

# Overton St Helen's Primary

## School family news



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### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I say that, knowing many of us will be wondering whether it actually has been a Happy New Year so far - it is questionable. On Monday we felt a sense of relief that school was open as usual, but that quickly changed and now, by the end of the week, we feel back where we were in March.

However, I have to say a massive well done to lots of pupils and families at home and school who have been working hard following the online lessons posted by the teachers. We have been mightily impressed by our key worker children in school and those at home who are embracing the challenge of online learning - well done indeed!

I have to give our teachers a huge amount of credit for the way they very quickly made the transition from school classroom to Google Classroom - they are all amazing!

Over the coming weeks, whilst the lockdown continues, I plan to send out regular newsletters as usual, albeit slimmed down a little. Please look out for these via email and our Facebook page. In the meantime, keep going at home - you are all doing brilliantly well. We are here to help if you need us - just get in touch.

### WORSHIP

It is my ambition to keep our regular collective worships going via Zoom, with the option for those at home, as well as children in school, to join in and listen. At each particular time of the week listed below, starting from next Monday, simply google Zoom and join with the codes indicated. I will also send a Zoom invite via parent emails, 30 minutes before each worship. I am looking forward to seeing how many we can get on one Zoom meeting at any one time!

Monday at 9am - ID: **86970241379**

Wednesday at 9am - ID: **82423049369**

Friday at 2pm - ID: **83557988186**

The password '**worship**' will be the same each time. I hope to see many of you from next Monday.

### LAPTOP LOANS

I am pleased to have already loaned six laptops to families who are in need of a device. We have more with our technician at present and hopefully we will be in a position to loan more next week. Although there might be a small wait, please continue to let us know if you need a device.

### COMMUNICATION WITH THE TEACHER

Communication is vitally important during this time. Class emails are the main way in which you can get a message to the class teacher. Teachers are also giving feedback where needed when pupils are working on Google Classroom. Please remember to be proactive in this - if you have a query or are struggling to understand something, you must get in touch. Teachers will respond as quickly as possible, but please bear in mind, they are still busy at school too.

### CANCELLED DATES

For the obvious reasons, I can confirm that our Learn to Ride sessions for Reception class and our Bikeability training for Year 5 and Year 6 have been postponed. We hope to be able to reschedule these for the Summer.

At the end of what has been another crazy week I will leave you with this verse from the Bible:  
*'Let us not become weary in doing what is right, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest, if we do not give up.'* (Galatians 6:9)