

Overton St Helen's Primary

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CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you to all who supported our Christmas Fair last Friday. It was a great occasion as always; busy but thoroughly enjoyable! I would like to take this opportunity to thank our new OSFA team. Laura, Hannah, Steph, Charlotte, Jo and Jen did a remarkable job as it was their very first Christmas Fair. Many, many thanks ladies—you are all fabulous! We are still totaling the amount raised and will let you all know as soon as we can, but thank you again for your support.

ELM / WILLOW CAROL SERVICE

Now that the Christmas Fair is over, we turn our attentions to the festivities that this week has to offer. On Tuesday evening at 5.30pm, Elm and Willow Class will be holding their Carol Service. This will take place in the school hall. Parents need to drop the children off from 5.15pm at Maple Class's outside classroom door on the bottom playground. After you have dropped off your child, please make your way into the school hall via the side entrance, as the school's front entrance will be blocked. The Carol service will last approximately half an hour and mulled wine and mince pies will be served.

NATIVITY

No doubt our youngest children's parents will be getting very excited for this week's Nativity performances. These will take place on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon at 1.30pm; parents are advised to arrive from 1.15pm via the front entrance. Tickets must have been acquired beforehand for the Nativity performances as there will be a limited amount of seats. There are just a few left but these are going fast and will be given on a first come basis.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

If you have children that participate in our after school clubs, you may be aware that some clubs have had to finish earlier than planned. Athletics Club, Design & Make Club and American Football Club have now finished and will not run this week. Below is a list of clubs that are still happening this week:

Tuesday - Football

Thursday - Multi-skills and Chess Club

If your child is a member of one of our after school booster classes, they will also be continuing this week

Next week, our last of the term, there will be no after school activities.

SWIMMING

This is the last week of swimming lessons for Beech Class and so there will be no need to bring kit next week.

ST JOHN'S HOSPICE

During our festive fortnight in school, we will be raising money for St John's Hospice. We have set ourselves an enormous challenge for next week (details on the next page) but at both the Carol service and the Nativity there will be collection buckets for this important cause.

FOODBANK DONATIONS

Don't forget, if you wish to make any donations to Morecambe Foodbank or West End Impact, you are very welcome to bring them into school. We will make sure they get to the right places, to benefit those in need.

ADVENT

This morning we lit two candles on our Wreath to mark the second week of Advent. The first candle symbolises Hope and the second candle symbolises Peace - two very important sentiments at this time of year.

Week beginning: Mon 5th Dec **Dinner Week:** 2

DATES FOR THE DIARY



Tues 6th Dec - Willow/Elm Class Carol Concert 5.30pm - 6pm
Wed 7th Dec - Holly/Maple Nativity 1st performance 1.30pm
Thurs 8th Dec - Holly/Maple Nativity 2nd performance 1.30pm
Thurs 8th Dec - School Gymnastics Competition (after school)
Fri 9th Dec - Flu Immunisations for Y6 and some Y5 pupils
Mon 12th Dec - Christmas Panto visits school
Wed 14th Dec - Overton to Lapland Challenge for St John's Hospice
Wed 14th Dec - Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
Thurs 15th Dec - Whole school Values Worship - 8.45am
Fri 16th Dec - 2.30 pm Cake Stall (supplied by BEECH Class)
Fri 16th Dec - School Closes for Christmas break at 2.30pm
Wed 4th Jan - School re-opens for the start of Spring Term

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

During the last week of term, each class will be having a Christmas Party! On those days, children are welcome to come to school in party clothes if they wish to. Your child will be having their Christmas party on the following day:

BEECH and OAK: Thursday 15th Dec

MAPLE, HOLLY, ELM & WILLOW: Friday 16th Dec

STAR OF THE WEEK



Well done to George in Maple Class, Leo in Holly, Lucas in Elm, Dylan in Willow, Isabella in Beech and Annie-Mae in Oak who were last week's stars!

LAST WEEK OF TERM

From the dates section above, you can see how busy we plan to be in our last week of the term. Here are some important things to know. We begin next week with a Christmas Panto bought for us by OSFA - this is always a great way to start the week! On Wednesday, the children will be having their school Christmas Dinner which can be ordered on the day as usual. Children can come to school in non-uniform on that day, wearing their finest Christmas jumpers to add to the festivities. Our final Friday celebration worship when we are joined by lots of parents, will actually take place on Thursday morning at the usual time of 8.45am. This is because on Friday morning, the whole school are walking to church for a special Carol Service to end our week in praise. Be prepared for some tired children next Friday!

ELF DASH FOR ST JOHN'S HOSPICE

Just in case you thought we weren't busy enough during the last two weeks in school, our School Council have set us a whopper of a challenge! Following on from last year's easy success of raising money for RNLI, when we collectively completed 972 laps of our track (the distance of Morecambe Bay's coastal path and back), the school council have set us an even bigger challenge in order to raise money for St John's Hospice. They have challenged the school to collectively walk the equivalent distance from Overton to Lapland and back!

Now from Overton to Lapland and back, it's 4532 miles, which would equate to 27,192 laps of our track and mean we would be walking forever!!! For this challenge, we are going to agree that 1 lap = 1 mile which still means between us all, we need to complete 4532 laps.

We plan to complete this challenge on Wednesday 14th, our Christmas Dinner Day. Each Class will pair up and have an allotted time slot when they will complete as many laps of the track as they can. For every person who competes a lap, a token will be dropped into a bucket and by the end of the day, we need to get a total of 4532 tokens in that bucket! Oak and Elm Class will start us off at 9am - 9.45am. Willow and Maple Class will then walk from 9.45am - 10.30am, and then Beech and Holly Class will walk from 10.30am - 11.15am. Of course, our little ones may need to retire early but I am sure they will do their best. But we need our parents' help too! We have a special parent and child slot from 8.10am - 8.30am.

If you would like to arrive a little earlier than usual that morning and complete some laps with your child before registration at 8.30, please meet us on the school field. The more people walking round our track, the more laps we will complete, so everyone is welcome and needed!

St John's Hospice have provided us with Elf Hats for the challenge which promises to be loads of good fun. On the day of the challenge, we will be asking for donations to be brought to school.

Thank you, in advance!

