

# NEWSLETTER

Offley Endowed Primary School and Nursery  
Newsletter : 15th September 2023

## Message from the Head

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a fabulous start to the new academic year. There is a sense of calm around the school and my learning walks have been an absolute pleasure to witness. Sadly, Miss Pickard has had covid this week and we hope she will be returning on Monday. It has given me an opportunity to teach the year 2 class for a few hours and I have to say that they have been an absolute delight. The behaviour of the children in lessons and during break times has been exemplary.

I am starting to plan the year 4 and year 6 residentials. My main priority is to find cost effective, exciting experiences for the children. The 2 night and 4 night trips can be the making of many children and I hope to have news about both residentials in the next couple of weeks.

This weekend I'm moving a few miles to find a new garden for the next two weeks and I hope you have a relaxing few days whatever you get up to. Have a fantastic weekend.

Mr Edwards and Bandeeto! (his new Spanish name!)



Thanks for attending the meet the teacher sessions this week. We hope you found the information from your child's class teacher useful.

## REWARDS

Nursery– Rowan

Reception– Lochlan and Kolbie

Year 1– Holly and Evie

Year 2– Noah and Madison

Year 3 - Eleanor and River

Year 4/5 - Eden and Gracie

Yr 5/6 - Asa and Kelsey

## Happy Birthdays.

Lily Hedingham is 8 today. Reuben and Marley have their birthdays in the next few days too. Happy birthday everyone. Great week to have a birthday!

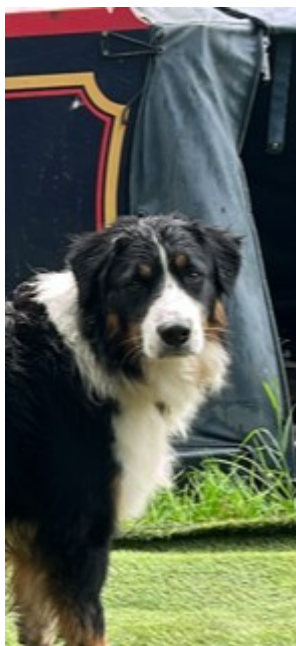
## Hot Chocolate with the Head.

I'll be catching up with Zack for a chat this afternoon and he has chosen Jacob D to join him. Think there may be an element of football chat involved!

## Bandit's Special Award

Well done Year 2 for being brilliant in Miss Pickard's absence and thanks so much for Mrs Ras for being a brilliant help this week.





Spot the difference

One of these is Bandit and the other one is a pure Bernese Mountain dog, who I happened to stumble across on one of my walks along the towpath this week. Bandit has been busy in a couple of classes this week, as well as entertaining the children in Jesters after-school club, giving the children opportunities to test his ball retrieval skills. Bandit will be stepping up his training this term to learn to sit calmly with groups of children as they read.



Helmets. As there are more children cycling to school and out and about in Offley, please ensure helmets are worn at all times. The year 6 children learned all about the consequences of not wearing them on our trip to Hazard Alley last year. Please **ONLY** cycle or scoot on the running track at school. The playground has too many little people who we need to keep safe.

I popped into the KS1 Spanish after-school class this week. They were super impressive singing a song. Thanks Miss Pymar for a fantastic club.

Offley is happy to support 'Herts 4 Hearts', so please bring in your old clothes and have a clear out. The collection is Wednesday 27th September.

Herts4Hearts  
Clothing Collections

## Clothing donations wanted

Donations will be collected on  
**Wednesday 27th September**

**Fundraising at Offley Primary School**

Please drop your donations to school playground

**Donations we accept:**

- Items must be in good condition
- Adults and childrens clothing
- Paired shoes
- Accessories (hats, scarves, bags)
- Dress up sets

**We cannot accept:**

- Damaged clothing (stained, ripped or wet)
- Logo items (schools/workplace)
- Underwear or socks
- Bedding

Our purpose is to make it easy for you to recycle your unwanted clothing whilst helping your local school too. Help us save as many clothes as possible from landfill.

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Please close the gate by Reception when collecting children. Let's keep both children & Bandit safe.

Day	Date	Mth	Offley Endowed: Future Dates for your diary
Wed	20th	Sept	PHOTOS—individual and siblings
Wed	27th	Sept	Herts for Hearts clothing collection—keep your old clothes until then please
Thur	5th	Oct	Year 2 trip to Windsor castle