

# Offenham C E First School

## Newsletter - 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024



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### Attendance Letter

You will have received a Trust attendance letter today. This letter, from our Trust, has been discussed and endorsed by our Governing Body who share school's position on the importance of good attendance because of its positive impact upon children's learning, social development and well-being. It has some important messages from Government about parents' responsibility to ensure children attend school. Please take the time to read it.



### Coming up...



**Doughnut Challenge – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Messy Church – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>**



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**OFFENHAM CE FIRST SCHOOL**  
**CHRISTMAS FAYRE**  
**FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER**



### PARKING IN CHERRY CLOSE

Please can we ask that you do not park in Cherry Close.

Cherry Close is not really designed to accommodate vehicles apart from those of its residents. It has been noted that there are some parents who use the close as a car park – could we ask that you refrain from doing so. It is so important that we maintain good relations with our neighbours.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Mr Blenkinsop who 'popped' the question, whilst in Venice, during half term to his now fiancée Hannah! We wish them every happiness for the future.



### Diversity Display

Thanks to Harry and Isla G for organising this initiative. It is so lovely to see all the things that make each individual special. It is so good to celebrate our differences.

PE KIT - Teachers have requested that everyone checks that your child's PE Kit, as well as their uniform is labelled. May we especially ask that PE jumpers and hoodies are named.



Thank you for all your wonderful Christmassy items for the Christmas Fayre.



### Are you ready for the ultimate DOUGHNUT CHALLENGE?

Ffion and Ellie have been organising a doughnut challenge! Everyone can bring a £1 coin in to school and they can participate in the challenge! It is on the 22nd of november. If you have food requirements we will try and cater for you! All the money goes to cancer research UK. Hope you enjoy!

### Extra non-uniform day

29<sup>th</sup> November

The Friends of Offenham Church would be so happy if you would bring some chocolate or a bottle donation in exchange for wearing non-uniform on the 29<sup>th</sup> November. All donations will be used at their Christmas Fayre.

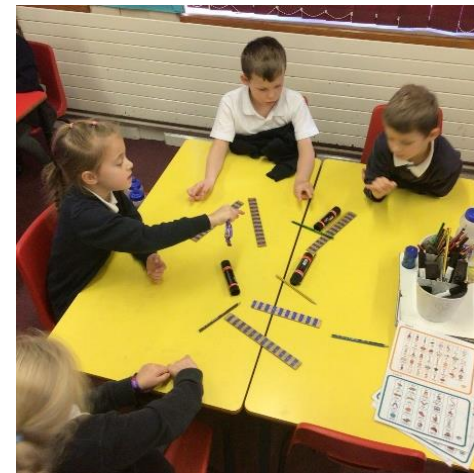


## This week in Malvern Class...

This half term in computing, we are learning about how to group data and the different ways this can be done on a computer. In this lesson, we were focusing on how grouping objects can make it easier to count and verify different amounts. We compared this to taking the register each day. By giving my computer commands, it can effectively group children who are present and absent and store this data for later use. However, we did realise that computer do not fix incorrect information - if it is entered incorrectly so we need to be careful when sorting our data.

If you would like to explore some internet safety with your children at home make a free account on 'Internet Legends' and explore the age appropriate content! Here's the link -

[https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en\\_uk](https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en_uk)



### Little Litter Warriors

Our thanks to Mason for organising a day with Karen from Little Litter Warriors children enjoyed a very interesting assembly with Karen and then enjoyed some great activities with her to explore the effects of litter in our world.

Karen is such a passionate advocate for the environment and we look forward to welcoming her back soon. Mason will work with her to organise a trip for us all to go to the recycling plant near Worcester.



**WAKE UP WEDNESDAY** - Please take a look at the Wake Up Wednesday article for this week which is about teaching your child to cycle.



**Legion Christmas fayre poster competition** - We have been asked to take part in the Legion Christmas colouring competition. Colouring sheets will come home today and we would ask that if your child wants to take part you return it to school by next Friday - 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Please state your child's name, age and your contact number on the back - details will only be kept for purpose of the competition.

# Remembrance



On Monday 11th November, as is our usual practice, we went to the churchyard and the war memorial to lay our hand-made wreaths and have a short service of remembrance.



## Thought of the Week

"THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS 'AWAY'. WHEN WE THROW ANYTHING AWAY IT MUST GO SOMEWHERE."

*Annie Leonard*

## Music of the Week



This week, in our assemblies, we've listened to 'The armed man' by Karl Jenkins.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zc1Zoz-NUro>

**Benefice**



**24 November**

4.00pm to 6.00pm

**Littleton First School**

Free Fun for Families

Crafts Activities Fun Games

Free Tea

Please book for catering purposes

Contact [pennyanne68@gmail.com](mailto:pennyanne68@gmail.com) ☎ 830367

Dear parents...this year we have been tasked with the challenge of raising money to purchase a...

### Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)

This will be installed on the school field and enable children to play their favourite sports in all weathers.

We know you are always so supportive of our fundraising events, and hope you will get behind us again to provide our school with this amazing facility.

**Thank you!**



## SCHOOL DIARY DATES

Donut Challenge £1.....Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November  
 Messy Church.....4-6pm Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November  
 Non-uniform Day (bottle).....Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November  
 Last swimming session.....Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December  
 Christingle at church 4pm (& tree of Light) .....15<sup>th</sup> Dec.  
**TERM ENDS .....Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December for PUPILS**  
**TERM STARTS .....Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January for ALL**  
 Young Voices..... Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025



## PTA DIARY DATES

Wreath Making .....Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November  
 Elfridges.....Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Dec.  
 Non-uniform day (chocolate)..... Fri. 13<sup>th</sup> Dec.  
**CHRISTMAS FAYRE.....Friday 13th Dec.**  
 Christmas Party .....Thurs. 19<sup>th</sup> Dec.



# REMINDE**RS**



**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** - Sorrel & Jack  
**Malvern** - Olivia & Isla  
**Cotswold** - Jacob R & Steliyan  
**Severn** - Ffion & Luke

**Sports Award - Harry J**  
**Viv - Martha**  
**Cheer Bear - Mason**

**Birthdays**

This week we celebrate the birthdays of Emmy, Ernie, Egons, Esme and Henry Hu.

Father God, today we celebrate the birthday of Emmy, Ernie, Egone, Esme and Henry 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.

**Stars of the Week**  
*Before half Term*

**Avon - Emilis Malvern - Ivy**  
**Cotswold - Elsie Severn - Jude**

**Stars of the Week**  
*Last week*

**Avon - Jack Malvern - Harry**  
**Cotswold - Nellie Severn - Lucy**

**Stars of the Week**  
*This week*

**Avon - Robyn Malvern - Brody**  
**Cotswold - Myles Severn - Isla G**

**Attendance**

Avon -98.1% Malvern -94.9%  
 Cotswold -98.9% Severn -97.3%  
**Overall -97.3%**

**Housepoints**

1<sup>st</sup> - **Sapphires** - 215 housepoints  
 2<sup>nd</sup> - **Emeralds** - 186 housepoints  
 3<sup>rd</sup> - **Rubies** - 168 housepoints