

Overton St Helen's Primary

School family news



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LEARNING AT HOME AND SCHOOL

I want to say a huge well done to us all for evolving over the last two weeks and developing a rhythm to our new way of working. I am proud of how we have all adjusted to logging on each morning and tuning in to the daily lessons on Google Classroom. It seems that small teething issues are being ironed out which is great to hear. Our teachers are now organising regular Google Meet check-ins with those members of their classes that are at home - it is great to be able to connect with one another. I am also pleased to hear many of you emailing to talk through any issues you may have. Remember, our teachers are keen to make sure all our parents feel comfortable in supporting their children at home.

There has been much discussion in the media about Remote Education - it takes many forms and is different from school to school. Our provision at Overton is developing all the time, but we believe we are doing what is right for our school community. If you feel pressured or out of your depth at any point, please get in touch. We are here to support you too. Can I just say what a great job you are all doing. Keep going—you are amazing!

ZOOM WORSHIPS

It has been wonderful to see so many of you tuning into our regular Zoom worships on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Our theme for the last two weeks has been 'Courage' and next week we will be thinking about 'Perseverance' too. We had to have a lot of perseverance this morning when our technology failed!

There are a few rules to our Zoom worships that I would like to highlight. When we have worship in school, all our pupils know to sit smartly and listen without causing distraction to each other. These same expectations apply to our Zoom worships; children should be sitting calmly and listening. It is wonderful to be able to wave to friends at the start and end of worships, but when worship has started, this should stop, as it is distracting to those who are trying to listen. Can I simply ask all parents who allow their children to tune in to worship, to please help them listen in the right way. Many thanks. The codes for each of our worships are as follows.

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

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

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

SCHOOL FAMILY NEWS

Bad news came last week when we heard that Mrs Mall had an accident at home and ruptured her Achilles tendon. She has been in hospital and is about to have surgery on her foot. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her lots of love and pray that she makes a speedy recovery.

I would also like to share the sad news (for us) and exciting news (for them) that Bailey and Taylor Gammon will be leaving Overton St Helen's as the whole family relocate down South. We wish the Gammon family loads of love and luck as they start a new chapter in their lives. Keep in touch boys - we will miss you all.

FRUIT

A message for those attending school during the week. There is no need to bring in a mid-morning snack as the National Fruit Scheme is back up and running and there is plenty of fruit being delivered for all the children in KS1 and KS2 - there is even enough for staff!