

Overton St Helen's Primary

School family news

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GOODBYE MRS BLUNDELL

Today was a sad day in school as we said goodbye to Mrs Blundell, our wonderful teaching assistant in Year 2 who has worked at school for many, many years. Mrs Blundell is moving on to pastures new, joining the school nursing team. We wish her loads of luck in her new adventure and send all our love and best wishes with her. On behalf of all of us, thank you Mrs Blundell for the years of support, care and love you have given to the pupil's of Overton St Helen's - we'll miss you!



LANCASTER SINGING FESTIVAL

I am happy to let you know that this year, Overton will be joining many other local schools, taking part in the Lancaster Singing Festival. Elm and Beech Class are getting involved and will take part in the KS1 and KS2 performances respectively. Both classes are already busy learning songs and will attend some joint rehearsals nearer the time. The dates of this event are in the section below. Tickets for the event will be available from school and details of when and how to get them will be communicated to parents on a separate letter, soon.

HAPPY HAIR DAY

Next Friday, the last day of half-term, we are having a 'Happy Hair Day'! This was a school council idea to do something different than the normal, in order to support one of their chosen charities. So, next Friday, we will be supporting Morecambe Food Bank. Instead of bringing in money, we want you to bring in items of food or toiletries for the foodbank, (a bit like we do when it's Harvest) and in exchange, you are welcome to wear your hair however you wish! Thank you in advance, from the school council!

PRIME

I have recently noticed the increase in using empty Prime bottles as school water bottles. With all crazes, I prefer to embrace them, however my one rule is that they should never distract from learning. Unfortunately, this is now becoming an issue, so could I ask all parents to keep Prime bottles at home and go back to using normal water bottles for school. Any seen in school next week will be confiscated.

SPORTING SUCCESS

Some sporting news to catch up on. Last Friday our team of Year 5 and Year 6 athletes competed in another Friday fixture for the local schools' athletics league. I am pleased to report that even facing some very stiff competition from much bigger schools, we won the fixture, putting us in a great position going in to the final event. Last Tuesday, Mr Curwen took a team to a Tag Rugby competition, who worked their way to the final and just lost in the last second of the game. A further special mention goes to Will B in Year 6 who was awarded the sportsmanship trophy, when his positive leadership qualities were spotted out of all the school pupils that attended. Well done all!

ONGOING INDUSTRIAL ACTION

Thank you to parents for working with us on Wednesday, which was the first day of the industrial action by the NEU teachers' union. You will be aware from the news that the dispute is ongoing and therefore as yet, similar arrangements that were in place on Wednesday, will stand for the other strike days. For your information, these are Tuesday 28th February, Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March. If there are any changes I will communicate these to you as soon as I can, giving you chance to make changes to arrangements if needed.

Week beginning: Mon 6th Feb

Dinner Week: 2

SCHOOL VISITS

To confirm, BEECH class's trip to Heysham Power Station, which was included in the dates section of the newsletter, has been rescheduled for a different date - my apologies for causing any confusion. On another matter, the planned Year 5 trip to London on 15th March, has now been reorganised for Wednesday 24th May so as not to clash with the ongoing teacher industrial action. A letter will be coming to parents of Year 5 pupils soon.

OSFA CAKE STALL

Next Friday, at the end of our Happy Hair Day, OSFA will be hosting an end of half-term cake stall. Thanks to both Oak and Beech Class who have supplied the cakes for our previous two cake stalls - this time, it is Willow Class's turn to supply the goods. Please bring in cakes for the cake stall next Friday morning. Many thanks in advance.

DATES FOR THE DIARY



Fri 10th Feb - 'Happy Hair Day' - for Morecambe Food Bank

Fri 10th Feb - School breaks for Half-term week

Mon 20th Feb - School reopens for second half-term

Tuesday 28th Feb - Teachers' industrial action Day 2

Thurs 2nd March - World Book Day!

Fri 10th March - ELM CLASS ASSEMBLY 1.50pm

Wed 15th March - Teachers' industrial action Day 3

Thurs 16th March - Teacher's Industrial action Day 4

Fri 17th March - ELM CLASS outdoor activity trip to Borwick Hall

Mon 20th March - Lancaster Singing Festival - BEECH CLASS

Wed 22nd March - Lancaster Singing Festival - ELM CLASS

Fri 31st March - School closes for Easter holidays

STAR OF THE WEEK

Star of the Week awards this week go to Oakley in Maple Class, Sofia in Holly Class, Garth in Willow Class, Charlie in Beech Class and Alex in Oak, for working hard in their various lessons, showing courage and being helpful. Elm Class's Star of the Week award was given to Mrs Blundell for being an amazing member of Elm Class.

