

Overton St Helen's Primary

School family news

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WELCOME BACK

A huge welcome back to everyone this week as we begin our Summer Term. It was fab to see the children on Monday morning, who have all made a very positive start to work this week. Summer Term is always filled with lots of fabulous things to look forward to - I have populated the dates section on the second page of the newsletter with many more things for you to mark on your calendars. Please look out for email and text reminders coming your way so that nothing is missed.

ROAD SAFETY AND PARENT PARKING ISSUES

On Monday evening I attended a Parish Council meeting to discuss on going issues with the safety of Lancaster Road at drop off and picking up times. The Parish Council are keen to know the issues we are facing and help where needed. Also in attendance at the meeting was PCSO John Jackson who you will have noticed outside the school on Wednesday morning and afternoon. Discussions are ongoing but things mentioned were a zebra crossing and flashing orange lights, to warn approaching drivers that a school is in the vicinity. The PCSO is also keen to be present at the school to ensure parking is responsible and safe. I am sure you will all agree that anything that makes it safer for our children and avoids the worst ever happening, is welcome.

YEAR 3/4 FOOTBALL COMPETITION

Yesterday afternoon, Mr Curwen took a squad of Y3/4 footballers to an inter-school tournament. The squad played amazingly well together and out of the five matches played, 2 were drawn, 2 were won and 1 was lost. Unfortunately they didn't progress to the later stages of the competition but put in a really fabulous effort. Well done team!

KS2 PRODUCTION

Yesterday morning the KS2 staff made a very exciting announcement to our KS2 pupils. I am very excited to tell you that we are putting on a performance of Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat! School was buzzing yesterday after the news with pupils (and teachers) literally bouncing with excitement. It is going to be hard work and require a huge team effort but I know it is going to be 'AMAZING' and we will rise to the challenge superbly. The dates of the performances are now in the dates section and information about tickets etc will be given nearer the time.



UPCOMING STRIKE DAYS

You will have heard on the news that the teachers industrial action is set to continue with two more days of strikes on the horizon; Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. The same arrangements that have been in place on previous strike days will still stand and a separate letter reminding parents of these details will be sent home this afternoon. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

A warm Overton welcome goes to Miss Tracey Patton who joins the team this week as permanent teaching assistant in Year 2. We are extremely fortunate to have her as a replacement for Mrs Blundell. Also a warm welcome (although I may have mentioned this already) to Mr Neil Saban who joins us for the latter half of the week to cover teachers' PPA time in Oak, Beech, Willow and Elm Class.

Week beginning: Mon 24th April

Dinner Week: 1 of NEW MENU

DATES FOR THE DIARY



Tues 25th Apr - Oak Class visit to Borwick Hall

Thurs 27th April - TEACHERS' STRIKE DAY

Mon 1st May - May Day Bank Holiday

Tues 2nd May - TEACHERS' STRIKE DAY

Fri 5th May - King Charles Coronation celebration day in school

Mon 8th May - Extra Bank Holiday for King's Coronation

Tues 9th - Fri 12th - Y6 SATs week

Mon 15th May - School photographs

Tues 16th May - SPORTS DAY (9am - 11.30am)

Mon 22nd May - Schools Cross Country Competition (hosted at Overton)

Wed 24th May - Year 5 trip to London

Thurs 25th May - Meeting for new parents (Sep 2023 intake) 1.15pm

Thurs 25th May - OSFA School Disco

Fri 26th May - HOLLY CLASS ASSEMBLY

Fri 26th May - End of half-term Cake Stall (cakes supplied by Holly Class)

Mon 5th June - STAFF INSET DAY - school closed

Tues 6th June - Summer second half-term begins

Tues 6th June - Willow Class trip to Kirkby Lonsdale

Wed 21st June - KS2 evening performance of 'Joseph' (times tbc)

Thurs 22nd June - KS2 evening performance of 'Joseph' (times tbc)

Fri 30th June - Beech Class trip to Coniston Water

Mon 3rd July - Year 6 YMCA residential

Fri 7th July - MAPLE CLASS ASSEMBLY

Wed 12th July - Elm Class trip to Half Moon Bay

Fri 14th July - ROSE QUEEN FESTIVAL and Summer Fair

Wed 19th July - 8.45am Final Values Worship of the school year

Wed 19th July - 1.15pm - Y6 Leavers Assembly

Fri 21st July - 9am Year 6 service if thanksgiving at St Helen's Church

Fri 21st July - School closes for the summer holidays

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

You will notice in the dates section that Tempest Photography will be in school on Monday 15th May. They will be taking individual and family group photos including any siblings who are younger than school age. More details will be sent out regarding timings nearer the time, but please make a note of the date.

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

A letter giving details of our after school clubs for Summer Term, will be sent home today. All clubs will start in the week beginning Mon 1st May, however please note that there will be no clubs on the Monday and Tuesday of that week due to the bank holiday and the teacher's strike day.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Well done to Edie in Maple Class, Charles in Holly, Daisy in Elm, Rose in Willow, Lily B in Beech and Elizabeth in Oak Class who were our first Stars of the Week for summer term, for making a focussed start to their work, contributing to class and putting in lots of effort.

Well done all.

