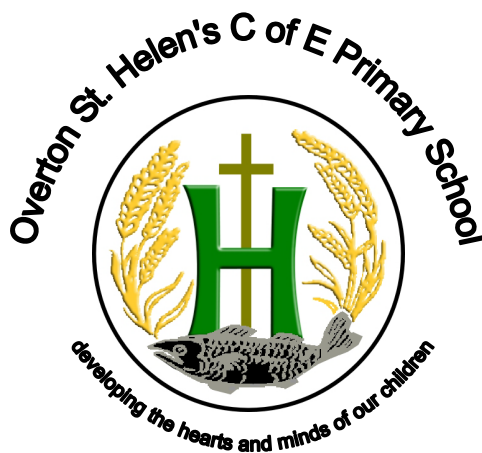


Headteacher:  
Mrs J. Milligan



NEWSLETTER  
OCTOBER 2014

### HARVEST TIME

Harvest Festival is a celebration of the food grown on the land. Thanksgiving ceremonies and celebrations for a successful harvest are both worldwide and very ancient. In Britain, we have given thanks for successful harvests since pagan times. We celebrate this day by singing, praying and decorating our churches with baskets of fruit and food in a festival known as 'Harvest Festival', usually during the month of September.

**Our Harvest Festival Assembly, led by Class 4, will be on Friday 3rd October. We hope you can join us at 10.45am.** Please could you send 'Harvest Gifts' to school on Friday for the display. This will be taken to St Helen's Church for the service on Sunday and then transferred to The Globe Hotel for the Auction and Harvest Supper at 7pm. All proceeds from that will go to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal.



### SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION

Our new School Council members are:

CLASS 2 Maisie Stephenson and Ben Van De Sande

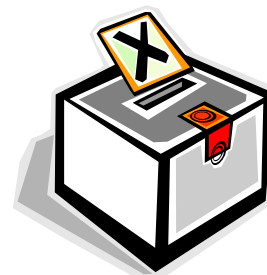
CLASS 3 Sophie Hargreaves and Ethan Degiorgio

CLASS 4 Jessica Martin and Lewis Longton

CLASS 5 Suria Purchase and Ben Carter

CLASS 6 Georgia Liley and Mattie Thomson

Congratulations to all who were voted in. Here's to another eventful year!



### HOUSE CAPTAINS

The children have voted for their new House Captains and I am pleased to announce:



RED HOUSE: Georgia Liley and Harry Blundell

YELLOW HOUSE: Elliot Cych and Harry Walker

GREEN HOUSE: Amelia Slater and Joshua Todd

BLUE HOUSE: Ellie Wild and Isaac Jayes

Well Done everyone!  
Have a good year.

## Long Hair/ Dress Down Day outfits!

Please can I remind you that long hair should be tied back at all times during the school day. This does include the Dress Down Days too. These days help towards fundraising and enrichment activities for all the children, but please will you send your children in practical clothes and not 'party' outfits.

Plaits and ponytails also help to minimise Headlice,



## CHARITY WORK

Please can I ask you to start **saving shoeboxes** ready for our 'Operation Christmas Child' appeal which we will be asking the children to do over the October half term holiday. Even if you cannot fill a shoebox please save any empty boxes that you may have as we can never get enough.

## 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](http://www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk).

It's really simple, you enter your favourite shops via TheGivingMachine and a percentage of your shopping bill is converted into a cash donation for the 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 £350 in the last year from our usual internet shopping and it didn't cost anyone a penny! So remember us if you do any shopping over the next few months!

Please see Mrs Griffiths if you have any questions.



## Fresh Fruit for Playtimes

Key Stage 1 children receive fresh fruit or vegetables every day. We would like to encourage the KS2 children to do the same at playtime. So-called "healthy" cereal bars containing chocolate chips and a very high sugar content are not "healthy"! Please will you send a piece of fruit/vegetable for a playtime snack or buy one from the Healthy tuck-shop. The passport system at the Tuck shop will give them a free week of fruit if the children use it everyday each half-term.



**Healthy Snacks**

## 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

This term we are collecting the Morrison's Let's Grow Vouchers. There is a wheelbarrow-shaped collecting box in the school hall.

We appreciate you taking the time to collect these vouchers for us as they enable us to obtain valuable equipment for the children .



## ARTY-FACT THEATRE COMPANY

**FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2014**



Thanks to some of the proceeds raised from the Dress Down Days, we are able to give the children another experience of live theatre with a classic story named, "*Let's Eat Grandma*", at no extra cost to parents.

This company have visited school on a number of occasions already, and are very worthwhile seeing.

I am sure that the children will enjoy the production!

## WORSHIP

**Our Theme for this half term (September/October) is the Christian Value of:**

### **FREEDOM AND COURAGE**



Worship

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

KS2 - Thursdays

All Worships are 8.45am—9.05am

We attend St Helen's Church every week (unless the weather is very bad). The children go in Key Stages, alternately, starting with KS1 on the 16th September.



**200 CLUB** numbers can still be purchased at a cost of £5 each. The first draw for £25 will be on October 24th at the 1.20pm Achievement Assembly.

**BAGS2SCHOOL**— Lots of Thanks to Jayne Walker for organising this event over the years, and many, many thanks to all those who contribute to this popular event in any way. Jayne is "retiring" from this event, so OSFA are looking to recruit someone else to organise it, it is a very popular and worthwhile fundraising event so I do hope someone out there can help us!

**The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is on Thursday 23rd October. Everyone is welcome to attend and share their ideas for fundraising events in the future.**

Amanda Gallagher, is currently writing the OSFA Newsletter which details all the benefits that the children have received through your support and generosity. She is a very busy lady, and although she is resigning from her role as Secretary, she has offered to continue helping wherever she can., for which we are very grateful. At the AGM we would like to appoint a new Secretary. Please contact Amanda about the role and come along to the AGM or see Mrs Glover at the school crossing. We thank **all our officers** for their continued support—their commitment is much appreciated and very valued. Thank you to everyone who supports OSFA.

**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](http://www.overton-st-helens.lancs.sch.uk)



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

**PLEASE NOTE THE STARTING AND FINISHING DATES FOR STAFF LED CLUBS**

**ACTIV8 AND MFC START THEIR CLUBS 15TH SEPTEMBER**

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
Wednesdays	Activ8—Self Defence Group—KS1 and KS2
Thursdays	Football—MFC- Y3 –Y6
	Art— Mrs Marsland—KS1



## 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:** Heron Corn Mill Trip letter

**CLASS 4:**

**CLASS 5:** Jodrell Bank Trip letter,

**CLASS 6:**

**WHOLE SCHOOL:** Club letters; Curriculum information; Homework Timetables; Home/School Agreement; e-safety 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 by wearing a helmet at all times.**



## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS BY REGENT STUDIOS

Watch out for this great opportunity to do something a bit different.

We are funding, through the schools P.E. Grant, two more clubs after half term.

### **KS1 CIRCUS SKILLS and KS2 TRAMPOLINING**

A letter will follow to enable your child to join these clubs. There will be a limit on numbers and children cannot switch clubs if they have already signed up for this term but these clubs will be offered again in the Spring Term.

The KS1 Circus Skills are on Tuesdays 2.45pm—3.30pm in the school hall.

The KS2 Trampolining will take place at Regent Studios on Fridays after school. A mini bus will collect the children from school at 2.30pm but **parents must collect** their children at 3.45pm from Regent Studios.

Further information will follow later this month in preparation for the clubs commencing during the first week in November.

## Dates for the Diary

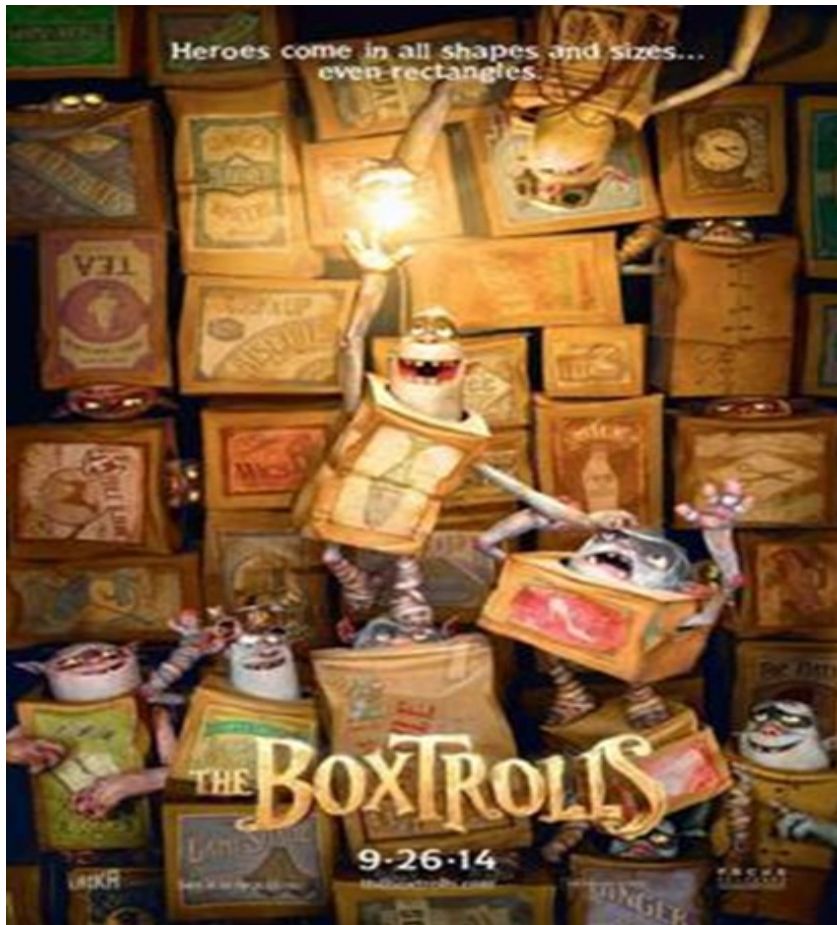
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3rd	Harvest Festival Assembly by Class 4 at 10.45am Harvest gifts to be brought into school before 8.30am
5th	Harvest Festival Service at St Helen's Church
6th	Harvest Supper and Auction at The Globe Hotel 7pm proceeds for the Bishops Harvest Appeal
9th	Two "Phonic Information" meetings for Class 1 Parents—3.00pm and 7.00pm Class 3's Trip to Heron Mill
10th	Arty-act Theatre Company: <b>'Let's Eat Grandma'</b>
13th	Governors 'Finance & Buildings Committee' meeting at 7.00pm
21st	Debbie Green teaching all classes
22nd	Interviews for Deputy Headteacher
23rd	Fire Talks from the Fire Brigade for Classes 3 and 6 OSFA AGM at 7.00pm
24th	Achievement Assemblies: KS1 1.20pm; KS2 2.00pm Dress Down Day for a £1
27th—31st Oct inclusive	Half term Operation Christmas Child Shoebox to fill!
<b><u>WATCH OUT</u></b>	<b><u>Forthcoming Events:</u></b>
3rd Nov.	Teacher Day
4th Nov.	School re-opens
7th Nov.	Class 5's Remembrance Assembly 10.45am
14th Nov.	<b>OSFA CINEMA NIGHT: THE BOX TROLLS</b> 6pm (FOOD from 5.15pm)
29th Nov.	OSFA Christmas Fair

# OSFA CINEMA NIGHT

## The Box Trolls

Friday 14th November 2014 at 6.00 p.m.



### BOOKING FORM

Please complete & return to OSFA c/o The School Office

I wish to purchase:  'FAMILY' TICKET/S (2 adults/2 children) at £15.00 each

I wish to purchase:  SINGLE TICKETS at £4.50 each

I enclose £..... Cash/Cheque in total.

Please make cheques payable to 'Overton School Friend's Association'

Signed ..... Parent of ..... In Class

*Due to Fire Regulations, we are limited to the number of seats we are able to offer,  
so please BOOK EARLY to avoid any disappointment!*