

Offenham C E First School

Newsletter - 27th September 2024



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Harvest Festival

We will celebrate our Harvest festival in Church on Friday 4th October from 9am. Everyone welcome. We would ask that children bring a small donation to help the work of Caring Hands in the Vale.

Toiletries, household goods and tins or packets of food would be great.

Please make sure that your child is able to independently carry their offering from school to church.



Coming up...



MONDAY – SWIMMING

FRIDAY – HARVEST FESTIVAL & DISCO



OFFENHAM CE FIRST SCHOOL PTA

UV DISCO!

FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER

KS1
5:30-
6:30PM

£3
PER CHILD

KS2
6:45-
7:45PM

PAY BY BANK TRANSFER BEFORE 12PM ON THE 4TH OCTOBER OR CASH ON THE DOOR

PLEASE BRING A DRINK. CRISPS AND SWEETS WILL BE PROVIDED BY PAYING FOR YOUR CHILD'S ENTRY TO THE DISCO, YOU ARE CONSENTING TO UV FACE PAINTS BEING APPLIED. IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFO OR WOULD PREFER NOT TO HAVE THIS, PLEASE LET US KNOW

Welcome to Class Meetings - Thank you to everyone who attended yesterday evening's meeting. We hope you found them useful. If you weren't able to make the meetings please see your class teacher to get some information to help you support your child's learning.



Thank you too, to all our wonderful teachers for organising the welcome to class meetings. Thank you for all the support you give to our children on a daily basis.

Huge congratulations to Mr and Mrs Johnson on the safe arrival of their beautiful little girl Mabel.

Individual Parents Evening Meetings



Sessions will take place as follows:

Tuesday 15th October - Severn class with Miss Aucock - 3.30-6.30pm - zoom appointments are available.

Wednesday 16th October - Avon class with Miss Gillmore, Malvern class with Mr Blenkinsop and Cotswold class with Mrs Daniels and Mrs Ellis - 3.30-6.30pm

Thursday 17th October - Avon class with Miss Gillmore, Malvern class with Mr Blenkinsop, Cotswold class with Mrs Daniels and Mrs Ellis and Severn class with Miss Aucock- 3.30-6.30pm.

A sign -up sheet will be placed outside the office on Monday the 30th September and Tuesday the 1st October.

A message from our Charity and ECO ministers

Ffion and Ellie are hoping to set up an ECO Stars after school club. They are looking for parent volunteers who are passionate about our planet and its plants and animals and who would be happy to help them. They hope to run the group on a Monday after school.

They are also planning a non-uniform day to raise money to twin our school toilets with a couple of toilets in poorer countries across the world.

Please wear your non-school uniform on Friday the 18th of October and bring a donation to put in the bucket (suggested voluntary contribution of a £1). The girls are hoping to raise enough money to sponsor two toilets at the cost of £60 each.

The girls also remind us to be generous at Harvest time which is next week; as all gifts will be given to Caring Hands in the Vale, a charity close to Ffion's heart.



This Week in Severn Class...

What an exciting and busy half term we've had so far! Our class has been diving into so many fun and educational activities. Our English lessons took us on a thrilling adventure, where we explored a story about a whale. The class was captivated by the tale, and their creativity really shone through in their own adventure stories inspired by the sea. In French, we've been learning with the fantastic Madame Hodge. The children are picking up new vocabulary quickly, and it's been great hearing them use French greetings and phrases with such enthusiasm. In Geography, we've been ocean explorers, learning about the wonders of the deep sea and the importance of protecting our oceans. The class has been so engaged, asking thoughtful questions and sharing their knowledge. One of our highlights so far has been the Colour Run! The children had an absolute blast running through clouds of colour and filling the air with laughter - it was a wonderful way to celebrate health, happiness, and friendship. We also hopped on our bikes for Bikeability training, where the children learned important skills about road safety and how to ride with confidence. The instructors were so impressed with their enthusiasm and progress. Last but not least, our Year 5 children started their cornet lessons this week. The sound of the children learning a new instrument together has been inspiring, and we can't wait to hear them perform later this year. It's been an incredible first month filled with learning, laughter, and growth. We're looking forward to even more adventures in the coming months!



Open Week

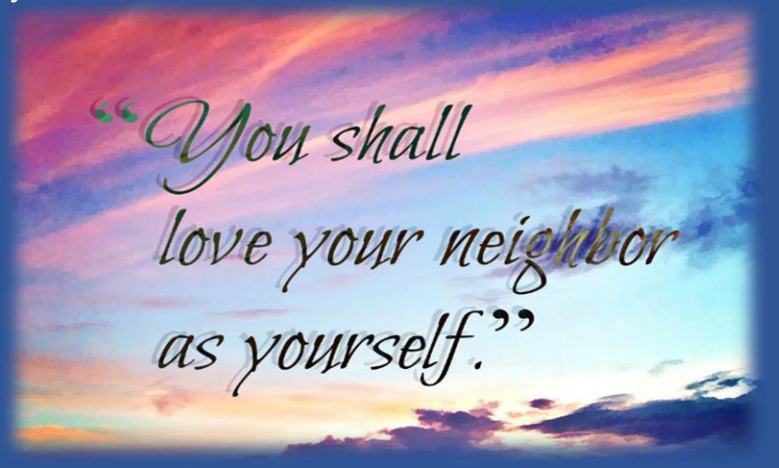


Open week will take place Monday 14th October to 18th October. Parents can make an appointment to be shown around our school by myself and some wonderful students. Please share this information with friends and families and recommend us if you feel you are able to.

Thought of the Week

This week, in our assemblies, we've been thinking about ways we can love our neighbour.

Jesus said, "Love your neighbour as yourself and do to others as you'd have them do to you"



Benefice



10 October

4.00pm to 6.00pm

The Barn @
The Fleece Bretforton

Free Fun for Families

Crafts Activities Fun Games

Free Tea

Please book for catering purposes

Contact pennyanne68@gmail.com ☎830367

This week's Wake up Wednesday is a parent's guide to Instagram - we hope you find it useful.

Music Box

This week we have been listening to a piece of music from the Baroque period. This week sees the official start of Autumn so we've been listening to Autumn from Vivaldi's Four Seasons

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



SCHOOL DIARY DATES

- Harvest Festival in Church..... 9am 4th October
- Messy ChurchThe Fleece,4-6pm 10th October
- Open Week..... 14th - 18th October
- Parents Evenings..... 15th, 16th & 17th October
- HALF TERMMonday 28th Oct - Friday 1st Nov**
- Last swimming session.....Monday 2nd December
- TERM ENDSThursday 19th December for PUPILS**
- TERM STARTSMonday 6th January for ALL**
- Young Voices..... Monday 13th January 2025
- Y4 Y5 Residential.....14th - 16th May 2025



PTA DIARY DATES



- DiscoFriday 4th October
- Wreath Making ...Thursday 28th November

COLOUR FUN RUN

Thank you to the PTA for all their hard work in organising such a wonderful afternoon last week.
Enjoy the photographs – so much fun was had by all!



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 – Hudson & Esme

Malvern – Hayden & Harry

Cotswold – Henry H & Tyler

Severn – Jacob W & Isla D

Stars of the Week

Avon – Poppy S

Malvern – Eze

Cotswold – Oliver D

Severn – Jack A

Sports Award – Thomas

Viv – Neve

Cheer Bear – Ava



Birthdays

This week we celebrate the birthdays of Elsie and Isla S.

Father God, today we celebrate the birthday of Elsie and Isla 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 – 100% Malvern – 98.2%

Cotswold – 97.4% Severn – 98.3%

Overall – 98.4% ✓

Housepoints

1st - **Emeralds** with 220 housepoints

2nd - **Sapphires** with 219 housepoints

3rd - **Rubies** with 214 housepoints