

NEWSLETTER

Offley Endowed Primary School and Nursery
Newsletter : 3rd November 2023

Message from the Head

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the second half term and the run up to Christmas. As you can see from the 'future dates for your diary,' this term is the one that just gets busier and busier. Shows, the panto, the fair, choir concerts, as well as all the regular curriculum things we take for granted. November and December—we've got this. Have a lovely weekend; I'm off to The Peak District to see my old University mates & Sir is off to Auntie Wendy's to R & R in a proper house!

Mr Edwards and Sir Bandalot.



It appears that many of our Offley children enjoyed the party and cinema afternoon at Lilley Cassel Memorial Hall on the Sunday before we returned to school. Many thanks to our fabulous OSA for organising the event, the school office for arranging the tickets and Terry from Lilley Community Cinema Club. Terry wrote, 'LCCC had the pleasure of assisting Offley Endowed Primary school with their end of October half term celebrations on Sunday 29th October. Earlier in the day, children in KS1 enjoyed a fancy-dress disco and then late afternoon, KS2 were treated to a drink, a slice of pizza and a screening of Casper the friendly ghost which is where LCCC were able to offer their support by using their Filmbank licence to acquire the film and in the setting up and operation of the projection and sound equipment.'

LCCC is providing additional assistance by making a donation to cover the licence costs for the screening of the film. We're sure the children had a great time and LCCC appreciated the opportunity to help and gives thanks to the LCCC committee members and the parents who gave up their Sunday afternoon to make this possible.' There are more photos on page 2, courtesy of

REWARDS

Nursery— Eva and George

Reception— Aria and Marley

Year 1- Finley and Luna

Year 2- Desmond and Kaitlyn

Year 3 - Luiza and Nefertariah

Year 4/5 - Dolcie and Bella

Yr 5/6 - Maggie, Caitlyn and Nylah

Birthdays- This week we have celebrated birthdays in advance. Next week, Archie W turns 10 and two Year 2 boys, Ben W and Noah, both turn 7. **Happy birthday!**

Bandit made his award to **Lochlan** from Reception who has been amazing us with his times tables recall. He has nailed his 2, 5, 10, 3 and 4's along with number bonds to 10 and square numbers. Un-be-live-able Lochlan!



Tuesday 31st October—It was a pleasure coming into Offley today to talk to Reception about my job as a lifeguard. We talked about the roles and responsibilities of being a lifeguard; most importantly, keeping everyone safe in and around water. The children were eager to ask questions about what lifeguards do in certain situations and they shared stories about their swimming experiences in the pool and on the beach. Thank you Offley for having me.

Mollie—Mrs Stoner's daughter.



This half term, our
Christian value is
TRUST.

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Mr Shevlin kindly informed the school that he would offer his services to lay the foundations for the new OSA shed. He forgot to tell us that Oscar did ALL the work, as you can see in the photos.

We are so thankful for parental help and the savings made mean that we can spend more of our money on resources for the children. Thank you so much Anthony and Oscar for all your hard work in the half term holiday. The shed has been ordered thanks to a generous donation from Welwyn Garden Services.



More photos from the fancy dress party and cinema afternoon at Lilley Cassel hall.

Flat pack furniture helpers ... you were brilliant and made some staff very happy with your help making bookcases and cupboards yesterday. Terry Humphries, Ian Dimmock, Ian Dimmock, Matt Neely and Paul Madden did a brilliant job. Thank you.

To help you plan the half term, here are the key dates for events occurring at school between now and Christmas. Tickets for the shows will be available soon. Just need Mel to get over the dreaded Covid. Get well soon Mel and thanks to Claire in the office for doing a proper weeks work this week! You're a superstar!

Day	Date	Mth	Offley Endowed: Future Dates for your diary
Mon	13th	Nov	Anti-bullying week
Tues	14th	Nov	Anti bullying theatre show and workshops
Wed	15th	Nov	Odd socks day
Fri	17th	Nov	Children in Need—own clothes—£1:00 donation
Mon	20th	Nov	Just talk week
Fri	1st	Dec	Occasional day—school closed
Tues	5th	Dec	EYFS Parents—Christmas play—2 tickets per family—9:15am
Thur	7th	Dec	Hearts for Herts clothing collection
Fri	8th	Dec	Panto at Gordon Craig Theatre—years R to 6—Sleeping Beauty
Wed	13th	Dec	Key Stage 1 Nativity—2pm and 5pm
Thur	14th	Dec	Christmas Fair
Fri	15th	Dec	Luton Airport singing
Mon	18th	Dec	Church Service
Mon	18th	Dec	Christmas Jumper / Christmas Lunch
Tues	19th	Dec	Key Stage 2 concert—1:30pm and 5:00pm
Wed	20th	Dec	Break up for Christmas at 1:30pm