

Overton St Helen's Primary

School family news

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WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to the start of another half-term in school. As always, it was great to see all the children return to school, ready for another hard-working half-term. It's quite scary to think how fast the school year is progressing, with us now in the season of Lent and Easter on the horizon. On Monday, I introduced our new Christian Value for the half-term; Forgiveness. We talked about the strength needed to show forgiveness and I challenged the children to find ways of doing this as we move through Lent. We will be exploring this more in our worships over the following weeks, but it may just inspire an interesting conversation at home too.

LANCASTER SINGING FESTIVAL

Beech and Elm Class will be welcoming in practitioners from Lancashire music hub next week to help practise songs for the upcoming singing festival in March. Just to clarify dates, ELM Class will be performing in the KS1 festival taking place on Monday 20th March. BEECH Class will be performing in the KS2 festival taking place on Wednesday 22nd March. Both classes will be attending morning rehearsals during the school day, at Lancaster Town Hall, on the day of their respective performances. Tickets are available to reserve at a cost of £3 per ticket. Please remember to get these early.

MORE SINGING!!

Willow Class have been working hard with Mrs Helen Bowden, singing coach from Lancashire Music Hub, learning some really great songs linked to their topic on Ancient Egypt. Their time with Mrs Bowden has now come to an end, but they would like to give their parents a small display of the songs they have perfected, next Thursday, 2nd March. Therefore, parents and guardians of children in Willow Class are invited to come at 2pm for a small performance before home time. It's be a great way to end our special World Book Day too!

WORLD BOOK DAY

Next Thursday is World Book Day! We always like to mark this special day as it is a good excuse to celebrate everything that is wonderful about books. We like to do a spot of dressing up on the day, as favourite book characters, however, as I mentioned in my email earlier this week, please do not go to any great expense for this and by all means, try to swap costumes with each other. We will begin the day with a special assembly, bringing back last year's popular pupil vs teacher book quiz - the pupils won last year, so can the teachers get one back? Classes will be basing their day's work on books, their characters and authors. In the afternoon, we will be pairing up across school to share our favourite stories. It promises to be a great day in school.

ONGOING TEACHERS' INDUSTRIAL ACTION

Next Tuesday, 28th Feb, there will be another day of teachers' industrial action. Four of our classes are affected this time as set out in my letter early this week. Willow and Oak class will be the only classes not affected by Tuesday's action. The same arrangements in terms of those children who we have agreed can still attend school in the affected classes, will be in place. They should come to school in PE kit ready for an active day. Our lunch menu will be slightly altered that day too: fish finger wrap, cheese panini or veg sausage roll.

TUESDAY 28TH FEB - AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

All after school clubs that usually take place on a Tuesday, will be cancelled next week. This means there will be no Film Club, KS1 Multi-skills of Girls' Football. Sorry for any disappointment.

Week beginning: Mon 27th Feb

Dinner Week: 2

GIRLS FOOTBALL COMPETITION

On Tuesday, our girls football team attended a local schools' tournament at Bay Leadership Academy. It was only the second time the team have played together, however they did amazingly well, getting through the first round and into the knock out stages. Although we didn't progress to the finals, the marked improvement in the skills shown and playing as a team, was fabulous. It was noticed by the coaches in attendance as well as Mrs Harding and Mrs Ingham. The team showed a brilliant attitude and represented the school well. A massive well done to all involved. Check out the team photo on Facebook.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Star of the Week awards this week went to Lily in Maple Class, Oliver in Holly Class, Annabelle in Elm, Lilly B in Willow, Thomas W in Beech and Caleb in Oak, for showing great listening skills in class, working with enthusiasm and positivity and practising times tables well! Great job everyone - well done!



OSFA ACTIVITIES

I am pleased to let you know that OSFA have a range of activities coming up this term. Next Thursday 2nd March, it's Movie Night for Maple, Holly and Elm Class and bookings are already being taken for the evening which begins at 5pm. The following Thursday, 9th March it's KS2 Movie Night; flyers for the event and for booking tickets will come home shortly. On Friday 17th March we are hosting a Mothers' Day tea and coffee afternoon from 1.30pm - more details about that will come later too, however save the date as it will be a nice treat for all our lovely mums.

HEYSHAM POWER STATION

On Tuesday, Beech Class visited Heysham Power Station to find out about the purpose of the power station and learn about nuclear energy. It was fabulous to return to the power station as this used to be a regular venue for our educational visits. During COVID this had to stop, however we are looking forward to resuming our great partnership with them. Beech Class had a great time and again, photos of the trip are on Facebook for you all to enjoy.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 28th Feb - Teachers' industrial action Day 2
Thurs 2nd March - World Book Day!
Thurs 2nd March - KS1 Movie Night
Thurs 9th March—KS2 Movie Night
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, HOLLY and MAPLE CLASS outdoor activity trip to Borwick Hall
Fri 17th - Mother's Day tea and coffee afternoon
Mon 20th March - Lancaster Singing Festival - BEECH CLASS
Wed 22nd March - Lancaster Singing Festival - ELM CLASS
Fri 31st March - OSFA cake stall after school (ELM to supply cakes) + Easter Egg tombola!
Fri 31st March - School closes for Easter holidays

