

Overton St Helen's Primary

School family news



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HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

Next Friday morning we will be having our annual Harvest Festival in school, where we will come together in the school hall to give thanks for the fruits and harvest of the year. Our worship will be led by the Worship Council, only newly formed but ready and willing to take the lead next Friday. Parents are more than welcome to join us; we will be starting at around 8.50am. When Harvest time arrives, we always collect donations of food to be sent to a good cause. This year, we will be taking our donations, along with those received at St Helen's Church on the following Sunday, to Morecambe Food Bank; an extremely important charity that is depended upon by many families in our area. Donations of tinned or packet food (nothing fresh), pasta, rice or UHT milk need to be brought to school on Thursday 23rd so that we can set up our fabulous harvest display for the following morning. Many thanks in advance.

MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON



Our Harvest Festival next Friday will start the day off perfectly. But what better way to end it, than a lovely cup of tea or coffee and a big slice of homemade cake! Please join us from 1.30pm onwards next Friday for our MacMillan Coffee Afternoon and give generously to Macmillan Cancer Care. If you are good at baking or know someone who is, please bring in homemade cakes on Friday morning for us to serve at our coffee afternoon. Let's make the afternoon a special one.



200 CLUB

A reminder that OSFA's 200 Club will be running again this year. Order forms to buy your number for this school year will be available shortly, so look out for the chance to win a cash prize at the end of each half-term.

HOW MANY TILES

Don't forget to get your competition entry in, guessing how many tiles there are on the below couple of bungalows being built next door to the school. Pick up an entry form from the school entrance and send it back to us before Friday 1st Oct.



LAST MINUTE THANKS

On Wednesday morning a fantastic opportunity with only one day's notice came our way. We were invited to bring a class to Sunderland Point, to join in a day of creative activity centred around the local area. At a moment's notice we got this organised and OAK class had a fabulous time, dancing, taking and developing their own photographs, listening and responding to stories and noticing the beauty of the beach environment. A huge thankyou to Oak Class parents for helping us seize the opportunity and getting their children ready for a trip with only 24hrs to prepare. It showed the 'can do' attitude of our school and it was greatly appreciated.



WORSHIP COUNCIL

This week, our school Worship Council had their first meeting - one of their first jobs was to recruit new members, which I am pleased to report they did very successfully. Our worship council is now made up of 11 members: Ellen, Laila, Josh and Chloe from Y6, Charlotte, Jacob, Annie-Mae and Maicy from Y5, Katie and Alex from Y4 and Isla from Y3. Their first job is to lead our Harvest Worship next Friday and I know they will do a superb job. We are missing a few members today, so a photo of them all together will go on the newsletter shortly.

MORRISONS GOOD TO GROW

Morrisons supermarket are running their 'Good to Grow' initiative again, where schools can get free gardening equipment in exchange for vouchers earned through shopping. If any of our parents or families shop at Morrisons, please look out for the opportunity to collect these vouchers on our behalf. As you know, we make good use of gardening equipment at Overton!

SAVE THE DATE

We are planning to host a phonics workshop for all parents of Maple, Holly and Elm Class on Wednesday 3rd November at 6pm. Please save the date—more details will be given nearer the time.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Well done to Daisy in Holly Class, Garth in Elm, Joseph in Willow, Summer in Beech and Ellen in Oak who are our Stars of the Week, for trying hard in their learning, producing great results and showing enthusiasm and a willingness to have a go. Great stuff!



SCHOOL LUNCH MENU CHANGES

Apologies for the last minute changes to the planned menu for school lunches. Lancashire Catering Service are having huge issues with getting deliveries of food to schools, due to a severe lack of drivers. Miss Griffin is doing an amazing job working with what she has or can get, to provide a choice of hot or cold lunches each day. I am sure things will settle down very soon, however for the moment, lunches will be different to what is written on the published menu.

DATES FOR THE DIARY



Mon 20th Sep: After school clubs commence this week
Thurs 23rd Sep: Harvest Donations to be brought in
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
Wed 3rd Nov: Phonics Workshop for parents 6pm—7pm
Mon 15th Nov: Flu Vaccinations in school
Fri 19th Nov: Children in Need
Fri 3rd Dec: Christmas Fair!