



## Message from the Headteacher

I am pleased to announce some very good news. Overstone has been successful in its bid for an 'Awards for All' grant of £10,000. This will be used towards updating the original outdoor play area on the playground, by resurfacing it and installing a Story telling circle and activity trail. The work will begin on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February and the children will see the work in progress. We are all looking forward to enjoying the area once it's all finished. I would like to extend my thanks to Mrs Toosey for securing the bid.

Parents' evenings are being held next week. I hope you find the opportunity to speak to your child's teacher informative. If you haven't done so already, I urge you to go on-line today and book your parent evening appointment, as we look forward to sharing with you your children's work and experiences.



Thank you for your continued support.

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Headteacher

## Parents' consultation evenings

The facility to book your parent evening appointment ends at 9pm tonight. Please remember to book an appointment through eschools (and not parentPay or Parentmail).

## Hockey festival

Some of our year 3 / 4 children took part in the Quick Sticks Hockey festival at the Cottlesloe School on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January, ably supported by Mr Dixon and Mrs Ward. They all worked extremely hard, with the A team coming 4<sup>th</sup> and the B team coming 8<sup>th</sup>. Well done to all of you involved.



## Basketball Festival

Overstone children from year 5 and 6 took part in the Bucks Schools Partnership Festival at the Buckingham school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January. They all played well and had a lovely time and a huge thank you to Mrs Brain and Mrs Glover, as well as our volunteer parents, who helped with the lifts there and back.

## Year 1 and 2 cooking with Mrs May

Year 1 and 2 children have been really enjoying their cookery lessons with Mrs May this term and here are some photos to prove it:-



## **Reception, Year 1 and 2 Drama session**

On Tuesday the children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 enjoyed a drama session linked to their current topic of 'Towers and Tiaras'. Rebecca from 'Perform' worked with the children and took them through parts of traditional tales, acting out the characters and plots through music and drama. The children played games linked to the stories and had to remember key actions and movements and listen out carefully for when they had to use them. The children had a thoroughly enjoyable time and participated beautifully.



## **Signing-in lists for children arriving late to school**

There is a signing-in sheet in the school office for you to complete, if your child is late to school on any day in the future. Please accompany your child to the office and sign them in, whilst our staff accompany the younger children down to class. Thank you for this.

## **Hot lunches from AIP**

The menu for next half term is already online and the desserts have been removed from the options. Please continue to order your child's hot meals by midnight on Wednesday via ParentPay and the children will have a selection of desserts to choose from on the day.

## **No Nuts please!**

Please remember we are a nut-free school. Please do not send in any snacks containing nuts for your children or in their packed lunches – this includes peanut butter.

## **Interested in drumming?**

If your child is in KS2 and would like to take up drumming, our lovely drumming teacher has some spaces to start immediately on a Tuesday. He is also in the process of trying to organise a drumming assembly, to showcase his and his pupils' skills. Please contact the school office in the first instance and we will put you in touch with him.

## **Free School Meal eligibility**

If you think you might be eligible for Free School Meals and you have a child in year R, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6, it is worth reading the form sent with last month's newsletter. It is a very easy and confidential check to make. Please speak to me in the office in confidence (at a quiet time) or send me an e-mail, if you would like more information. It is worth checking even if you are in receipt of Universal Free School meals in Key Stage 1, because your child will benefit in other ways for the next 6 school years if you qualify. Please don't wait until your child is in Key Stage 2 to check this out, if you think you may qualify.

## After School Activities

KS2 Cross Country on Monday	Y4 Craft club on Thursday – first one Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February
KS2 Homework club and Y6 Booster on Tuesday Y1 Multiskills on Tuesday	KS2 Choir on Friday
Y5/6 Football (boys/girls on Wednesday)	Y3/4 Tennis on Friday
Y2 Sports club on Thursday	

**NB: there will be no after school clubs on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February due to the parents' consultation and Wednesday football training is off, due to an away match.**

## Healthy lunches

AIP ensure that your child's meal provides a balanced nutritional meal for your child, low in sugar and salt. We would encourage you to do the same when providing a packed lunch. Please send in a healthy mix of sandwiches, fresh fruit or vegetable snack. Please also supply water or sugar-free (non-fizzy) drinks. Few of us like making packed lunches in the morning, so here are a few links for you, if you would like to take a look:-

[www.NHS.co.uk](http://www.NHS.co.uk) - [Lighter Lunches](#)

[Change4life](#)

## Absence from school

Please remember to ALWAYS phone or e-mail [admin@overstone-wing.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@overstone-wing.bucks.sch.uk) before 8.30am (and leave a message) if your child is going to be absent from school for that day.

## Nits

Please check your child's hair regularly and carefully for these most unwelcome visitors and treat accordingly. Combing through regularly with plenty of conditioner after treatment with a 'nit comb' and tea tree oil are also good tips.

## Attendance for the month of January

Congratulations to Year 1 Cedar again for the best attendance in the school in January.

Group	% Attendance
Nursery	97.3
YR Ash	94.6
YR Beech	91.7
Y1 Cedar	98.7
Y1 Elm	95.7
Y2 Fir	97.6
Y3 Holly	96.9
Y4 Oak	95.8
Y5 Redwood	97.4
Y5 Pine	96.0
Y6 Willow	96.9
Totals	96.4

### Diary Dates

Parents' Evening – 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Last day of half term – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Return to school – 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Last day of term – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017