

July 2017

OVERSTONE COMBINED SCHOOL



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Final message from the Headteacher Mrs France



Dear Parents and Carers

The end of the school year is fast approaching and after thirteen years of headship at Overstone, this is my last newsletter before I leave to take on my new Headship at Buckingham Primary School in September.

I am, of course, excited by the new challenge that awaits me, but I will miss Overstone enormously. I will be taking away many lovely memories of my time here and I will always look back with great fondness of my time here. I'm incredibly proud of all that has been achieved here in the last thirteen years and I have at all times looked to the future to create a school that has the whole child at its heart and I hope that has delivered a curriculum that enables children to start their life long journey for a love of learning, not being afraid to try new things, always learning from mistakes and becoming well rounded, emotionally resilient children that can apply their skills in new situations.

I feel privileged to have worked with such a dedicated and committed Staff and Governing Body, who always have the children's best interest at heart and work so incredibly hard.

To all the families that I have got to know over the years and have supported the school, I thank you for your kindness over the years.

I know that the time is right for me to take on a new challenge and for Overstone to continue to move forward under new leadership.

I wish you all the best for the future.

Naima France

The end of the Summer Term is upon us!



Please note that the last day of term will be a fun-packed, non-uniform sports kit day - trainers please (not football boots!) filled with fun sports activities. No hot lunches to order for this day (AIP have been informed), as food will be provided for all children for our picnic. Year 6 will NOT be finishing early on this day.

Year 5 Transfer test

Don't forget that if you would like to notify us about withdrawing your child from the Transfer Test in September, please write to Mrs France by the end of this term.

Year 6 leavers' photo's

Please note that the absolute final deadline for orders for leavers' photographs (to ensure we get them back in time for the end of term) is Tuesday 11th July. Please put them in the post box if there's room or bring them to the school office first thing on Tuesday morning.

Flu Consent Forms (current YN – if going up to YR in September and YR, Y1, Y2 and Y3) – please return these completed forms (whether you consent or not) to school on Tuesday. If you were absent on Thursday, one was e-mailed or posted to you.

Egyptian Wow afternoon!

On Friday 14th July, your child should come in dressed ready in his/her Egyptian costume. Any more £1 donations to the school office please, as soon as possible.

Year 5/6 reminders

Please order your leavers' play tickets by 12th July and your disco tickets by 13th July.

KS2 Disco

Please order your Disco tickets by Thursday 13th July.

After school activities for next half term

Please look out for the form to sign your child up for after school activities for the next half term, which will come out early next week. We are sending out one form for all, in advance of the term, to avoid the various letters and reply slips and so that you can get organised in advance too.

Isle of Wight

A huge thank you to everyone involved in the Isle of Wight trip for years 5 and 6, to all the staff who gave up their own time to accompany the trip and especially to Mrs Graves, Mrs Toosey and Mrs Glover for all that they did. It is a huge responsibility taking children away, more than ever these days and we are very grateful to our staff, who left their families behind to take away Overstone children for a fantastic and truly memorable experience.

Sports days

The weather was kind to us in the end and the children and parents finally enjoyed two lovely afternoons of sporting fun and healthy competition. Rothschild House were the victors!





Doughnuts with Dad and Early Years' Fathers' Day event

Thank you very much to our PTA for the lovely 'Doughnuts with Dad' event in mid-June and to our Early Years' staff for our Fathers' Day event afterwards. Here are some of the lovely photo's we took of the morning.





District Sports

Congratulations to all our children who took part in the District Sports Championships. There were plenty of 1st places and we came 4th overall (with only 1 point in it between us and the 3rd placed school). Well done and thank you to all involved.



Working hard in Year 2 in June



After school arrangements

Please will you ensure you let your class teacher know in writing, by the morning of the day concerned, about changes to after school 'pick-ups'. Phoning or e-mailing the school during the day itself should be for real emergencies only.

Hot lunches

Please remember to continue to order your child's hot lunches by midnight on Wednesday of the week before, using ParentPay and **to order for the first week back in September, by the last Wednesday of this term.** Please remember to do this even if your child is in YR, Y1 or Y2 and is in receipt of Universal Free School meals. The staff at AIP still need to know which and how many meals to prepare each day. You can do this weekly, monthly or half termly. If you ever need to contact them, their number is 07805696164.

Nursery September 2017

Mrs Bendall has a meeting for new September Nursery parents on 13th July at 9 am and taster sessions are being held on 18th and 20th July at 9 am. Parents can stay if they wish.

Attendance for the month of June 2017

Congratulations to Y2 Fir for the best attendance in the school in the month of June!

Group	% Attendance
YR Ash	91.8 %
YR Beech	87.4 %
Y1 Cedar	90.2 %
Y1 Elm	89 %
Y2 Fir	93.7 %
Y3 Holly	92.9 %
Y4 Oak	91 %
Y5 Pine	90.6 %
Y5 Redwood	92.5 %
Y6 Willow	92.7 %

Diary Dates:-

Friday 7th & Monday 10th July - Training days – School closed to children

Wednesday 12th July – Meeting for parents of new Reception children for September 2017 at 2.30 pm

Thursday 13th July – Meeting for parents of new Nursery children for September 2017 at 9 am

Friday 14th July - Y3/4 Egyptian Wow day

Friday 14th July – YR Fun Sports Day at 2.15 pm

Tuesday 18th July at 2pm or 7pm Leavers' concert

Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th – Transition mornings for new YN, YR and other new children to Overstone from 9 am

Thursday 20th July – End of year Disco at 7 pm for KS2

Last day of Summer term – Friday 21st July Picnic (so no hot lunches)

First day of Autumn term 2017 – Wednesday 6th September

Thank you to everyone for your support and patience in my first year at Overstone. I hope you all have a lovely, long, hot and restful summer!

Mrs E Edwardson