

Overton St Helen's Primary

School family news



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CITY NATURE CHALLENGE

With the arrival of warmer sunshine bringing about the chain of events we see all around us, in the blossom and leaves bursting out, more insects and butterflies on the wing and the songbirds in full voice, it is the perfect weekend to get involved with a world-wide Bioblitz called the City Nature Challenge. Starting from tomorrow and lasting four days you can make a difference by recording wildlife you see in your garden for as little as just half an hour. All you have to do to be part of this is download the iNaturalist app and take photos of the plants and animals you see everywhere. For more local information visit the Lancashire Wildlife Trust website. Heysham Nature Reserve has given you a helping hand by signposting a self-led trail around the reserve if you wish to go there over the weekend. Alternatively, if you want to go your own way, I find the beach and Heysham Barrows a perfect place to spot some amazing wildlife. Have fun and happy spotting!

PLANT POTS

Thank you very much for all the plant pots you have sent our way. We have more than we need now so thank you very much. Once our flower pot figure has been created, we will be asking for suitable names, so get your thinking caps on.

STAMP COMPETITION

I hope you are all enjoying designing a stamp around the idea of COVID-19 heroes. Wouldn't it be fab if a pupil from Overton has their design as the winning stamp! The deadline is not until the middle of next month but don't forget to get designing, It could be a nice bank-holiday activity to keep you busy.

BANK HOLIDAY

Just a reminder that next Monday is a bank holiday. I don't want to know that anyone has got up early on Monday morning, turned up at school and found no-one here. Enjoy the extra day and we shall see you bright and early on Tuesday!

STARS OF THE WEEK ★ ★ ★

Well done to Alba-Rose, Jessica, Amelia, Thomas, Ava, Darcie, Laila, Lilly, Katie and Joseph who have all had a fab week in school, working hard and being good friends—don't stop being brilliant guys!

SCHOOL PHOTOS

As mentioned below, the photographer will be in school on Thursday 20th May. Due to COVID-19 restrictions I am afraid we will not be able to offer the opportunity for any younger siblings who do not yet come to school, to join their older brothers or sisters for a photo on the day. In order to meet current guidelines, we will restrict photos to our school children only. We will gather family groups together, take individual photographs and then class photos of our Reception and Year 6 pupils. I apologise if this has caused disappointment in anyway. I realise that sometimes it feels like we are never going back again to normal, but please be patient. Things will get better.

SUMMER TERM DATES

Below are some key dates for the Summer Term.



Fri 30th April: 'City Nature Challenge' begins

Thurs 20th May: School photos (details to follow)

Fri 28th May: School finishes 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

Wed 30th June: Y6 Ripley Transition Day (tbc)

Tues 6th Jul: Maple, Holly and Elm walk to Sunderland Pt (tbc)

Fri 16th Jul: School closes for Summer holidays