

Overton St Helen's Primary

School family news



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STAYING ALERT!

Thank you again for another great week back at school. It's the end of our first full week so well done for making it to Friday with a smile. Watching the news this week and noting the rising number of cases, it is clear that we have to remain vigilant about the measures we are putting in place at school in order to minimise risk of COVID-19 and ensure our school stays open. By working together, we are achieving a calm, steady stream of parent traffic in a morning to avoid crowds. However can I ask you to continue to be vigilant at pick-up times, making sure you keep a distance from other parents when waiting for your child to exit their classroom, and moving off the school grounds as quickly as possible. Please do not allow your child to play on our trim trail after school or run around the track—they should remain with you as much as possible. It is also important that when waiting for your child, we keep the path around the building clear for other parents to walk around at a safe distance. Many thanks for you continued cooperation with this.

OSFA (Overton School Friends Association) FUNDRAISING

Due to continuing restrictions on social gatherings, it is obvious that this year will be very different when it comes to our school social events. This is going to have a great impact on our wonderful OSFA and its success in raising funds to support and enhance school experiences for the children. We are currently putting our heads together to come up with alternative ways to fundraise, but in the first instance, I want to remind you about our 200 club. Each year, 200 numbers are sold for £5 per number. This is then kept for a whole year and entered into six prize draws at the end of each school term. There are three chances to win £25 and three chances to win £100. Buying a number is easy—you can simply pay cash or use bank transfer, details of which are on the flyers coming home with the children today.

We have never managed to sell all our 200 numbers but wouldn't it be great this year, especially as OSFA's fundraising capacity will be limited, if all 200 could be sold. Please dig deep and purchase at least one number for the whole year for just £5 and that way we can keep supporting OSFA, who in turn, will continue to support and fund lots of fun for the children at school.

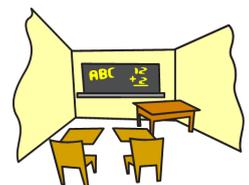
The OSFA AGM is scheduled for Tuesday 29th September at 7pm. Letters to book places will be sent out nearer the time, if you wish to attend.

PE KITS

Please remember that children should come to school in their PE kits on the day that their class has PE.

CLASS LETTERS

This afternoon, the children will be coming home with class newsletters informing you of details about the class and their learning this term. I am sorry that our usual Meet the Teacher evening will not be able to take place this year, but please have a good read of the class letters as they contain all you need to know. If you have any queries about the class routine or expectations, please do not worry and keep them to yourself. The class teacher is always available at the end of the school day to clear anything up. Please, just ask.



TEAM REECE BIKE RIDE

This Sunday 13th Sep, some of our old school pupils will be getting together to raise money for Team Reece and raising awareness of the ongoing fight against childhood cancer. At 1pm (13.00 hours) they will set off from Heysham and cycle 13 miles up and down the promenade. They will be remembering their Overton St Helen's classmate Reece Holt who tragically passed away in January 2019 aged 13 yrs. If you wish to show your support and cheer them on, simply pop down to the promenade at some point on Sunday afternoon. You are sure to see them at some point—they will have gold ribbons on their bikes! Collection buckets will be stationed en-route so make sure you throw a pound in for this fantastic cause. Well done to our ex-pupils—our Y6 class of 2017.

HOMEWORK

At present, we are working on a new way to present and facilitate homework to support our learning in class. Therefore, our usual 'homework menus' have not been sent home as yet. However, this does not mean that the children cannot be getting on with something at home. Whilst we finalise our plans, please ensure that children are reading as much as possible. Times tables are also hugely important to our maths, so please support your child in learning these too. In addition to that, children will be bringing home their spelling word lists for the year—by all means, get stuck into these!

Remember though, that the most important thing to do, as we get used to being back at school, is to get a good rest so they are ready for the next busy day in school.

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Today we have announced our Y6 House Captains for the school year. Congratulations to Leah and Jayson in Benson House (Blue), Jordan and Lyla in Clarke House (Green), Lilly and Bailey in Milligan House (Red) and Eve and Luke in Smith House (Yellow) who will proudly lead their teams throughout the school year. Even though their duties will be slightly restricted this year, we will make sure we keep them busy! Well done.

SCHOOL COUNCILLORS

We have also been busy with class school council elections this week and I have pleasure in announcing our school councillors for the year. Holly Class councillors will be James and Elise-Marie, Elm Class councillors will be Isla and Michael, Willow Class councillors will be Demi and Charlie, Beech Class councillors will be Chloe and Dylan and finally Oak Class councillors will be Eve, Evan, Kallan and Elizabeth. It looks like this bunch will keep me and Mr Curwen on our toes, giving us some great ideas on how to make sure our school runs smoothly and delivers on expectations. Congratulations to all who were elected and many thanks to those who put themselves up for nomination. It takes courage.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

For obvious reasons, there is not a very long list of events coming up, but here are some important dates to be aware of:

Fri 25th Sep: Macmillan Cake Fundraiser
(details to follow)

Fri 16th Oct: OAK CLASS ASSEMBLY via
Facebook

Fri 23rd Oct: School ends for half-term break

Mon 2nd Nov: INSET DAY (school closed)

Tues 3rd Nov: School re-opens after the break

Fri 27th Nov: BEECH CLASS ASSEMBLY via
Facebook



STARS OF THE WEEK

And finally, a very well done to Jack in Holly Class, Tillie in Elm Class, Leon in Willow Class, Theo in Beech Class and Luke in Oak Class who are our 'Stars of the Week' this week for showing patience and understanding whilst learning to work together as a class team once more.

Have a good weekend.

