

Overton St Helen's Primary

School family news



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MALLOWDALE AVENUE APPEAL

Last Sunday we all woke up to the terrible news of the gas explosion on Mallowdale Avenue in Heysham. Over the week, a picture of just what the residents of that small community are having to deal with has emerged. The residents of the whole terrace have had to leave their homes in an instant and cope with temporary accommodation without any of their own things around them. Some families are dealing with even worse circumstances in the grief and sorrow that the tragedy caused. There are many people and agencies in the community that are helping those affected to deal with the consequences and the head teachers of St Patrick's Primary and Mossgate Primary are working closely with the families that have been affected. I have been told that the best way to offer support to them is financially and so we will be opening a collection. If you haven't already donated via a just giving page and fee you would like to contribute something to this local cause, please send in donations to the school office. We will send what we collect to Rob Smith, headteacher of Mossgate who is co-ordinating funds so that the families can purchase basics to get themselves back on their feet. Thank you in advance.

ANIMAL DRESS UP DAY

Don't forget that next Friday is our School Council 'Animal Dress-up Day' to support the Wildlife Trust. Do your best to send your child to school in some kind of animal outfit. Personally, I will be resurrecting my ladybird costume from a past World Book Day. Whatever we all look like, I'm sure it will be lots of fun!

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Apologies again for the lack of a photographer yesterday—it was a terrible waste of all those fabulous hair-dos! Thankfully, she will be with us next Thursday 27th May and then again on the afternoon of Friday 11th June when she will be mopping up anyone who may miss their photo being taken. Also, I apologise for any confusion I may have caused with my email that gave you the wrong date. It said Friday 7th June (which is in fact a Monday) for the second visit, instead of Friday 11th June! Well done if you spotted the deliberate mistake! I have included these new dates in our 'diary dates' section.



SPORTS DAY

In order to answer a couple of queries I have had at the school gate, we have set a date for a Sports Day this year, however unfortunately we will not be able to invite parents in to watch. I realise that this may come as a disappointment to you however we decided that instead of waiting, the most important thing was to get it planned to allow the children to take part. We will take many, many photos on the morning that will go on our website and Facebook page for you all to enjoy.



MRS WIGGINTON RETIREMENT

I have to announce with both pride and sadness that at the end of this school year, we will be saying farewell to Mrs Wigginton who will be officially putting her feet up and retiring from her role as HLTA at our school. Mrs Wigginton has been a member of staff at Overton St Helen's for the last 29 years, serving as teaching assistant and school governor. She has contributed an enormous amount to the life of our school and will be hugely missed next year. However we cannot be selfish and keep hold of her, so we would like to wish her many congratulations for a long and leisurely retirement doing all the things she enjoys!

STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to Eve, Korey, Callum, Florence, Kiara, Lily, Gracie and Emily who are our stars of the week for showing positive attitudes towards their work.

WE ARE STILL COLLECTING

We are still collecting spare seedlings or seeds, to plant out in our school grounds. We are also still on the look-out for large log slices which I realise are much harder to come by! If you know anyone who may be able to help, please let us know.

PARKING

I am fully aware that there has been some real tension with parking issues and Lancaster Rd residents over the last few weeks. I have passed matters over to our local PCSO but can I remind all parents to please park responsibly at drop off and pick up times.

SUMMER TERM DATES

Below are some key dates for the Summer Term.



Tues 25th & Thurs 27th: OAK outdoor activity away-days

Thurs 27th May: School photos - rescheduled!!

Fri 28th May: School Council 'Animal Day' - dressing up!

School finishes for half-term break

Mon 7th June: Staff INSET Day - school closed

Tues 8th June: School reopens after half-term break

Fri 11th June : 'Mop-up' day for school photographs

Wed 16th& Thurs 17th June: Parents meetings

Fri 25th June : Sports Day provisional date—more details to follow

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

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

Fri 9th July: Rose Queen Celebrations (details tbc)

Fri 16th July: School finishes for the Summer