

Offenham C E First School

Newsletter - 10th May 2024

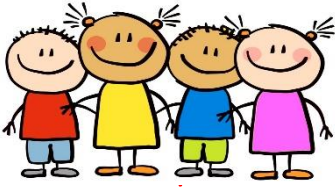


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On the 23rd of May we have our c and sports and event. We our families to join en for a picnic before the sports

day starts. The gates will open at 11.45am for you to come into the school grounds and set up you picnic space. Your children will join you at 12pm for the picnic. You can either send your child to school with a packed lunch or bring it with you when you come. If you are unable to make the picnic your child will be able to eat with staff members.

Your child will need to come to school wearing their PE kits and trainers. We have coloured bib for each house team. There will be optional parent races and we ask that you wear your child's team colour.



Coming up...



- Monday – Senior Choir**
- Tuesday – Art Club (Group B)**
- Wednesday – Y4 & Y5 Residential Maypole Club**
- Friday – Junior Choir Club**
- KS2 Playground Opening**

GLOW BEATS – Thursday 16th

There will be an afterschool session on the 16th for children and parents. To book your place please speak to the PTA. Even if you and your child are not taking part in the session through the PTA please can your child come to school wearing their PE kit.



Walk-In- Monday! Monday 20th May – 3.15pm
Your child will be proud to show you all they have achieved this year so far.

Caring for God's Acre - A Reminder that 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.



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 3 on that day.

RE learning in Avon and Malvern



This term, Avon and Malvern have been learning about the Islamic faith.

To conclude their learning, the children were very fortunate to have two speakers, Abeda and Ayesha, from the Muslim community, to join them in their RE lesson on Wednesday. The religious speakers talked about their beliefs and practices and offered the children the opportunity to ask questions to further their understanding.

Both Abeda and Ayesha were impressed with the children's knowledge and their deep and thoughtful questioning. They also commented on how engaged and polite the children were. We are extremely thankful to Abeda and Ayesha who volunteer their time to visit schools to share their knowledge about their faith.

We believe it is so important that children have an understanding of the diverse world we live in so that we can instil tolerance and respect for one another. We know from this memorable learning experience that the children's knowledge and understanding of Islam will be enriched and they will have a greater understanding of the diversity within those religions.





Darcey's Health and Well-being Box



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

6 Look for people doing good and reasons to be cheerful

7 Make a list of what matters most to you and why

8 Set yourself a kindness mission to help others today

9 What values are important to you? Find ways to use them today

10 Be grateful for the little things, even in difficult times

11 Look around for things that bring you a sense of awe and wonder

12 Listen to a favourite piece of music and remember what it means to you



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 about a new computer game and the reasons why it has the rating it does and the implications for your child.

Thought of the Week



A thought for the week about unity and togetherness:



Music Box



This week we've been listening to music composed by Bob Chilcott called "A Little Jazz Mass". A mass is a musical composition sung by a choir. The words are taken from the liturgy used during a communion/Eucharist service.

We chose this music because Mother Jo came into school to celebrate Eucharist – the sharing of bread and wine – this week. Click on the link below to listen to the music.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4RzXr11xr_Y

Thank you to Mother Jo for leading a very special time of gathering – we enjoyed it very much.

Childnet – Information for parents about online issues:
<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/>



SCHOOL DIARY DATES

- Wed 15th - Fri 17th May - Year 4 and 5 Residential Trip
- 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

- Fri 17th May – Opening of KS2 Playground 3.15pm
- 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 CANNOT 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.



Awards This Week:

Maths Star of the Month

Avon – Harry
Malvern – Sofia
Cotswold – Jude
Severn – Isla D

Science Star of the Month

YR – Jack E **Y1 - Isaac**
Y2 – Terry **Y3 Phoebe**
Y4 – Ffion **Y5 Darcey**

English Star of the Month

Avon – Finlay
Malvern – Edey
Cotswold – Jacob M
Severn – Nancy

Golden Apples:

Avon – Hayden & Summer

Malvern – Henry P & Leon

Cotswold – Jack P & Oliver D

Severn – Esta, Egons & Alba-Mae

Stars of the Week

Avon – Jessica O

Malvern – Neve

Cheer Bear – Brody H

Sports Award – Egons

Viv - Esta

Attendance

Avon -91.8% Malvern -92.5%

Cotswold -95.4% Severn -95.6%

Overall-93.9% ✓

Birthdays

This week we celebrate the birthdays of Alba-Mae, Khloe & Lucy.

Father God, today we celebrate the birthday of Alba-Mae, Khloe and Lucy 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.

Housepoints

1st - Rubies with 287 housepoints

2nd - Sapphires with 254 housepoints

3rd - Emeralds with 249 housepoints