

Offenham C E First School

Newsletter - 6th September 2024

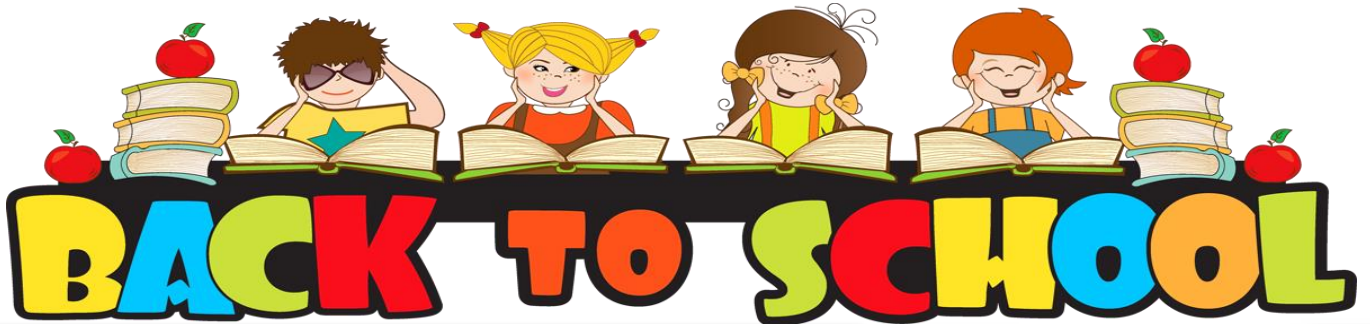


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WELCOME BACK



We are so pleased to be back together again and look forward to all that this year will bring!



Coming up...



- Photographs – 17th September
- Bikeability – 17th – 19th September
- Swimming starts 23rd September

Positive Mental Health and Well-being.

We want all the children at our school to develop positive self-esteem, self-awareness and self-confidence so that they can play an active part in school life; we want them to feel valued and become valuable members of the communities to which they belong. Mrs Nicol is our Senior mental health lead. If you would like to discuss any issues concerning your child's mental health and well-being please email her on head@offenham.dowmat.education

This week, four of our Pupil Parliament ministers met with me to share their plans for building on and developing our well-being work amongst their peers. They are so keen and independently came up with some great ideas. They have formally adopted the name 'Well-being whales' because they've been learning all about whales and how they create bubble rings to capture fish. They want to create bubbles; ways to capture and help their peers with their worries. They will share their plans in a special assembly next week. They have designed badges that they will wear so they can be identified and have asked Pete our Pastoral worker for some training so that they can be the best WBW's. It's all very exciting!



Why not take a look at the CALMZONE website – <https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/calm-zone/> - it has lots of activities and ideas that might help with maintaining your own and your child's well-being and positive mental health.

Hereford and Worcester Families Magazine

Follow this link to a virtual version of the Families magazine:

https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/familieshereford_worcesterseptemboctober2024digi?fr=sYjMxOTc3MjUzNTc&utm_source=BenchmarkEmail&utm_campaign=Distribution Points Mag Link Sept%2fOct 24&utm_medium=email



Updated Attendance Information from Worcestershire County Council

Please follow the link to get some information about attendance policy in Worcestershire:

<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/worcestershire-education-and-early-years-services/inclusion-educational-settings/attendance-and-cme/information-parents-and-carers>

PHOTOGRAPHS

**INDIVIDUAL AND SIBLING PHOTOS WILL
BE TAKEN ON THE MORNING OF
17TH SEPTEMBER.**

Open Week -Open week will take place Monday 14th October to 18th October. Parents can make an appointment to be shown around our school by myself and some wonderful students. Please share this information with friends and families and recommend us if you feel you are able to.



Celebration Assembly

We will hold our first Celebration Assembly next week – all are welcome! If your child is receiving an award we'll let you know via text by Thursday afternoon.

Avon class have had a lovely first week at school settling into the new school year. Our year ones have really enjoyed showing the new reception children around the school, and explaining how things work here at Offenham. The class have enjoyed playing together and getting to know one another – they've especially enjoyed playing in the sandpit and creating finger paintings of their families.



SCHOOL MEALS

REMINDER SCHOOL MEALS

School meals must be ordered on ParentPay by Thursday of the week before. **ANY ORDERS LATER THAN THAT CANNOT BE PROCESSED.**



MUSIC OF THE WEEK

During assembly this week, we have been listening to Beethoven's 5th Symphony.

Click here to access the video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n3EiRynr1Us>



★ Wake Up Wednesday ★
Each week we'll publish a new Wake up Wednesday publication. ★

Thought of the Week

"Every day is a new beginning. Take a deep breath, smile, and start again." - Anon

Image of the week: Our new children have settled so well and we look forward to watching them grow and flourish each day. Well done to you all on such a wonderful first week with us - you can feel very proud of yourselves!



Birthdays

We will celebrate all birthdays up until 15th September in next week's celebration assembly.

SCHOOL DIARY DATES

School Photos ...Tuesday 17th September
Bikeability - 17th - 19th September
Swimming Starts ..Monday 23rd September
HALF TERM - Monday 28th Oct - Friday 1st Nov
Last swimming session ..Monday 2nd December
TERM ENDS Thursday 19th December for PUPILS

TERM STARTS Monday 6th January for ALL.
Young Voices.... Monday 13th January 2025

Childnet - Information for parents about online issues:

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



PTA DIARY DATES

20th September - Colour Run!

