

Overton St Helen's Primary

School family news



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SCHOOL ROOF WORKS

I am extremely pleased to inform you that after half-term, work on replacing the school roof will finally begin. After a lengthy process of bidding for the substantial amount of money we need to replace the roof, contractors have now been secured and the work is due to begin. Over the half-term holiday, materials will be brought on to school premises and a contractor's 'site' will be set up next to OAK Class, to the left of the school building. This will be a fenced off area which will limit access to school from the left of the building. After half-term it will be necessary for all children and parents to access ALL classrooms via the bottom playground to the right of the school building. In November we can expect to see scaffolding to some areas of the school. I will communicate to you all as and when needed, if we have to alter how we move around school. For now, please keep a look out for any messages coming your way.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION RESULT

Many, many thanks to our three nominees who stepped forward for the Parent Governor Elections last week. I am pleased to announce the result. Mr Mike Aldren was voted in for another four year term of office and joining him will be Mrs Kelly Dunford who is new to the role.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Pat Riley who will be stepping down as Parent Governor. Pat has been in the role for the last eight years and on behalf of the school and Governors, I would like to thank him for the support and commitment he has shown.

If governorship was not for you, but you would still like to get more involved in helping the school, OSFA is a great way to do this. Look out for the AGM coming soon.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

After half-term, we will be starting on the new Autumn/Winter menu for our school lunches. I realise we have not had much luck in sticking to the menu lately due to food deliveries being compromised. We are not yet sure whether these issues will continue after the half-term break. If things change slightly, we will endeavour to let you know as soon as we can, but for now, the plan is to begin the new menu (Week 2 choices) when we return in November. A copy of the menu is attached to the emailed newsletter today.

COVID-19 UPDATES

A more detailed letter has been emailed to parents today, however I am pleased to report that our number of current cases in school has dropped significantly. It is clear that by working together over the last three weeks and remaining vigilant, we have stopped the transmission of the virus in school. After half-term we will be relaxing some of the tight restrictions we have imposed for the last three weeks. Class bubbles will no longer be needed and we will begin to worship together in the hall once more. Please look out for the letter coming to you via email today and read it carefully to note all the changes for after half-term. Again, many thanks for your support and co-operation.

PHONICS WORKSHOP

We are hoping to go ahead with our planned Phonics workshop on Wednesday 3rd November at 6pm—7pm at school. This will be a really insightful meeting for parents of children in Maple, Holly and Elm Class. Mrs Marsland, Miss Morson, Miss Capstick and Mrs Ingham will be explaining how phonics is taught and how you can support your child's learning in school.

HORTICULTURAL SHOW

On Saturday 30th October, during half term, Overton and District Horticultural Society will be holding their 54th Autumn Show. A leaflet advertising this and giving you details of how your child can enter many classes, was sent home last week. There are all sorts of ways you can get involved from entering drawings, paintings and poems, to crafted items and Lego models! Entry is free for children so please consider giving it a go and supporting this local event. If anyone wins any trophies or classes, bring your certificates back to school in order to celebrate them in our first Friday assembly after the break.

DATES FOR THE DIARY



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
Thurs 18th Nov: OSFA school disco
Fri 19th Nov: Children in Need
Wed 24th Nov: Christmas Wreath Making workshop
Fri 3rd Dec: Christmas Fair!

200 CLUB

Well done to Gill Kayan who was our first 200 Club winner of the school year. It is not too late to purchase a number (£5 for the entire year) for our 200 Club competition; a draw is held at the end of every half-term when you can win either a £25 or £100 prize!

I have to take this opportunity to thank the Ainsworth family for videoing themselves completing the draw each half-term. We would usually do this in our last Friday assembly however for the last 18 months and even this half-term, it has not been possible. Thanks Ainsworths—the family team effort has been fab!

STAR OF THE WEEK

Well done to Jacob in Holly Class, Elise-Marie in Elm Class, Thea in Willow, Annie-Mae in Beech and Alice in Oak Class who are our Stars of the Week for loads of effort in their writing, showing perseverance and hard work. What a great way to finish the half-term!



VALUES AWARDS

Being the last Friday of half-term, today we gave out Values Awards for 'Thankfulness'. Our Christian Values are very important to us at Overton and it is wonderful to see these Values being exemplified in the words and actions of our pupils. Here are our recipients:

HOLLY CLASS: Frankie Aldren

ELM CLASS: Tyler Thomson

WILLOW CLASS: Darcie Bell

BEECH CLASS: Natty Appell

OAK CLASS: Callum Winder

MRS EASTHOPE'S: Jack Illingworth

Next half-term, we will be focussing on the Christian Value of Peace.