, Year 2 Yellow, Year 3 Green, Year 4 Blue, Year 5 Purple.** You can donate anything you like in your colour: food, drink, toiletries, games etc.

## PRIZE BINGO

Friday 19th April, 2024 at Offenham Village Hall  
Doors open at 6:00pm | Eyes down at 6:30pm

**£5 per adult, £3 per child**  
(5 rounds plus a bonus stand-up bingo round)

Bingo dabbers (£1) and raffle tickets will be for sale on the night  
(cash only please)

You're welcome to bring your own drinks & snacks.

Places are limited so please book your  
space by emailing  
offenhampta@gmail.com

# Happy Easter





# Darcey's Health and Well-being Box



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

- 18 Have a 'no plans' day and notice how that feels
- 19 Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today
- 20 Focus on what makes you and others happy today [dayofhappiness.net](http://dayofhappiness.net)
- 21 Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else
- 22 Notice something that is going well, even if today feels difficult
- 23 Tune into your feelings, without judging or trying to change them
- 24 Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do
- 25 Focus your attention on the good things you take for granted
- 26 Choose to spend less time looking at screens today
- 27 Appreciate nature around you, wherever you are
- 28 Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible
- 29 Choose a different route today and see what you notice
- 30 Mentally scan your body and notice what it is feeling
- 31 Discover the joy in the simple things of life

## DOWMAT Newsletter

You will have received the DOWMAT newsletter via email today. We hope you enjoy reading it.



## Attendance

Avon -97.5%  
 Malvern -94.6%  
 Cotswold -93.8%  
 Severn -96%  
**Overall-95.4%** ✓

## Stars of the Week

To be celebrated after the holidays.

**Avon - Eze**  
**Malvern - Mollie**  
**Cotswold - Olly V**  
**Severn - Alina**

## Thought of the Week

Happy Easter to you all!

May the joy of the resurrection,

The eagerness of the disciples to tell the good news,

The sacrificial love of Christ,

And the peace of God the Father - through his son, Jesus, the Prince of peace,

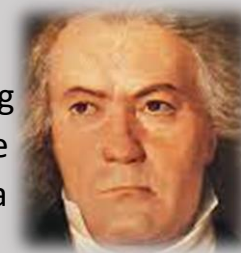
Be ours this Easter and always. Amen.



## Music Box



This week we've been listening to Beethoven's KYRIE from the Missa Solemnis. You can find a link to the music below.



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FNXMVzH\\_Dys](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FNXMVzH_Dys)

Childnet - Information for parents about online issues:

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

## SCHOOL DIARY DATES



Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Messy Church - school: 9.30-12.30

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April - TERM STARTS FOR CHILDREN

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April - Malvern trip to Bromsgrove School

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April - Maths Day (wear something maths themed)

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May - May Day

HALF TERM - 27<sup>th</sup> May - 31<sup>st</sup> May

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May - Staff Training Day

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July - TERM ENDS

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Staff Training Day



## PTA DIARY DATES

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April - Non-uniform day (rainbow donation)

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April - Movie Night

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April - Family Fun Bingo Evening

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May - Non-uniform day (jar)

Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> May - Brass on the Grass with Avonbank Brass Band

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June - Non-uniform day (cake)

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.



## 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.**



## 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.

**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.**



**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.

## 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.



*Offenham Baby and Toddler Group (NCT) takes place every Friday @ Offenham Village Hall 10 - 11.30am.*

