



THE OFFLEY OBSERVER

Offley Primary Academy February 2020 News Bulletin

This newsletter is packed with information, so please take the time to read it and make note of any dates that you will need.

As we approach February half-term, it signals we are half way through the academic year. There are lots of exciting events and opportunities coming up over the next few weeks and months. Please check the 'Dates for your diary' section of this bulletin for an updated guide to what is happening in school. As always, we will send further correspondence as necessary.

We hope that you enjoyed reading our Ofsted report which was sent to parents & carers last week. We believe it captures the wonderful love of learning our pupils display on a daily basis and also the hard work and dedication that all of our staff, regardless of their role, put in day after day.

Have a lovely February break (remember Friday 14th February is an INSET day and school is therefore closed) and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 24th February when we re-open.

4KW Class Assembly – Change of Date

Due to Science week taking place in March, we have had to change the date of 4KW class assembly. Their assembly will now take place on Thursday 2nd April 2020, starting at 9am in the KS2 Junior Hall. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Staff News

We would like to welcome Miss Garton to our teaching staff as maternity cover for 1SA. She will be working alongside Miss Allan in order to get to know the children before Miss Allan starts her maternity leave.

Vacancy for Casual Midday Assistant

We currently have a vacancy for a Casual Mid-Day Activity Lunch Assistant here at school that would be able to cover sickness.

The hours of work would range from between 11.45am – 1.15pm term time only. Details are available from our school office with an application form to complete and return to school.

Dogs on the premises

Please may we remind parents that dogs are not allowed on site, even if they are carried. If you walk your dog to collect one of our pupils, please can you tie your dog to the railings outside school. We would be grateful if you can share this with anyone who collects your child from school.



Whole School Parents Evening – Wednesday 26th February 2020

The parents evening booking system is now available for you to make an appointment to see your child's teacher on Wednesday 26th February between 3.30 – 6.30pm.

To book an appointment online, please use the following link – <https://offleyschool.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

If you would like to book an appointment for your pre school child, these appointments are available at the school office.

If you are having problems accessing the online booking, please email admin@offleyprimaryacademy.co.uk or telephone 01270 685355 and the office staff will make an appointment for you.

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March 2020

On Thursday 5th March we will be celebrating World Book Day. The theme this year is "Share a Million Stories". All children are welcome to come dressed up as a book character of their choice and bring the book that their character is from with them on the day so they can share this with their peers. Dressing up is not essential, so if your child would prefer to come to school in their uniform, this is also fine.

Book Fair

Once again the travelling book fair will be in school in March. We really welcome and encourage you to visit the Book Fair. Books and stationery items will be available to purchase. The children will have a chance to look at what is available when they visit with their class teacher during the school day. If you wish to come along, the Book Fair will be open from **Tuesday 3rd March after school, then each morning from 8.40-8.55am and each afternoon 3.15-3.45pm until Monday 9th March at 3.45pm.** Please try and support our book fair as this helps the school to purchase books to be used by all our pupils with the commission earned. Your child will be coming home with a leaflet and a book token after the school holidays, which they can redeem against a book sale here in school.

Big Top Circus – Friday 1st May

Roll up, roll up for the Offley Big Top Circus Experience! Offley will be hosting our first Big Top Circus extravaganza on **Friday 1st May 2020** on our school playing fields. Gates will open at 4pm for stalls, BBQ and licensed bar. All are welcome to attend this family event however entry into the circus will be from 5.30pm and this is ticket only. Tickets are now available to purchase from the school office. Tickets are priced at £10 per person or £35 for a family ticket of 4. This event will replace the usual Summer fair event.



PTA Masquerade Ball

Tickets are still available for our forthcoming PTA Masquerade Ball which is being held on Saturday 21st March 2020 at 7pm at Sandbach Town Hall. There will be a glass of fizz on arrival, followed by a 4 course meal, live band and much more.

Tickets are priced at £42.50 per person. Dress to impress.

Contact wrstockdale@btinternet.com 07810 447786 to order and pay for tickets or see Mrs Gray here in school. This was a wonderful event last year, so we hope you'll be able to support the night. Our PTA raises valuable funds for much needed resources and towards school trips.

Easter Bingo

Our PTA will once again be running the very popular family Easter bingo on **Tuesday 31st March, Wednesday 1st April and Thursday 2nd April 2020 from 3.30pm – 5.30pm.** Bingo tickets will be available to purchase from the school office nearer the time. We will be selling one book of tickets to everyone entering the building; this is so we can monitor numbers for health and safety reasons. There will be lots of prizes of chocolate Easter eggs for bingo winners!

We will also be having a raffle and refreshments will be available to purchase on each day.

Please try and support this fun, family event which raises vital funds for our school. If you are available to help on any of these days, please either call into the school office or see one of the members of the PTA.

We will also be asking for any cake donations for this event nearer the time, either shop bought or homemade.

Easter Bingo Chocolate Donations – Friday 13th March 2020

On Friday 13th March 2020, we will be holding a no uniform day in exchange for any Easter eggs or chocolate donations which will then be used as raffle or bingo prizes at our Easter Bingo events. Members of our PTA will be outside at the playground entrances collecting your generous donations.

Class Photos/Individual Photos

Tempest will be in on Thursday 23rd April 2020 to take whole class photos for our reception classes through to Year 6 cohort.

On Thursday 30th April, photographers will be in to take Pre-school individual and class photographs.

All of which will be available to purchase via school.



Science Week

Once again we will be hosting Science week in school from Monday 9th – Friday 13th March 2020. This event allows our pupils to get involved with hands on experiments and listen to science and engineering professionals. We want to engage pupils in jobs for the future and this is a great insight for them. Thank you so much to all those parents who have very kindly offered their time and skills already. If you know anyone who could spare half a day or even an hour or you would like to get involved yourself, then we would love to hear from you. Please call the school office on **01270 685355** to express your interest or email admin@offleyprimaryacademy.co.uk or see Miss Allan or Mrs Till.

Collection of pupils

Please may we remind parents that school finishes at 3.15pm and pupils are collected promptly from the school playground.

After school clubs

Our teacher led clubs will continue after the school holidays until week ending Friday 3rd April 2020.

New letter have been sent out for the paid after school clubs for Miss Jolene's dance, Splash art club and Sports Coaching North West.



PLEASE CHECK THE DATES BELOW

Term	Date	Event	Time	Who	Where
Spring	Thursday 13 th February 2020	Class Assembly	9-9.30am	1LM	Infant Hall
Spring	Thursday 13 th February 2020	School closes for half-term	3.15pm	All pupils	-
Spring	Friday 14 th February 2020	INSET Day – School CLOSED	All day	All pupils	-
Spring	Monday 24 th February 2020	School reopens	8.55am	All pupils	-
Spring	Wednesday 26 th February 2020	Parents Evening	3.30 – 6.30pm	All parents	Infant & Junior Hall
Spring	Tuesday 3 rd March 2020	Travelling BOOK fair arrives	After school (see sep. info)	All pupils	In school
Spring	Thursday 5 th March 2020	Class Assembly	9-9.30am	4LW	Junior Hall
Spring	Thursday 5 th March 2020	World Book Day	All day	All pupils	In school
Spring	Wb 9 th March 2020	Science week	All week	All pupils	-
Spring	Friday 13 th March 2020	Non-uniform day	All day	All pupils	-
Spring	Thursday 19 th – Friday 20 th March 2020	Residential visit	All day x 2	Year 3 pupils	Stanley Head
Spring	Thursday 19 th March 2020	Class Assembly	9-9.30am	2HJ	Infant Hall
Spring	Saturday 21 st March 2020	PTA Masquerade Ball	Evening	All parents/carers/families	Sandbach Town Hall
Spring	Thursday 26 th March 2020	Class Assembly	9-9.30am	2NF	Infant Hall
Spring	Tuesday 31 st March – Thursday 2 nd 2020	PTA Easter Bingo	3.30pm	All pupils	Infant Hall
Spring	Thursday 2 nd April 2020	Class Assembly	9-9.30am	4KW	Junior Hall
Spring	Friday 3 rd April 2020	School closes for Easter break	3.15pm	All pupils	-
Summer	Monday 20 th April 2020	School reopens	8.55am	All pupils	-
Summer	Thursday 23 rd April 2020	Class photographs	During the school day	All pupils	In school



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Summer	Thursday 30 th April 2020	Class Assembly	9-9.30am	3SM	Junior Hall
Summer	Thursday 30 th April 2020	Pre-school photographs		Pre-school pupils	Infant Hall
Summer	Friday 1 st May 2020	PTA Circus event	Evening	All pupils	School field
Summer	Thursday 7 th May 2020	Class Assembly	9-9.30am	3GB	Junior Hall
Summer	Friday 8 th May 2020	Bank Holiday	All day	Whole school	-
Summer	WB: 11 th May 2020	SATs Week		Year 2 & Year 6	
Summer	Wednesday 20 th May 2020	Sports Day	9.30 – 11.30am	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	Playing fields
Summer	Wednesday 20 th May 2020	Sports Day	1.15 – 3.15pm	Years 3, 4,5, and 6	Playing fields
Summer	Friday 22 nd May 2020	School closes for May half term	3.15pm	All pupils	-
Summer	Wednesday 3 rd June 2020	Reserve Day for Sports Day	As above	As above	Playing fields
Summer	Monday 8 th - 10 th June 2020	Residential visit	All day x3	Year 6 pupils	Condover
Summer	WB: 8 th June 2020	Phonics Screening	During the day	Year 1 pupils	In school
Summer	WB: 8 th June 2020 onwards	Times Table Check	During the day	Year 4 pupils	In school
Summer	Thursday 11 th June 2020	Class Assembly	9-9.30am	5NC	Junior Hall
Summer	Wednesday 17 th June 2020	Pre-school Sports Day	1.30 – 3pm	Pre-school	Playing fields
Summer	Thursday 18 th June 2020	Class Assembly	9-9.30am	5HH	Junior Hall
Summer	Tuesday 23 rd – 26 th June 2020	Year 6 pupils transition	All day x 4	Year 6 girls	Sandbach High School (Girls)
Summer	Tuesday 23 rd – 24 th June 2020	Year 6 pupils transition	All day x 2	Year 6 boys	Sandbach School (Boys)
Summer	Thursday 25 th June 2020	Class Assembly	9-9.30am	Reception	Infant Hall
Summer	Friday 17 th July 2020	School closes for Summer	3.15pm	All pupils	-