

Overton St Helen's Primary

School family news



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COUNCIL MEETINGS

This week, both our School Council and our Worship Council had their first, socially distant meetings in school. It was great to get these going again after such a long time. It is always fantastic to hear the suggestions brought by our school councillors—mainly zip wires, trampolines or water slides on the playground, please! In all seriousness, some excellent suggestions were made to Mr Curwen on how we can enhance our Forest School with a night vision camera or support the village community with litter-picks (risk assessed of course). Some very deserving charities were identified—a popular one amongst our pupils is The Wildlife Trust and I expect the School Council will come up with a great way of raising money for them.

The Worship Council is great at helping me evaluate our worship which we did when we met this week. Worship is a very important element of our school and something that means a lot to us all. We all agreed that we are missing the fact that we can all gather together in the school hall but the good news is, my 'Zoom' worships are going well! We thought about ways in which we could get around the restrictions in school and one great suggestion was that we could have some outside worships on the playground, gathered in our class bubbles, but all together at the same time. We will definitely make this happen, especially during the approach to the festive season.

AMAZON SMILE

If you haven't already, please don't forget to sign up to the Amazon Smile initiative, selecting Overton School Friends Association as your chosen charity. With the Christmas shopping season almost upon us, this could be a great way to help raise OSFA funds with no effort at all.

Next week is the last week of the half-term, which means the first of the 200 Club prize draws. If you don't already have your number, you have one week to get organised. Thanks!

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

A huge well done to OAK class this week who have been working away to produce the first of our on-line class assemblies. The motto of the school this year seems to be 'doing the same things, but in a different way' - this is exactly what OAK have been successful at. They have produced a whole class assembly showcasing life in OAK class but they have delivered it via our Facebook page instead of at the front of the school hall. Please take time this evening to sit back and enjoy it. Well done OAK!

COVID-19 UPDATES

All though the news outside of school seems daunting, I am pleased to report the news inside is good; we still have no confirmed cases in school this week. I am also pleased to report that Mrs Marsland is much better and will be back with us next Wednesday. A huge thank you to Miss Walsh who has been taking great care of Maple Class in her absence.

We continue to be vigilant in school with enhanced cleaning regimes and constant handwashing. Although it is sad that we cannot mix as one big school family, our pupils are adapting brilliantly to life in their class bubbles. In fact, I often take comfort in watching the children's reactions to our new systems. From a quick giggle at a usual visitor now wearing a mask, or a quick shrug of the shoulders and a trusting look, our pupils are setting a great example of how to simply get on with things!

HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

For parents of children in Year 6, it is quite frightening as to how quick this deadline creeps up on us, but the date for making high school applications by, is Saturday 31st October. If you have not already done this, you must make sure it is completed and submitted by the end of October. For those who are still undecided as to which high school to apply for, remember to visit the websites. There will be lots of information there, especially as high schools are aware that open evenings have not taken place this year. Please also feel free to give us a call at school if you need any advice. We have a good knowledge of the strengths and weaknesses of each high school in the area and could possibly help to point you in the right direction.

PARENTS EVENINGS

This year, we are having to think of an alternative to our usual face-to-face parents evenings, held around this point in the Autumn Term. I would like to reassure you all that we will still be finding the opportunity for you to talk briefly to your child's class teacher about how they have settled in to school, however this will take the form of a telephone call. After half-term we will send out more details on how this will be arranged, however these calls will take place on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th November. Please keep these dates in mind.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Here are some important dates to be aware of:



Fri 16th Oct: OAK CLASS ASSEMBLY via Facebook (don't forget to view it)

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

Sat 31st Oct: High school application deadline

Mon 2nd Nov: INSET DAY (school closed)

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

Tues 17th & Wed 18th Nov: Telephone parents meetings

Fri 27th Nov: BEECH CLASS ASSEMBLY via Facebook

STARS OF THE WEEK

And finally, a very well done to Brooke in Holly Class, Tom and Scarlett in Elm Class, Rose in Willow Class, William and Laila in Beech Class and Joseph, Euan and Josh M in Oak Class who are our 'Stars of the Week' this week for being brilliant mathematicians and trying hard in lessons. Also, a big well done to Emily who is Maple Class's first Star of the Week for always being kind and caring. Well done everyone.



Have a good weekend

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