



Overton St Helen's Primary School family news



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CONTINUED RESTRICTIONS—WHAT THIS MEANS FOR US

On Monday, Boris Jonson made the announcement that the planned lifting of restrictions would be delayed for another four weeks until Monday 19th July. You will all have worked out that this takes us up to the end of our school year, meaning the restrictions that are currently in place in school, will remain in place until we finish in July. This has implications for some of our end of year activities. Sports Day, as you already know, will take place next Friday morning however we will not be inviting parents to spectate. Unfortunately this is now the case for our Rose Queen celebrations too. We will not be able to invite parents to come and watch our Rose Queen festival and there will be no traditional Summer Fair afterwards. Rose Queen will still take place on the morning of Friday 9th July, so that the children can enjoy the day, even though we will still have to keep the class bubbles separated from each other. We are in conversation with the OSFA committee regarding a fun afternoon where all the children will be able to enjoy a good time and still feel a sense of occasion. I am sorry for the sense of disappointment this will inevitably cause. This is not how I had hoped to end what has been a challenging year, however my main priority now is to ensure our children still have the fun they deserve.

YEAR SIX LEAVERS EVENTS

We would like to confirm that on Tuesday 13th July, we will be hosting a 'Field of Fun' evening for our Y6 Leavers, from 3.30pm—6.30pm. We had to re-think our traditional Leavers Trip last year, due to the fact that everywhere was still closed down. Consequently, we came up with our 'Field of Fun' idea that was actually far more enjoyable! So this year, we will be holding this again for our current Year 6s to send them off in style. Please keep the date in your diary. On Thursday 15th July we will still be having a Year 6 Leavers Service with awards—we are not sure how this will look at the moment but please reserve the date and look out for further details being sent out shortly.

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CROSS-COUNTRY SUCCESS

On the last day of last half-term, we hosted a Cross County competition where six other schools from the local area visited us throughout the course of the day to run three laps of a tough course we had plotted out on our field. Of course, the pupils who took part did not race against each other as we could not mix the schools. However they ran against the clock so that the fastest school, once all the times had been calculated, could be declared Cross Country Champions for 2021. I have enormous pleasure in letting you know that Overton's first team won the competition with Evan Hargreaves and Eve Briffett both clocking the fastest overall boys and girls times. Albeit virtual, this was the first inter-schools completion since March 2020 which made our victory even more sweeter. Well done to all our pupils who took part—you were amazing!



YEAR 6 HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION DAYS

I think all of our Year 6 parents have by now been informed that the hoped for transition visits to your chosen high schools have been cancelled. The Chair of the Primary Heads cluster received confirmation of this from the Chair of the Secondary Heads group who informed us that all high schools in our area have taken a consistent approach to this.

VACCINATION BUS

I have been asked to share the news that the CV19 vaccination bus will be coming to Ryelands Park this Sunday between 10am and 4pm. They are encouraging anyone over the age of 18 to drop in for their first dose of the Pfizer vaccine.

GOOD LUCK EVE

Next weekend, Eve Briffett, our star cross-country runner, will be completing a personal challenge. She, along with her dad Colin, has decided to complete a 13 mile half-marathon fell run around Keswick, taking in the peaks of Catbells, Rowling End, Causey Pike and Barrow—in total, about 3000ft of ascent! She is doing this to raise money for Bowel Cancer UK, a charity which holds personal significance after the loss of her grandma last year. We would all like to wish Eve the very best of Overton luck and love as she completes her challenge. If you wish to support, Eve has a Just Giving site.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Well done to Frankie, Rose, Oliver, Leon, Cohen, Willem and Josh who are our Stars of the Week for showing a positive attitude to their work, fabulous story writing, showing creativity and great behaviour. Well done everyone!



SPECIAL VISITORS

We were very fortunate to have two very special visitors to our school this week. The first was Emily Hennessey, author of a story called Made by the Moon that has inspired work in each one of our classes this term. Children in Elm and Oak were very fortunate to work with Emily and share their storytelling techniques. Our second special visitor of the week was the League Two Play-Off Trophy, won by Morecambe FC at the end of the season. It created a real buzz around the place - I hope you enjoyed seeing the photos of us all with it on Facebook.

RAFFLE TICKETS

Many thanks to those who have already bought and sold raffle tickets for the OSFA Summer Raffle. Despite the lack of opportunity to raise money this year, OSFA has remained in the background funding small treats for our children throughout the year. For this reason, it is so important that we try our best and sell as many raffle tickets as possible over the next few weeks. The deadline for getting your ticket stubs back to us is Friday 9th July. The raffle will be held the following week. Many thanks.

SUMMER TERM DATES

Below are some key dates for the Summer Term.

- Fri 25th June : Sports Day (all children to come in PE kit)**
- Tues 6th Jul: Maple, Holly and Elm walk to Sunderland Pt**
- Fri 9th July: Rose Queen Celebration Day**
- Tues 13th July: Year 6 Field of Fun evening**
- Thurs 15th July: Year 6 Leavers Service—more details to follow**
- Fri 16th July: School finishes for the Summer**