

Overton St Helen's Primary

School family news



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CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you so very much for your kindness and generosity in helping us raise a whopping £342 for Children in Need last Friday - I really didn't expect such a big total, but shame on me for underestimating the might of our little school community! It is wonderful to know that at this particular time, when we are all feeling fed up and frustrated by things beyond our control, we can still think of those in greater need than ourselves. What a brilliant way to teach our children kindness and compassion.



CHRISTMAS CARDS

Some parents have raised the question of Christmas cards and whether, due to restrictions on passing things between households, it is OK for the children to bring them in for their friends. The simple answer to this question is yes, but in order to stick to recommended control systems, we will have to 'quarantine' the cards for the recommended 48hrs! Nevertheless we have thought of a simple way to overcome this. Class Christmas post boxes will appear in the school hall on Monday 30th November and children will be welcome to post cards to their friends each day. The cards will remain in the post boxes during the whole week and be emptied every Monday morning and delivered to classrooms. This way we stay safely within current guidelines but allow the children, if they wish, to keep up with this wonderful festive tradition. Last post will be Wednesday 16th December!

OSFA AGM

Next Tuesday 24th November, at 7.30pm, OSFA will be having their Annual General Meeting. At this meeting, a short report will be given on the work that was done by OSFA last year, the funds that were raised and details of how those funds were spent. The meeting will be held on Zoom and all parents are welcome to join us at this time. For any of our new parents, this is a great opportunity to meet the committee and hear about the work OSFA does. It may inspire you to get involved. If you wish to join the meeting, simply access Zoom via the web and enter the below ID and password. Trust me—it's easy!

ID: 89676153144

Password: OSFA

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

I imagine by now, we sadly realise that our traditional Christmas Fair will not be going ahead this year. It's absence will seem very strange as it usually signals the start of the festive season in school. More importantly, the Christmas Fair is a key fundraiser for OSFA in order to continue supporting and funding some wonderful things in school. Without the Christmas Fair their funds will be greatly depleted.

To compensate for this, they are pleased to be running the Christmas prize drawer raffle and this is where they need your help. The children will be bringing home books of raffle tickets to sell. Please do your best in whatever way you can—we appreciate any support, no matter how great or small.

The draw will take place in school on Friday 11th December and will be recorded for our Facebook page. Many, many thanks in advance for your support.

COVID UPDATES

I am pleased to report that for another week, we have no confirmed cases in school. Some of our neighbouring schools have had class closures over recent weeks, and we wish them all well coping with the strain, however we continue as normal at Overton and are thankful that there are no disruptions to learning at present. We remain vigilant to ensure that this continues to be the case over the coming weeks. Thank you again for sticking to our one way system and drop-off times in a morning.

VENTILATED CLASSROOMS

An important element to our risk assessment in the midst of coronavirus, is to keep our busy classrooms well ventilated. This means we have our outside doors or windows propped open during a large portion of the school day. As the weather gets colder, our classrooms are beginning to feel chilly at times and whilst some of our children never seem to feel the cold, some do. To help with this, you may wish to send your child in a long sleeved vest or t-shirt under their polo shirt, as an extra layer to guard against the chill.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Here are some important dates to be aware of:

Fri 27th Nov: BEECH CLASS ASSEMBLY via Facebook

Sun 29th Nov: Advent begins

Fri 11th Dec: OSFA Christmas Raffle draw

Tues 15th Dec: St John's Hospice Reindeer Rush

Wed 16th Dec: Last post for Christmas cards!

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More dates will be added shortly.



STARS OF THE WEEK

And finally, a very well done to Thishany in Maple Class, Amelia in Holly Class, Lily and Lilly-Norah in Elm Class, Matthew in Willow Class, Robbie in Beech Class and Josh K in Oak Class who are our 'Stars of the Week' this week for trying out new things. From climbing trees and clay modelling, to using new technology and making new connections in their work, there is nothing our children aren't willing to try!

Have a good weekend everyone.

