

Overton St Helen's Primary

School family news

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A BUSY TERM AHEAD

It was lovely to see all the children return to school on Tuesday, for the second half of the Autumn Term at Overton. This half-term promises to be one of our busiest with lots of extra events and occasions to prepare for, on top of our usual programme of learning. However, despite the business, it is one of the most exciting half-terms, with lots to look forward to for pupils and parents, starting with Beech Class's assembly next Friday at 1.50pm. A comprehensive list of all the events coming up is included in our dates section - please make a note of it all, so you don't miss anything.

CHICKEN POX

We have what appears to be a particularly virulent strain of chicken pox working its way through school, with 17 cases reported as of today. These are mainly in Holly and Maple Class, but we now have a couple of cases in Elm Class too, so it looks to be on the move. Whilst chicken pox is not anything to worry about, we have reported the outbreak to Public Health England who reiterated the advice we have already given to parents. Children must remain absent from school whilst the blisters are still erupting and can return once the last spot has crusted over. Public Health did stress a minimum of 5 days absence if children do contract the virus. Please look out for spots on the abdomen and neck to begin with if you suspect your child may have it.

THE AIR WE BREATHE

As part of their Science learning, Oak Class are beginning a small but exciting project, monitoring the levels of air pollution around our school. They will be working with scientific equipment to measure the quality of the 'air we breathe'. If you notice them with monitoring equipment as you arrive to pick up your children in the afternoon and wonder what they are up to, now you know!

BIKEABILITY

From Monday 14th Nov to Thursday 17th Nov, Y5 and Y6 will be completing their Bikeability Training. Letters, including permission slips, will be coming out next week with more details, however it may be a date worth putting in your diary. Pupils will need bikes in school on the days they complete their training.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wed 9th Nov - Flu nasal-spray immunisations
Fri 11th Nov - BEECH CLASS assembly 1.50pm
Mon & Tues 14th/15th Nov - BIKEABILITY training for Y6s
Wed & Thurs 16th/17th Nov - BIKEABILITY training for Y5s
Wed 16th Nov - Pupil Parliament event at Lancaster Town Hall
Fri 18th Nov - Children in Need non-uniform day
Fri 18th Nov - Y5/6 athletics fixture
Fri 2nd Dec - Christmas Fair (2.30pm onwards)
Tues 6th Dec - Willow/Elm Class Carol Concert 5.30pm—6.30pm
Wed 7th Dec - Holly/Maple Nativity 1st performance 1.30pm
Thurs 8th Dec—Holly/Maple Nativity 2nd performance 1.30pm
Mon 12th Dec—Christmas Panto visits school
Wed 14th Dec—Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
Thurs 15th Dec - Whole school Values Worship - 8.45am
Fri 16th Dec - School Closes for Christmas break at 2.30pm



STAR OF THE WEEK

Well done to Rocco in Holly Class, Anastasia in Elm, Brooke in Willow, Leon in Beech and Finlay in Oak Class who are our stars of the week, for working hard in their Maths and English, making good progress, for listening well and being a great role model. Great stuff!



Week beginning: Mon 7th November
Dinner Week: 1 of NEW MENU