

Overton St Helen's Primary

School family news

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OSFA AGM

Next Monday evening, OSFA will be holding their Annual General Meeting, summarising the past year's fundraising efforts and talking about this coming academic year and the plans ahead. As previously mentioned on the newsletter, this will be our current OSFA committee's last year in post and so we are on the lookout this year for new recruits. OSFA is vitally important to the ethos of Overton St Helen's, as it enriches our curriculum with many wonderful things. Without the support from parents, this would not happen, so please consider coming along to the meeting next Monday evening to find out more. We look forward to seeing you.



THANKS AGAIN

Thanks again for you wonderfully kind and supportive generosity last Friday with the Harvest donations and Macmillan Coffee afternoon. With a few last minute donations that came our way on Friday evening and Monday morning, we eventually sent over £450 to Macmillan, which is a wonderful effort. Many thanks once again.

POSTPONED FOOTBALL

Sadly our Y3/4 football competition was cancelled yesterday, due to the horrible weather that we have not been enjoying this last week. This is only a postponement however and we will look out for the rescheduled date, hopefully soon.



PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES

Please remember, the deadline to submit nominations for our two parent governor vacancies is noon on Monday 4th October. The process in which governors are nominated and elected is extremely strict and therefore nominations received after noon on Monday 4th will not be accepted. Many thanks in advance.

COVID-19

There has been some speculation this week as to the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 we have in school. I would like to reassure all parents that should there be any confirmed cases in your child's class, I will let you know as soon as possible. If you do not hear from us, it is because no cases of COVID have been confirmed in your child's class. We are correctly following guidance which states children below the age of 18 no longer have to isolate, even if they have been in close contact with a confirmed case, if they do not show symptoms themselves. We would advise you to seek a PCR test to rule this out if a family member has tested positive, however if these results come back negative, then you are able to send your child back to school. Guidance for schools was changed at the end of August to allow less disruption to children's learning and it is hugely important that this remains the case. Please be vigilant when looking for symptoms of COVID-19 in your own child, however please trust the school with the actions we are taking.

GENERAL PERMISSION AND HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT

Please remember to return the signed general permissions letter to school as soon as possible, together with the home school agreement if you feel able to sign it. Thank you

SOUP & SANDWICHES OR JACKET SPUDS

For the next three weeks, starting from Monday, children having school lunches will be able to choose either a jacket potato with a choice of fillings, or homemade soup and sandwiches. This is a temporary restricted menu whilst Lancashire Catering resolve food delivery problems. If we can offer the children other alternatives, we will, so lookout for any last minute changes via the text messaging service. My apologies for the disappointment this may cause - we hope it won't last long!

BAY LEADERSHIP WRITING COMPETITION

Bay Leadership Academy are running a story writing competition for all Y6 pupils. For the chance to win a brand new bike, you need to write a short story with a maximum of 500 words (plus illustrations if you wish), describing what could happen to one of Roald Dahl's characters on their first day of high school! Once your story is complete, send it to Bay Leadership via post, or submit online to info@bay.staracademies.org by 3pm on Friday 22nd October. Winners will be announced on Friday 12th November and the winning story will appear on Bay Leadership's website. Good luck!

DATES FOR THE DIARY



Mon 4th Oct: OSFA meeting at 6.30pm at school
Thurs 14th Oct: OSFA School Disco
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
Tues 9th & Wed 10th Nov: Y5 Bikeability Sessions
Thurs 11th & Fri 12th Nov: Y6 Bikeability Sessions
Mon 15th Nov: Flu Vaccinations in school
Fri 19th Nov: Children in Need
Wed 24th Nov: Christmas Wreath Making workshop
Fri 3rd Dec: Christmas Fair!

STAR OF THE WEEK



Well done to all our stars of the week, announced today in assembly. Well done to Emily in Holly Class, Max in Elm Class, Charlie in Willow Class, Thomas in Beech and Euan in Oak for completing some excellent written work, for showing determination and perseverance in class, for great drama work and being a good kind and caring friend. Fabulous!

DON'T FORGET

Don't forget to remind anyone you know who shops at Morrisons to download the MyMorrisons app and get collecting the Good to Grow vouchers for school. We will be able to get lots of gardening equipment to replenish our well used existing stock. Thanks.

OSFA EVENTS

You may notice more dates have been added to the section opposite on the newsletter. These include three popular OSFA events; a school disco, the Christmas Wreath making workshop led by Catherine Curran, and the Christmas Fair. Don't forget to put them on your calendars! Look out for more details of each coming soon.

Please also come along to the OSFA meeting on Monday 4th October at 6.30pm in school. It is a great way to find out how to get involved.