

OCT 2016

OVERSTONE COMBINED SCHOOL



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Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to our October Newsletter.

I am really pleased at how well the children have settled back into school and there is a lovely, calm and purposeful atmosphere in the school.

I've enjoyed the start of term and hope that you have all settled into the routine. All the children have been experiencing a rich curriculum and it's an absolute pleasure to speak to the children about what they are currently learning. I would encourage everyone to book their Parents' Evening appointments, if you haven't already done so, to see your child's class teacher and to look through your child's work.

A big well done to our Years 3 and 4 for a super Harvest Festival. They worked so hard and made us all really proud.

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Headteacher

Absence from school

Please remember to ALWAYS phone or e-mail 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.

Sickness or diarrhoea

If your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea, you must keep them off school for 48 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea, to avoid spreading germs to other children and staff.

Last minute pick up arrangements

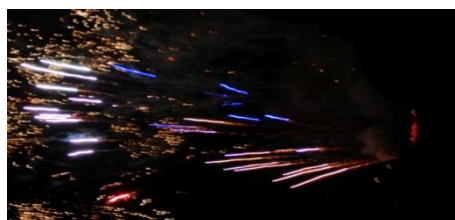
Please only call the office in cases of emergency on the afternoon concerned (eg. traffic hold-ups etc.). Pick up arrangements should be arranged well in advance and changes communicated to the classroom teacher in writing and in advance of the day concerned.

Identifying yourself at the door

Please note that in order to keep your children safe, we ask you to identify yourself at the main door, when wishing to enter the building. We cannot see faces clearly from the office, particularly in the mornings, with the sun behind you. Many thanks for your understanding.

Bonfire night

We are all looking forward to our Bonfire Night celebrations on Saturday 5th November but really need a few more Stewards to volunteer to help to keep us all safe for the evening. Volunteers will be treated to a memorable occasion, a free BBQ and of course a wonderful fireworks display. In essence, a fun evening will be guaranteed!



Parents' Consultation Evenings

Parents' Evening for all (except Nursery) on Tues 11th and Thurs 13th October. Today is your last chance to book your appointment online (**by 9pm this evening – Friday 7th October**), using your eschools login via the eschools website.

Parents of year 6

Please note that the window for applications for secondary school is open and the deadline of **31st October 2016** is fast approaching. **Please apply online as soon as possible.**

Parentmail

Most of you should be receiving Parentmail successfully and we have a checklist of things available to us now to try out if you are not. Therefore, ***if you do not receive this newsletter electronically, please tell the school office and/or log on yourself to Parentmail and check that the e-mail address there is correct.*** In the meantime, do collect a hard copy of anything you have missed so far, or have a look on the school website.

Uniform

Please clearly name all items of clothing and equipment that your child brings to school.

This will make it considerably easier for 'lost' items to be returned. Children should also be urged to take responsibility for their belongings.

Data Collection & Consent Sheets

Please return data checking sheets by tomorrow (if you have not already done so) and consent forms for Y1, 2, & 3 flu vaccination (22nd Nov 2016) and Y 6 Health Questionnaire as soon as possible.

After School Activities

KS2 Cross Country on Monday	Y5/6 General Sports On Thursday
KS2 Homework club on Tuesday	Y3 Craft club on Thursday
Y6 Booster classes on Tuesday	KS2 Eco Warriors club on Thursday
Y5/6 Football (boys/girls) on Wednesday	KS2 Choir on Friday

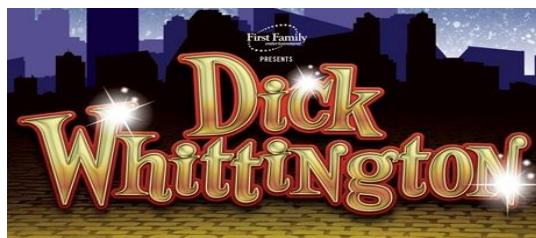
Please note that due to the Parents' Consultation evenings, Homework club, Y6 Booster classes and the General Sports Club will not take place next Tuesday and Thursday (11th and 13th October).

Message from AIP about lunches for after half term

The new order forms for meals after half term are now available from the school office. AIP kindly request that you order your child's meals for November/December by next Thursday 13th October at 9am at the latest. Those received after the deadline will not be accepted for after half term, so a packed lunch will need to be provided. The menu remains the same and has not been printed on the forms. However, we will be putting a copy for you on the school website on Monday. If your child is in Years R, 1 or 2, please order for the whole half term and we would encourage you to sit down and choose the food with your child (so that they eat as much of the healthy food as possible on the day!)

Pantomime

The whole school will be going to the Pantomime in Milton Keynes on Friday 16th December at 1pm. Please complete the form as soon as possible, enclosing payment if still outstanding.



Harvest Festival

This year's Harvest Assembly was thoroughly enjoyed by the children and parents of year 3 and 4. The singing in particular was beautiful. Here are some photos of the occasion to share with you all.



The distribution of produce by Y3 children to elderly members of our community has happened today on Friday 7th October. Thank you to those of you who kindly donated food so generously and to those of you who have volunteered to help with the deliveries today. The children really had a lovely time.





Some of our children enjoying the deliveries this morning!

Head lice

More nits have been reported again in year R, 4 and 5 – please take this opportunity to check your child's hair and treat thoroughly if necessary, following the manufacturer's guidelines. As well as the chemical products available for sale in most chemists, it is recommended to smother the hair in conditioner and comb through with a nit comb for several days, until all signs disappear. Some parents have reported that using tea-tree oil also helps, because the lice do not like the smell of it.

Attendance

Congratulations to Year 1 Cedar for the highest attendance for September, with an overall percentage of 98.9%. Well done to you all!

Diary Dates

Parents' Consultations - **Tues 11th and Thurs 13th Oct for YR- Y6**

PTA Safari Supper - **Sat 15th Oct**

Reading Breakfast and Open Morning -**Thursday 20th October 2016 at 9.00 am – 10.30 am**

End of half term – **Friday 21st October**

Deadline for Y6 applications for new schools – **31st October**

Return to school- **Monday 31st October**

Bonfire night – **Saturday 5th November**

Flu vaccinations for Y1,2,3 - **22nd November 2016**

Deadline for applications to County for Reception places for Sept 2017 – **16th January 2017. However, please note that the window for online applications is not open until November.**

The return to school date for children in Sept 2017 is Wednesday 6th September 2017 (if you are now booking holidays for 2017!)