

# Offenham C E First School

## Newsletter - 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024

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### Pupil Parliament

We have a newly elected Pupil Parliament who will take up their positions in September '24. Following a poster and publicity campaign over the past two weeks, yesterday morning, they presented to the whole school – children and adults. How brave they all were! They delivered with confidence and passion and we were all so impressed by the standard of presentations.

After the votes were counted we are pleased to announce that:

Mason is our Pupil Parliament Prime Minister with Khloe as deputy Prime Minister

Ffion is our ECO and Charities Minister with Ellie B as deputy.

Jude is our Sports, Health and Well-being Minister and Isla D as deputy.

Harry is our SMSC Minister and Isla G as deputy.

The incoming Parliament have had such good role models and we are confident that they will continue the good work already established.



### Coming up...



**Monday – Senior Choir / Country Dancing**

**Tuesday – Code Breakers**

**Wednesday – Maypole Dancing**

**New Parents Meeting 5.15pm**

**Thursday – New starters 9.30 – 11.30**

**Friday – Non - Uniform Day Junior Choir**

**Sunday – SUMMER FAYRE**

**Girl's Socks** -After sorting through our spare clothes cupboard, Mrs Roden and Mrs Bindley are kindly requesting that if you have any spare girl's socks you bring them into school to help fill this gap in our provision. Please give them to Mrs Roden at the gate.



### Sports Afternoon



Thank you to everyone who came along to Sports afternoon. Thank you too to Mr Elenkinsop, our PE Lead and his amazing Sports Crew for all their hard work. Thank you too to all staff for spending time preparing the children for today's races.

The weather just about held out to the end. Our apologies to the Dads who didn't get to run their race.

May I also say a huge thank you to all our children who, as always, were so encouraging of one another and worked so well in their teams.

Sapphires were our overall winners and claim the cup!

The Leavers' race winners

Girls – 1<sup>st</sup> place – Amber, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Alina and 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Maisy

Boys – 1<sup>st</sup> place – Charlie, 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Oly and 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Carson

Toddlers race:

1<sup>st</sup> place – Ernie, 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Leo and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Poppy.



**Classes for Next Year** - Today you will receive a letter informing you of the class your child will be in for the next academic year.



**Message from the PTA:** *Hi everyone,*

Your child has come home with raffle tickets to sell ahead of the Summer Fayre. Please return stubs, cash and unsold tickets in an envelope to the PTA box by **Friday 21st June** ahead of the fayre on Sunday 23rd June. The stubs don't need to be filled in completely - just make sure there's a name, phone number and then your child's name on the back of each ticket would be helpful so we can get the prizes to the lucky winners. More tickets are available from the office.

There are some absolutely fantastic prizes to win

Thank you so much for your support, we really appreciate everything you do to raise funds for our wonderful school.

Lucy, Claire & Lisa



**WAKE DAY** - Thank you to all the dancers who took part in the Wake Day celebrations - you danced so well and I received many positive comments from lots of people. It was such a wonderful community day. We are so blessed as a school to be part of such an amazing community with such long-standing traditions.



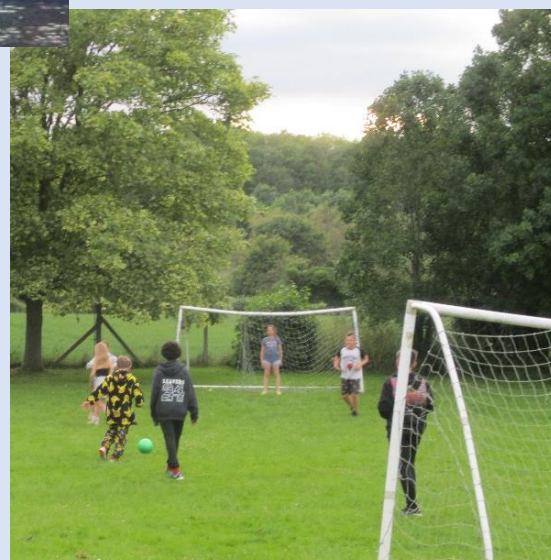
## Year Five Enjoyed a Very Busy Weekend.



Last week, our Year 5 students embarked on an exhilarating trip to Drayton Manor, and what a fantastic day it was! From the moment we arrived, the superb behaviour and positive attitudes of our students were evident. They demonstrated remarkable "have a go" attitudes, eagerly trying out the various attractions and rides that Drayton Manor has to offer. Among the highlights were the thrilling rides: "The Wave," which had everyone screaming; "Maelstrom," a dizzying spin that left everyone disorientated; and the mighty "Thor," a ride which was the favourite amongst many of the children. The children showed immense courage and enthusiasm, making the most of every moment and encouraging each other to take on new challenges. It was wonderful to see the smiles on their faces and hear their excited chatter as they shared their experiences with one another.

The excitement didn't end there! After our thrilling day at Drayton Manor, we headed back to school for a much-anticipated sleepover. The evening was packed with fun games, laughter, and a delicious dinner. The children played a variety of entertaining games that had everyone engaged and having a blast. As the evening wound down, the students settled into their sleeping bags, and after a bit more chatting and giggling, they managed to get a mostly restful night's sleep. It was heart-warming to see them bond over stories, games, and the shared experience of spending the night at school.

They then had an amazing time splashing about on the river. What a truly wonderful and exhausting few days!



# Darcey's Health and Well-being Box

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

10 Bring joy to others by doing something kind for them

11 Eat good food that makes you happy and really savour it

12 Write a gratitude letter to thank someone

13 Take a light-hearted approach. Choose to see the funny side

14 Share a happy memory with someone who means a lot to you

15 Look for something to be thankful for where you least expect it

16 Speak to others in a warm and friendly way

## Grandparents' Day 25<sup>th</sup> June

Grandparents of children with no siblings at school will come into school on the morning of the 25<sup>th</sup>, 10 - 11.30am and grandparents of children with siblings at school will come into school in the afternoon - 1.30-3pm.



## Wake Up Wednesday



This week's Wake up Wednesday is all about 'Fair play and friendly competition'.



## Thought of the Week

This week we have been thinking about the fruit of gentleness in our assembly times.



## Music Box



This week we have been listening to 'Hoedown' from 'Rodeo' by Aaron Copland. (start the video from 31 seconds).



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v40IjawyW2k>

## SCHOOL DIARY DATES

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Grandparents' Day  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June – New Parents Meeting 5.15pm  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June – New starter taster session  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Transition Day  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July – KS1 trip to Warwick Castle  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July – New starter taster session  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July – KS2 performance 6pm  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July – KS2 performance 6pm  
12<sup>th</sup> July – Fun Evening with ceilidh 6.30 – 9pm  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – TERM ENDS  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Staff Training Day



Childnet – Information for parents about online issues:

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

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## PTA DIARY DATES



Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Non-uniform day (cake)  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Summer Fayre  
12<sup>th</sup> July 2pm – 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.**



**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 & Emilis

**Malvern** - Jacob R & Oran

**Cotswold** - Bashir & Lucy

**Severn** - Maisy, Jack M & Simon

## Stars of the Week

**Avon** - Ivy, Finlay & Seb

**Malvern** - Skylar, Leon & Steliyan

**Cotswold** - Emily, Harry & Esme

**Severn** - Alba & Egons

## Sports Award - Alex (nominated by Darcey)

**Viv** - George

**Cheer Bear** - Year 5 children



## Attendance

Avon -98% Malvern -100%

Cotswold -93% Severn -97.5%

Overall-97.2% ✓

## Birthdays

This week we celebrate the birthdays of Eze, Jack A, Emilis, Summer, Jack M, Oliver V, Claudia & Simon

Father God, today we celebrate the birthday of Eze, Jack, Emilis, Summer, Jack, Oliver, Claudia and Simon 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

1<sup>st</sup> - **Rubies** with 104 housepoints

2<sup>nd</sup> - **Sapphires** with 90 housepoints

3<sup>rd</sup> - **Emeralds** with 88 housepoints