

Overton St Helen's Primary

School family news



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SUMMER TERM IS HERE!

Welcome back to the start of the new Summer Term in school. The sun is shining, the school is full of children and this term has already begun better than the previous one did! It has been lovely to see the children, even bigger than they were in March, return to school, happy to see their friends and teachers and get stuck into their learning.

I hope that our Summer Term will be filled with many opportunities. Already, after-school clubs have started again for Year 2 – Year 6 which are based outside and focussed on physical activity, aimed at throwing off those lockdown cobwebs. It has been so lovely to see so many of our pupils sign up for these. We hope to host a couple of traditional events towards the end of the year but at the moment, this is dependent on social distancing restrictions being eased. We should know more by May so look out for future announcements.

I appreciate that many of you will have concerns about how the lockdowns and the disruption to two consecutive academic years have impacted on academic progress. For now, our priority is to get all our pupils positively engaged in their learning and working independently at pace once more. In June we will be holding parents evenings and giving out end of year reports early, so that you will have a very clear picture of your child's attainment and the targets they have for future progress.

PLANT POTS

We are still collecting plant pots for our Forest School flower-pot man. When he, or she, is finished we will have a competition to come up with a name, but for the meantime, please keep sending any old plant pots our way. Many thanks.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

You may have noticed in the dates section that we now have a date for the school photographer to come in to take photos. When she comes, she will be taking individual and family groups, and class photos of Reception and Year 6. There will of course be a few logistical arrangements to consider; nearer the time, we will let you know what you need to do if you have a young child at home that you wish to bring into school to be photographed with their brother or sister. For now, please make a note of the date.

STARS OF THE WEEK ★ ★ ★

Well done to Luke, Annie-Mae, Izzy, Scott, Brook and Jaycee who are our Stars of the Week this Friday for putting in lots of effort to their work and settling in well to the new school term.

HRH PRINCE PHILIP, DUKE OF ENDINBURGH

In our worship on Monday we had a moment to think about the Duke of Edinburgh who died at the grand age of 99 last Friday. We learnt just a little bit about who he was and what he did and said a special prayer to pay our respects. His funeral will be televised at 3pm this Saturday and whilst it is a sombre occasion, it is a significant event of our time and one that some of our older children may be interested to watch.

SUMMER TERM DATES

Below are some key dates for the Summer Term. We hope to be able to add many more to them as the term progresses, so please keep your eye on the newsletter for new dates.



Tues 27th & Wed 28th April: Life Education Bus visit
Thurs 20th May: School photos (details to follow)
Fri 28th May: School finished for half-term break
Mon 7th June: Staff INSET Day—school closed
Tues 8th June: School reopens after half-term break
Wed 16th & Thurs 17th June: Parents meetings
Fri 16th July: School closes for Summer holidays