



Offenham C E First School

Newsletter - 3rd May 2024



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Celebration Assembly

There will be a Celebration Assembly on the 17th May even though some of our KS2 children will be on residential. We will celebrate birthdays up to the 18th May with children who are in Reception to year three on that day.

Children in year four who have a birthday on the 8th, 24th and 25th May will be celebrated on the 10th May.



Coming up...



Monday – MAY DAY

Tuesday – Art Club

Wednesday – Maypole Club

Friday – NON – UNIFORM DAY

Games & Puzzles Club (last one)

& Junior Choir Club



Caring for God's Acre

There will be a special event at the Offenham Churchyard on the 12th May from 2pm. It is an opportunity to gather together and take part in some fun activities whilst enjoying nature – there will refreshments available. Everyone is welcome.

Jack Rutter Visit

Wow what a day we enjoyed yesterday! What an amazing guy and an amazing story. A huge thank you to Jack Rutter for inspiring all of us to be the best we can be and to overcome difficulties with positivity. Thank you to Mrs Rackham (Jacob's mum) for 'gifting' us Jack for the day. We look forward to working with her company, Inspired Athletes, again in the future and to meeting other inspirational sports people. Everyone who took part had a great time; great but exhausting. What a privilege to train with the person who coaches the 7-a-side England CP team and the Captain of the GB Paralympic 7-a-side team.



This Week in Severn class...

What a busy week we have had! We have had a super week with singing practices for the Summer production, year five children learning how to use a protractor, great progress being made in swimming, writing our own magazine articles about any topic we wanted to and so much more!

The highlight of our week was probably that our PE lesson was run by a visitor who was a former GB Paralympic Footballer called Jack Rutter. He told us lots about his earlier childhood dreams of playing football and how he made it come true despite facing challenges along the way. After his assembly, we were able to ask him some questions to find out more before having a fitness session with him. It was extremely exhausting, but great fun - a definite work out!

Severn class wish everyone a very happy bank holiday weekend!





Darcey's Health and Well-being Box



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

We finish active April and move to meaningful May.

- 29 Become an activist for a cause you really believe in
- 30 Make time to run, swim, dance, cycle or stretch today
- 1 Do something kind for someone you really care about
- 2 Focus on what you can do rather than what you can't do
- 3 Take a step towards an important goal, however small
- 4 Send your friend a photo from a time you enjoyed together
- 5 Let someone know how much they mean to you and why



Wake Up Wednesday



Make sure to take a look at the 'Wake-up Wednesday' information sheet being sent out via email today. The subject of the briefing is the results of media use and attitudes amongst children and young people.

Thought of the Week



Our featured scientist of the week is Rachel Carson – a marine biologist, conservationist and ECO activist.

"Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts. There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrains of nature – the assurance that dawn comes after night, and spring after winter."



Music Box



This week we've been listening to music inspired by some words from Rachel Carson book 'Silent Spring'. The music was is entitled 'The Sense of Wonder', composed by Kevin Siegfried.



Here's a link to the music -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Z7txjddGNY>

Childnet – Information for parents about online issues:

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



SCHOOL DIARY DATES

Monday 6th May – May Day

HALF TERM – 27th May – 31st May

Thursday 23rd May – Sports Day & Picnic

Friday 24th May - Staff Training Day

Friday 7th June – Y5 trip and sleepover

Monday 1st July – KS1 trip to Warwick Castle

Friday 19th July – TERM ENDS

Monday 22nd July – Staff Training Day



PTA DIARY DATES

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.



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.

Awards This Week:



Golden Apples:

Avon - Harry & Esme
Malvern - Kara & George
Cotswold - Amelie
Severn - Alex & Jack M

Stars of the Week

Avon - Liliya
Malvern - Terry
Cotswold - Emily
Severn - Ellie C



Cheer Bear - Martha



Sports Award - The whole school for great participation in the day with Jack. He was impressed with your conduct, questions, participation and enthusiasm.



Birthdays

This week we celebrate the birthdays of Sofia-Lily & Skylar.

Father God, today we celebrate the birthday of Sophia-Lily and Skylar 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 -90.5% Malvern -90.6%
Cotswold -95.6% Severn -97.7%
Overall-93.6% ✓



Housepoints

1st - Sapphires with 212 housepoints
2nd - Rubies with 211 housepoints
3rd - Emeralds with 199 housepoints