



Message from the Headteacher

Now, was it just me or did anyone else feel like January whizzed by in a flash? It may have been a flash but there has been so much going on in our school.

Hopefully your child(ren) came home last Wednesday with joyous retellings of a very impromptu theatre performance? We were extremely lucky to have secured a visit from 'M&M Theatre Productions' who never fail to deliver an entertaining performance – only made better by seeing Mr McArthur beaten in a dance off with Miss Barby. The performance of 'Beauty and the Beast' was enjoyed by all of our children and served as a 'just reward' for all their recent efforts in school.

Our school library now has a new window and is moving into phase 2 of the redevelopment – interior decoration. The PTA members have been fantastic supporting this project and without this, the vision for our school library couldn't be achieved. I will be sending an update out later this week about the library, so please look out for it and make sure you check out the progress so far.

As mentioned in the January Newsletter, our whole school focus has been on challenge and I couldn't be more proud of the children and the conversations I am frequently having with them around this topic. The pride with which the children share their stories of success never fails to impress me and I am very much looking forward to hearing about more challenges from them.

Linked to the theme of challenge, we have developed an additional reward system for the children, where they can collect "challenge tokens" and add them to the whole school display. These will then be counted at the end of the term and added to the 4 Houses (Ascott; Mentmore; Waddesdon; Rothschild) total house points. Watching the tubes fill with tokens has caused great excitement amongst the children – and adults! There have even been gold star tokens awarded to the children too.

The visit of Daniel Lewis also caused great excitement and the circuit activities that the children engaged with were brilliant to watch. I would like to offer a huge thank you to Mrs Glover for coordinating this for our children.

With half term around the corner, I hope you all enjoy the time with your children and we will look forward to their return on Monday 19th February – all refreshed and ready to take on the 2nd half of the Spring term and our new focus: **perseverance**.

As always, my door is always open if you want to share, question or celebrate anything regarding our school; just arrange an appointment with the office and I will be happy to meet you.

Mr K Bowskill
Headteacher

Visiting Athlete puts us all through our paces in January

The GB Triple Jumper Daniel Lewis joined us on 25th January, along with his co-athlete and they put the children and the staff through their paces with some intense physical training, followed by a very informative assembly for the whole school. We are very grateful to them for their time and energy!

Thank you very much to all of you who brought money in to buy the blue and red wrist bands. We raised lots of money to help finance the event.



Reception working out



Daniel Lewis with our House Captains

Other sporting news

Year 3/4 had 2 teams at the hockey tournament on Monday 29th January. Both did really well, with one of the teams coming third and they will be representing the school at the County Finals in June. Thank you once again to Mrs Brain for accompanying the children.

Year 5/6 took part in a basketball competition and came 7th out of 18 teams in January. Thank you and well done to everyone who took part.

School uniform

Except for our school tie, can be ordered online from Tesco using the link below:-

<https://www.tesco.com/direct/overstone-combined-school/14274.school?t=1512564919765&source=others>

We still do have some stock available from the school office however, so you are welcome to try us first!

After School Activities

After school clubs begin the first week back after half term. Please see the timetable below for specific club information. For Craft club and Multi-skills club – the same children will be continuing after half term, unless of course you have confirmed that your child will be stopping. (The children on the waiting list for Craft club in Y 1/2 will be able to start after Easter but Multi-skills club will be stopping at Easter).

Day	Club	Year	Teacher	Dates WB			
				From	To WB		
Mon	Choir	KS2	MS	19/2	26/3		
Tues	Booster club	KS2	MM	19/2	26/3		
Weds	Boys Football	Y5/6	MM	19/2	19/3		
Weds	Girls Football	Y5/6	MM	19/2	19/3		
Weds	Multiskills Club	Y1 /2	MW	19/2	19/3		
Thurs	Craft Club	Y1/2	FW/SS	19/2	19/3		
Thurs	Cross Country	KS2	JB/MH	19/2	19/3		

Year 1 and 2 Forest School with Mrs May

A reminder that Reception and Year 1 and 2 will be returning to the Forest after half term. Don't forget your kit and warm clothes, if the weather continues to be really cold.

Please note: The two Reception classes are swapping days – Miss Smith's class will be on Wednesday afternoon and Miss Oliver's will now be on a Friday afternoon.

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.

Attendance for the month of January 2018

Well done last month to Year 1/ 2 Cedar

YR Ash	93
YR Beech	95.5
Y1/ 2 Cedar	96.8
Y1/ 2 Elm	94
Y1/ 2 Fir	96.6
Y3 Holly	96.4
Y4 Oak	93.7
Y5 Redwood	96.1
Y6 Walnut	96.7
Y6 Willow	95.1

Diary Dates for this term

Parents' Evening – Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th February 2018

Last day of half term – Friday 9th February 2018

First day back after half term – Monday 19th February 2018

Muffins with Mum – Friday 9th March 2018

Grandparents' Morning – Thursday 15th March 2018

PTA Spring Disco – Wednesday 28th March 2018

Last day of term FOR NURSERY CHILDREN ONLY – Wednesday 28th March 2018

Last day of term for all except Nursery – Thursday 29th March 2018

First day of Summer term – Monday 16th April 2018

Summer term half term – WB 28th May

Friday 6th and Monday 9th July – INSET DAY – school closed to children

Last day of Summer term – Tuesday 24th July 2018



Staying safe on Facebook

Thames Valley Police have sent us the following information, which may be of interest to you, about keeping your family safe while using facebook etc.

As almost a quarter of 12-15 year olds say they don't know how to control who can see what they post on social media, Thames Valley Police (TVP) is encouraging parents, carers and responsible adults, such as youth activity leaders, to help young people stay safe online, as part of the latest phase of the [#ProtectYourWorld campaign](#).

Join our [Facebook Live Q&A event](#) on Tuesday 6 February at 6.30pm, when experts from Thames Valley Police and the NSPCC will be answering questions and giving useful tips to enable parents to help their children stay safe online.