

Overton St Helen's Primary

School family news

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COVID-19

It has been a challenging couple of weeks at school, however I am pleased to report that the number of new confirmed cases of COVID each day has dramatically decreased over this week. We still have 20 current cases of COVID-19 in school (OAK: 6, BEECH: 9, WILLOW: 2, ELM: 2, and MAPLE: 1) and two members of staff also poorly with COVID, however it does seem like we have reached our peak. This is due mainly to the support our parents have shown in being vigilant looking for symptoms and keeping your child away from school if there is a case in the household. It is for this reason that many more of our pupils are currently away from school accessing Remote Education. I hope that by the middle of next week, we should see a further reduction in cases meaning that current 'bubble' restrictions can be lifted after half-term. I will write to parents next week to confirm this. Thank you so much for your support and co-operation.

OSFA DISCO

We sadly had to postpone the eagerly awaited return of our school disco on Thursday evening. This will now take place on Thursday 18th November. If you have already sent in money for this, OSFA will carry it over to the new date.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

Please be aware that the deadline for casting your vote in the parents governor election is next Monday.

You can send any outstanding ballots into school with your child. Thank you.



PARENTS EVENING—WEDNESDAY 20th OCTOBER

As explained in my letter last week, we are confident that we can go ahead with our Parents Evening next week. Given the current situation we are taking extra steps to make it COVID secure. Meetings will take place in the classrooms at a safe distance; parents are asked to enter the premises from the playground via the outside classroom doors and then leave via the school hall. It may be advisable to wrap up warm as we will have to ask you all to wait outside to see the teachers. Please could all parents wear face-coverings whilst inside the classrooms.

Due to Mr Wood's absence, Willow Class parent's evening will take place at a later date after half-term.

SCHOOL LUNCHES: MONDAY 18TH - FRIDAY 22ND OCT

Miss Griffin, our school cook, is going rogue next week and preparing a more varied menu to the soup, sandwiches and jacket spuds that have been being served for the last two weeks. We are a bit fed up having to keep to our class bubbles at the moment, so what better way to spread a little bit of joy than with some yummy lunches to look forward to. The menu is coming home with the children today but here it is below. Thanks Miss Griffin!

Monday - Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta or Ham & Cheese Panini, Wedges and Beans

Tuesday - Cheese & Tomato Calzone Pizza & Salad or Filled Jacket Spud

Wednesday - Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice or Sandwiches, Salad Sticks and Tortilla Chips

Thursday - Tuna Pasta Bake with Salad & Garlic Bread or Filled Jacket Spud & Salad

Friday - Fish & Chips with Baked Beans or Pizza & Chips with Salad / Baked beans



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



Wed 20th Oct: Parents Evening
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 - this week and last week. Due to there being no newsletter last week, our Stars didn't get a shout, so here it is now.

A big 'well done' goes to Elliot in Holly Class, Jessica in Elm Class, Ava in Willow Class, Henry in Beech and Callum in Oak for their super efforts last week in school.

A second big 'well done' goes to William in Holly Class, Dylan in Elm, Lucas in Willow Class, Matthew in Beech Class and Emily in Oak who are this week's Stars, for being helpful, persevering, positive and just brilliant!

I want to give one final shout out to **ALL** children and staff alike for adapting to changes in school this week and keeping spirits up. Thanks everyone - you are all fab!



GET WELL SOON

And finally, to all our pupils, parents, big brothers and sisters and members of staff who are poorly at home with COVID, we send you lots of love from school and pray you all get better soon.