

# Overton St Helen's Primary

## School family news

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### WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to all our wonderful pupils and families for the start of another new school year at Overton St Helen's. It's at this time of the year that I really notice time passing, seeing certain children moving up through the school, sitting further back in the worship hall and baby brothers and sister who were seemingly in prams only a short while ago now starting in our Reception Class. However, it is equally wonderful to see our young people growing and maturing, becoming ready for new challenges and added responsibility. It was great to see everyone again after our summer break and I am pleased to share with you that every pupil has made a good start and has settled back to the school routine, despite the heat! In order to support our children in making a positive start, as a school we have focused on five clear expectations for attitude and behaviour: walking inside, quiet voices, use of good language, good listening and showing kindness. We agree that these five expectations will help create a calm and positive learning environment in which to work and play.

### PE LESSONS

PE lessons have begun this week for most classes, however next week they will continue in a more routined way. Each of our classes have two PE lessons a week, as per expectations set out in the National Curriculum. If your child is in Holly, Elm, Willow, Beech or Oak Class, pupils should come to school in PE kit on the days when they have PE lessons. Only pupils in Maple Class should bring PE kit to school in a bag, for it to be kept here during each half-term—their PE days can be more flexible. School PE kit should consist of: coloured PE t-shirts according to the colour house each pupil belongs to, dark shorts, track suit bottoms or leggings and a school jumper. PE kits or branded sports wear is not acceptable. Earrings need to be removed on PE days. Below are the days when each class have PE:

Holly: Tuesday & Thursday

Elm: Wednesday & Thursday

Willow: Monday & Friday

Beech: Monday & Friday

Oak: Tuesday & Thursday

It is important to note that for WILLOW Class, Monday's PE session is their swimming lesson. Therefore, on Monday Willow Class should come in their normal school uniform, bringing their swimming kit with them.

For any queries, please see your child's teacher.

### ARRIVING LATE FOR SCHOOL

Each morning, school registration is at 8.30am. Our KS2 class room doors open at 8.20am and from that time, children are welcome to walk round to their classrooms. At 8.25am KS1 class teachers open their doors to welcome the children inside. If you arrive after 8.30am the classroom doors will be closed and you need to enter via the front door, where you will need to sign in your child. Starting the day at the correct time with the class as a whole makes a huge difference to a child's day, so I would please urge you to be as punctual as possible. Thank you.

### ARRIVING AT SCHOOL

On the subject of arriving for school, this week we noticed a small group of our Year 6 pupils hanging around at the front gate after being dropped off, instead of coming straight on to the school playground. For their own safety and because we have no member of staff on duty at the front of the school, please ensure that if you drop your child off, they know to go directly onto the playground. Many thanks.

**Week beginning:** Mon 11th September  
**Dinner Week: 3**

### HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

A reminder to all our Year 6 parents that the deadline for the online high school application process is 31st October. If you have any worries about this, please let us know. High school open evenings are included in the dates section of the newsletter.

### HOUSE CAPTAINS

Today, we announced our House Captains for the new academic year. I am pleased to let you know that Katie Hargreaves and Will Stokes are house captains of Benson (blue), Natty Appell and Primrose Gifford are house captains of Smith (yellow), Bobby Aldren and Jessica Ward are house captains of Clarke (green) and Alex Gudgeon and Isabella Newton are house captains of Milligan (red). I am sure they will take on their new responsibilities well, be great ambassadors for their team and a help to the rest of our pupils.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY



Mon 11th Sep: Swimming starts for Willow Class  
Thurs 14th Sep: Morecambe Bay Academy Open Evening  
Tues 19th Sep: Bay Leadership Academy Open Evening  
Wed 20th Sep: Meet the Teacher Evening 6pm - 7pm  
Thurs 21st Sep: Dallam High School Open Evening  
Tues 26th Sep: Carnforth High School Open Evening  
Fri 29th Sep: Harvest Worship 8.45am  
Fri 29th Sep: Macmillan Coffee Afternoon 1.30pm onwards  
Wed 18th Oct: Parents Evening (more details to follow)  
**Fri 20th Oct: School closes for half-term break**  
**Wed 1st Nov: School opens for second half of Aut Term**  
Wed 1st Nov: Flu Immunisations in school  
Wed 29th & Thurs 30th Nov: Y6 Bikeability Training  
Fri 1st Dec & Mon 4th Dec: Y5 Bikeability Training  
Fri 8th Dec: School Christmas Fair

**NEW DATES ADDED EACH WEEK SO PLEASE ALWAYS CHECK THIS BOX.**

### MEET THE TEACHER EVENING

On Wednesday 20th September, we will be holding our annual 'Meet the Teacher' evening when parents are welcome to come to school to hear short talks from their children's class teacher about the routines in class. Within the hour each of the teachers give their talk twice, giving parents who have children in multiple classes, the chance to hear more than one. The evening will start at 6pm in the school hall and last for about an hour. We hope you can join us.

### SCHOOL CLUBS

A letter outlining the various after school clubs on offer this term will be sent home with pupils at the end of the day. After-school clubs will commence week beginning Monday 18th September.

### DOGS ON THE PLAYGROUND

To clarify, it is our school policy that we do not allow dogs to come on to the school playground. Being a dog owner myself I can appreciate that it is tempting to combine drop off with a good walk, however our playground can be very busy with lots of little children running around. Should any dog get too flustered or child get too excited, the worst could happen and whilst I appreciate dogs are supervised, I would hate for any negative incident to occur. Thank you for your understanding on this matter.

### GOOD LUCK MRS WEST!

Good luck to our very own Mrs West who will be facing the challenge of The Great North Run this weekend. We wish her lots of luck and love as she goes and we know she will be brilliant. Go Mrs West!

### STAR OF THE WEEK

Finally, I am pleased to share with you are very first Stars of the Week. Congratulations to Marcie in Holly Class, Jamie in Elm, Amelia in Willow, Charlie in Beech Class and Tom in Oak for making a fabulous start to the school year. Well done!

