

Overton St Helen's Primary

School family news

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SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE

It was lovely to start our day with our usual Friday Celebration Worship this morning. The news of the Queen's death weighed heavy on us last week and we missed our usual routine. It was great to see so many mums, dads, grandmas and grandads with us this morning too. You are always very welcome to join us on a Friday morning if you have time to spare. It was a long one as well this morning, as each class wanted to share their work on the story How to be a Lion by Ed Vere. This has been a whole school text to help us settle back in, with an important message about being yourself and celebrating differences.

We were also pleased to announce our two councils for this academic year: Worship Council and School Council. Well done to Tristan, Bettina, Edie, William, Ava, James, Thomas, Olivia, Amy, Caleb, Elizabeth, Sam, Summer, Demi and Emily who are our new School Councillors. Also, well done to Annie-Mae, Jacob, Caleb, Jessica, Maicy, Alex, Natty, Isla, Oliver, Thea, Jack and Alice who are our Worship Councillors. I know that they will give me loads of ideas throughout the school year and help to make our school the best it can possibly be. There's a great photo of them all on our Facebook page!

OSFA EVENTS

Last week I gave a small introduction to our new OSFA committee who have taken up the reins in organising loads of exciting events over the school year. Two things coming up this half-term for you to be aware of, are the school disco on Thursday 20th October and an end of half-term cake stall on Friday 21st October. The new committee have decided to resurrect our end of half-term cake stall - who doesn't like a nice piece of cake at the end of a busy half-term! We will be asking for donations for the cake stall from specific classes over the year, in order to share the responsibility. This half-term will be OAK class's turn to supply the goods!

EARRINGS

Just to clear up our school policy on wearing earrings, we do allow pupils to wear earrings for school but these should be one pair of discreet studs. For health and safety reasons, earrings cannot be worn for PE and must be removed. If your child has recently had their ears pierced, then they will need to miss PE lessons until they can be removed. Thank you.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

In two weeks today, we will be holding our annual Harvest Festival. This will be a special Friday morning worship led by the Worship Council, giving thanks for the harvest we enjoy. On the day before (Thurs. 29th Sep) we will be asking for donations of food to be brought in to school. These should be tinned or packet foods, UHT milk or jars; when our harvest has been gathered, we will be sending our donations to Morecambe Food Bank and West End Impact who provide a vital service in ensuring those in our community, who are less fortunate than ourselves, have food to eat. Please come along to join us for our morning worship.



MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

We will be appealing to your generosity for a second time on the day of our Harvest Festival when we will hold our annual Macmillan Coffee Afternoon in support of **Macmillan Cancercare**- again, such a valuable organisation for our community. From 1.30pm please come and join us for a cuppa and a piece of cake, giving generously to this wonderful cause. In addition, a donation of homemade cakes for our coffee afternoon would be enormously appreciated. If you are willing to bake something for us, please send cake donations for the coffee afternoon to school that morning. Thanks in advance for your kindness.

FLU NASAL-SPRAY IMMUNISATIONS

Flu immunisations for all our pupils who opt to have these, will take place in school on Wednesday 9th November. Please do not forget to complete the online form, even if you do not wish for your child to take part.

PE DAYS FOR EACH CLASS

Thanks for being organised this week with PE Kits. I'm pleased to say that our PE routine is now back in full swing. Just as a reminder, below are the days on which each class has their PE lessons:

Monday - Willow

Tuesday - Maple and Holly

Wednesday - Elm

Thursday - Oak

Friday - Beech



Classes Holly, Elm, Willow, Beech and Oak should come to school in their PE kit on the days they have their lessons. **Only MAPLE class** need to keep their PE kits in school. Please make sure earrings are removed on the day of your child's lesson. Thanks.

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

High school open days are in full swing for any Y5 or Y6 pupils who are interested in the various high schools in our area. Central High School held their open day yesterday evening and Bay Leadership Academy, Morecambe Bay Academy and Dallam High hold theirs next week on Tues 20th, Wed 21st and Thurs 22nd respectively. All open days coming up are included in the dates list on the newsletter. If you have any questions regarding high schools, or need any advice, please do not hesitate to see myself or Mr Curwen who will be only too happy to help.

SCHOOL CLOSURE NEXT MONDAY

As a reminder, school will be closed next Monday 19th September for the public holiday, declared for the state funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II. School will reopen on Tuesday 20th as usual.

STARS OF THE WEEK



Due to missing our celebration worship last Friday, I have a double announcement to make on today's newsletter. On Monday we gave out Star of the Week awards to Sophia in Oak Class, Reece in Beech, Billy in Willow, Jacob in Elm and Flynn in Holly Class for settling in well to the start of the school year and setting a great example to the rest of their class. This week's Star of the Week awards go to Joshua in Oak Class, Aoife-Rose in Beech, Scarlett in Willow, Emery in Elm and Charles in Holly Class for having a great attitude to work, showing enthusiasm, maturity and care and playing well in and out of school. Well done all!

DATES FOR THE DIARY



Mon 19th Sep - Public Holiday for Queen's funeral—school closed
Tues 20th Sep - Bay Leadership Ac open evening 6-8pm
Wed 21st Sep - Morecambe Bay Ac open evening 5-8pm
Thurs 22nd Sep - Dallam High open evening 6-8pm
Fri 30th Sep - Harvest Festival led by Worship Council - 8.45am
Fri 30th Sep - Macmillan Coffee Afternoon - 1.30pm onwards
Fri 14th Oct - OAK CLASS assembly (pm time tbc)
Wed 19th Oct - Parent's Evening
Thurs 20th Oct - OSFA Disco
Fri 21st Oct - OSFA Cake Stall after school
Fri 21st Oct - School closes for half-term break
Mon 31st Oct - High School application deadline
Tues 1st Nov - School reopens for second half-term
Wed 9th Nov - Flu nasal-spray immunisations
Fri 11th Nov - BEECH CLASS assembly (pm time tbc)
Fri 2nd Dec - Christmas Fair (2.30pm onwards)

More dates added - please take note!