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NEWSLETTER
NOVEMBER 2014



Welcome back to
school everyone!

This is always a busy half term as we prepare for Christmas in lots of different ways. Watch out for the separate letters about the Nativity Play Performances, the Children's Christmas Dinner, the OSFA Christmas Fair and Cinema Night, the Christmas Jumper Competition, Parents Evenings, Carol Singing, the Ribbon-Tying ceremony and I am sure there will be others too!

"Little Angel Gets Her Wings"

Performed by

Classes 1, 2 and 3



**TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE
SOON.**

WATCH OUT FOR THE ORDER FORM.

Performance dates:

Wednesday 10th December at 6pm

Thursday 11th December at 1.30pm

Friday 12th December at 6pm

Hope you can join us at one of the
productions.



Remembrance Assembly by Class 5 on Friday

7th November at 10.45am.

Everyone welcome.

Lest we forget...

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead.

Short days ago

We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch, be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die

We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

John McCrae

POPPIES CAN BE PURCHASED FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE.



CHARITY WORK



The children have been asked to fill a shoebox and make a child smile this Christmas. It is our Christmas Charity work and for a cause I feel is very worthwhile. Our children will never know what it is like to live in poverty and never have a present. The simplest things, like a hairbrush, a ball, a scarf or a party bag type novelty bring so much pleasure and light up the faces of children less fortunate than ours. Please help if you can. We are trying to break our record by collecting 100 boxes! All shoeboxes will need to be in school by **14th November** ready for collection by the Charity workers.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor.

Nomination forms will be sent out this week. These have to be returned by Monday 17th November. **Please do consider joining us.**

We have several governors who have connections with the school through their children and grandchildren and I am sure they would be happy to talk to you if you would like more information about this role.

Or if you prefer to pop into school, I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

WORSHIP

Our Themes FOR THIS HALF TERM are the Christian Values of:

COOPERATION AND PERSEVERENCE

Parents and Governors are welcome to join us for any of our Worship times please just call in :

Whole School - Mondays and Fridays

KS1 - Tuesdays in School

KS2 - Thursdays at St Helen's Church

All Worships are 8.45am—9.05am



Worship

QR Code

The QR Code will take you directly to our website.

For those of you who are unable to scan the QR Code, our website can be found at www.overton-st-helens.lancs.sch.uk



WET MORNINGS



Please can I remind you **NOT** to come into the hall on wet mornings when the children have to congregate in a confined space. Please say your goodbyes at the door and let them come into the hall by themselves.

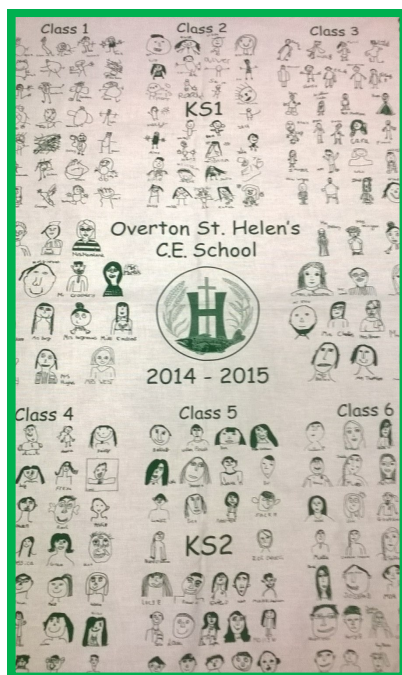
The **only exception** to this are the **new Class One children for this term** whilst they are settling in. We are not being unfriendly, but need the children to start their day in a calm and orderly manner.

VOUCHER COLLECTION

We have reached the end of our collection for the Morrison's vouchers. **Thank you** to everyone who helped. We will let you know what we purchased when Mrs Wigginton (who looks after all our voucher schemes) has counted and established what we can buy! PLEASE SEND IN ANY REMAINING VOUCHERS THAT YOU HAVE **THIS WEEK.**



OVERTON ST. HELEN'S TEA TOWEL



All the children have drawn themselves and some have drawn the staff to create a lovely memento for you to buy for family and friends this Christmas.

The Tea Towels are on sale now for £3.50 each. Please call into the school office to view and buy or return the order form that will be following shortly. We have a limited number and cannot purchase anymore, so please hurry, so as not to be disappointed.

HAVE YOU BEEN GARDENING?



Any branches that you have cut down in your garden can be used in Forest School!

Please can we request that instead of a trip to the tip, you pass your branches onto us.

Lots of imaginative work goes on in Forest School and we soon use up all our natural resources.

Please see Mrs Griffiths if you have anything to offer!



The Giving Machine

Just a reminder that if you shop online, you can make a free cash donation to OSFA with every purchase if you join www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk.



It's really easy, simply enter your favourite shops via TheGivingMachine and a percentage of your shopping bill is converted into a cash donation for our school, at no extra cost to you. With over 600 stores participating including Amazon, Next, ebay, Matalan, Sports Direct taking part, you can really help make a difference.

We would like to say a big 'Thank You' to everyone who is already using TheGivingMachine to shop online. Together we have raised more than £300 in the last year from our usual internet shopping and it didn't cost anyone a penny! So remember us if you do any online shopping over the next few months!

Please see Mrs Griffiths if you have any questions.

NEW CLUBS:

Regent Studios in Morecambe is providing us with two new clubs this half term:- Trampolining and Circus Skills. We are able to use our PE Grant to fund these clubs so that there is no cost for parents. The children were allocated places before the holidays.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS This term: 22nd September - 5th December



Mondays	Drama—Mrs Breen Classes 2-6 Netball—Mrs Harding/Mrs Marsland— Classes 4-6 Chess—Mr Wood -Y4-Y6
Tuesdays	Sewing—Mrs Griffiths/Mrs Wigginton- Y3-Y6 Tag Rugby—MFC KS1 Ocarinas—Mrs Chesters—Classes 3-6 Circus Skills by Regent Studio—KS1
Wednesdays	Activ8—Self Defence Group—KS1 and KS2
Thursdays	Football—MFC- Y3 –Y6 Art— Mrs Marsland—KS1
Fridays	Trampolining at Regent Studios



LETTERS SENT HOME LAST MONTH

(This will be a regular feature every month, so you are aware of all communications sent out.)



**Letters to
Parents**

CLASS 1: 'Thankfulness' letter

CLASS 2:

CLASS 3:

CLASS 4:

CLASS 5: Jodrell Bank letter

CLASS 6:

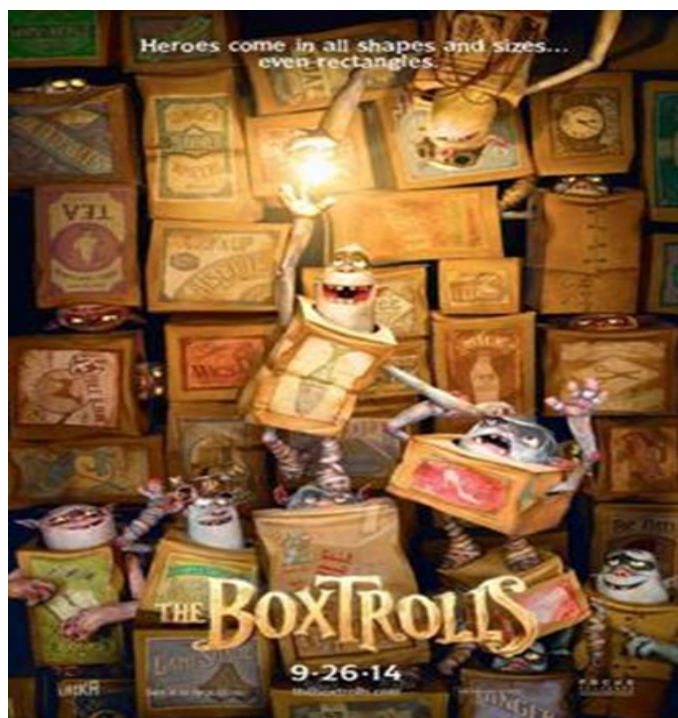
WHOLE SCHOOL: New Deputy Head/Mr Crow leaving letter

If you have missed one please call into the School Office where Mrs Barry will be able to give you a copy.

CYCLE HELMETS

Nobody thinks an accident will happen to them.

PLEASE encourage your child to ride safely and protect themselves with a helmet.



OSFA CINEMA NIGHT:

FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2014

Doors open 5.30pm ; Film starts 6pm

Refreshments available from 5.30pm

Due to Fire Regulations we are limited to the number of seats, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

FAMILY TICKET £15.00 (2 adults/2children)

SINGLE TICKETS £4.50 EACH



200 Club numbers can be purchased for £5 each. The first draw for this academic year was won by one of our governors, Mr Tim Wingate, whom also is the new Treasurer of OSFA.

OSFA Committee 2014-15

Chair: Margaret Glover; Vice Chair: Nicki Crawford; Treasurer: Tim Wingate/Jayne Berry;
Secretary: VACANT

OSFA Christmas Fair will be Saturday 29th November 10am till 12 noon. Details to be finalised at the 24th November meeting.

OSFA fund raising provided so much for the children during 2013-14:

Transport for every class to have one Educational Visit.....	£1500
Life Education Bus.....	£502
All the visitors / resources for Science Week.....	£1194
Tracksuits for the Sports Teams.....	£669
Y6 Leavers' Trip.....	£500
Rose Queen Fun Fair.....	£1200

The fund raising events have helped towards the upkeep of the school by contributing to the Governors account, which this year cost £1700

Thanks to your generosity the following events made a fantastic profit:

Christmas Fair.....	£2193
Rose Queen Festival and Fun Day.....	£3798
200 Club.....	£300
Valentines disco.....	£455.92
Bags2school.....	£975
The Giving Machine.....	£316.21

By supporting OSFA in all they do, you are enabling us to go over and above to enrich the curriculum and make learning more fun for all our children. Please do offer to help because these events can't happen without you. THANK YOU.

Overton Horticultural Show Results

Congratulations to the many children who entered the show . The results were as follows:

Children under 7years:

Painting/Drawing

- 1) Nicole Brown
- 2) Bradley Betts
- 3) Maisie Stephenson

Nursery Rhyme/Poem

- 1) Polly-Jean Rowles
- 2) Tilly Wild
- 3) Molly Dunning

Model- lego or other kit

- 1) Alfie McNeill
- 2) Ethan Wilcock
- 3) Dex Ginocchio

Model—other

- 1) Willem Rawes
- 2) Jessica Martin
- 3) Jessica Martin

Handicraft

- 1) Alfie McNeill
- 2) Sophie Hargreaves
- 3) Kallan Chilton

Collage

- 2) Isla Hargreaves
- 3) Nicole Brown

Decorated Wooden Spoon

- 1) Alfie Robinson
- 2) Savannah McLean
- 3) Zachary Crouch

Decorated Wellington

- 2) Will Birkett
- 3) Alfie McNeill

Children 8—11 years

Poem

- 1) Charlotte Cassidy
- 2) Lydia Wild
- 3) David Hall

Necklace, brooch or bracelet

- 1) Amelia Slater
- 2) Niamh O'Sullivan
- 3) Janae Chilton

Model—lego or other kit

- 1) Joshua Todd
- 2) Joshua Todd
- 3) Oliver Sibbert

Model -other

- 1) Maddie Hutton
- 2) Luke Shields
- 3) Zoe Capocci

Handicraft

- 2) Saffron Leatham
- 3) Daisy Huddleston

Christmas Card

- 1) Ellie Longton
- 2) Amelia Slater

Painting/Drawing

- 1) Amelia Slater
- 3) Lucy Clarke

SPECIAL PRIZES:

THE WHITELEY TROPHY

Most points aged 8-11:

AMELIA SLATER

THE LINDA MASHITER

TROPHY

Most points aged 7 and under:

ALFIE MCNEILL

Collage

- 1) Isaac Hargreaves

Hallowe'en Cupcakes

- 1) Harry Walker
- 2) James Martin
- 3) Evie Dodson

Dates for the Diary

NOVEMBER 2014

3rd	Teacher Day
4th	School re-opens
7th	Class 5's Remembrance Assembly 10.45am
10th	Governors Staffing and Curriculum Committee' meeting 7.00pm
11th	Parents Evening 2.40pm -3.30pm and 5.30pm -7.30pm
12th	Parents Evening 6.00pm -8.00pm
14th	Children in Need Cinema Night: The Boxtrolls 6pm; Food 5.30pm
17—21st	Anti-bullying Week
19th	Class 5's Trip to Jodrell Bank
20th	KS2 Children lead Worship in church 8.45am
21st	Blue Friday—dress in blue for Anti-bullying week
24th	OSFA meeting 7pm—final touches to the Fair organisation
28th	DRESS DOWN DAY—please bring items for the Christmas Fair
29th	OSFA Christmas Fair 10am—12 noon
30th	Debbie Green joins the children for Worship at St Helen's Church 10.45am

WATCH OUT

Forthcoming Events:

10th, 11th 12th Dec.	Nativity by Classes 1, 2 and 3
12th	Cancercare Ribbon tying ceremony 2.00pm—Ribbons on sale from the school office
9th/16th Dec.	Family Christmas Dinner
17th Dec.	Carol Singing on the Sammy Clarke Stage - watch out for a musical treat!
19th	Achievement Assemblies School closes

