

# Overton St Helen's Primary

## School family news



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### Overton School Friends Association—OSFA

As with many elements of everyday life over the past 18 months, school activities organised by OSFA, our parent/teacher committee, had to be greatly reduced. However this school year, OSFA is back with a vengeance and ready to begin a full year of events to raise funds for our school. The money that is raised each year by OSFA is hugely important and makes a massive contribution to school life. OSFA help to fund school trips reducing the cost to our families; they fund whole class music tuition and help to purchase additional resources that enrich our curriculum. They organise a programme of events throughout the year that are greatly enjoyed by all our school community, from Christmas Fairs to Summer Fairs, bacon butties on sports day to pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. Last year, we sorely missed all these, but are really looking forward to them making a return once again. We are very lucky to have a committee of three very devoted mums; Abby Bargh who is our Chair; Claire Jewitt, our Vice-Chair and Catherine Curran, our Secretary. These three have been serving on the OSFA committee for a number of years and have done an amazing job so far. However, at the end of this academic year, they will be hanging up their OSFA boots and we desperately need more parents to come forward and take up the reins. If you feel like you could be this person, please let us know. We hope that throughout this year the 'new' committee will learn from the existing one and take OSFA forward for future years to come. In return for your efforts, we will offer you lots of support and massive appreciation. An OSFA AGM will be organised this half-term—look out for dates on the newsletter and please do join us.

### OSFA COMPETITION

Today, children will bring home a flyer for our first OSFA run competition of the school year. Tyson, the building company leading the housing development next to the school have donated £100 as a prize, for the person who can guess how many roof tiles are on one of the three pairs of semi-detached bungalows facing the road. All you need to do is take an educated guess how many there may be, write it down on the competition slip, return it with a £2 entry fee to school and wait for the result, which will be announced on Friday 1st October. Here is a picture of the pair of bungalows in question (they are the ones with the OSFA logo in the window). Feel free to submit as many entries as you wish and good luck!



### MEET THE TEACHER EVENING

It was so lovely to see lots of parents at our Meet the Teacher evening on Wednesday, despite the heat! It really is a pleasure to see you in the building once more. If you missed it please don't worry—class letters are going home with children today which contain all the details you need about new class routines. Remember, if in doubt, always ask a teacher.

### FRIDAY WORSHIP

Likewise, it was great to have a few parents join us for our regular Friday celebration worship. Remember, anyone can pop in and join us on a Friday morning - just drop off your child, then come in to the hall via the front entrance. Today we announced our new School Councillors - that are on the next page looking very official and ready for business!

### MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

On Friday 24th September we will be holding a coffee afternoon in support of Macmillan Cancer Care. In addition to the fact that it is an extremely worthy cause to fundraise for, it is a great opportunity to join us for a cuppa and a piece of cake. Our coffee afternoon will start at 1.30pm and finish when the last drop of coffee or tea has been drunk! You can either pop in after 2.30pm once you've picked up your child, or come in from 1.30pm for a quiet cuppa until pick up time - the choice is yours. Our house captains and school staff will be ready waiting to serve you. There will be no charge for the tea, coffee or cake, but of course this is a fund raiser and so donation boxes will be stationed around the hall for you to give generously. One final request is that homemade cakes be donated on the day for us to serve in the afternoon. I am particularly hoping for some of Mrs Tyrell's carrot cake or Mrs Kayan's chocolate and coconut brownies to come our way!

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

Congratulations to all the children who were announced as this year's school councillors. Well done to Emily and William, Rose and Teddy, Oliver and Scarlett, Natty and Elizabeth, Sophie and Euan, Abi and Ellis, Teddy and Jessica. I am sure you are all going to do a fabulous job.



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### HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

High School open days are making a return to face-to-face visits once again; our Year 6s and our Year 5s are strongly encouraged to take a look and see what each are like before making those all important decisions. Some high schools are hosting open evenings and some are inviting families to book onto open evening tours. For details about the schools you are interested in, check their website to find out what is on offer for you. Remember, the high school application process for Year 6 pupils closes on 31st October.



House Captains 2021—2022

Please remember to check school bags today. There are lots of important letters to read including club letters, class letters and details of existing COVID guidelines and changes to the school routine.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

Mon 20th Sep: After school clubs commence this week.  
Fri 24th Sep: Harvest Festival—all parents welcome 8.45am  
Fri 24th Sep: Macmillan Coffee Afternoon from 1.30pm  
Wed 20th Oct: Parents Evening (more details to follow)  
Fri 22nd Oct: School ends for half-term break  
Fri 31st Oct: Deadline for high school applications  
Mon 1st Nov: INSET DAY (school closed)  
Tues 2nd Nov: School re-opens after the break

