



Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to the first newsletter of the Summer term. May is a busy month in school, especially for our Year 2 and 6 children, who will be undertaking their end of KS1 and KS2 tests. The year 6 SATs will take place during the week commencing Monday 8th May and the year 2 SATs will be completed in the last two weeks of this half term. The children have all been working very hard and we try to ensure that there is no pressure and the children complete the tasks to the best of their ability.

The PTA has been working really hard in preparation for this year's Summer Fair. I'm hoping that the weather will be kinder this year and look forward to seeing you all there.

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Cycling competition

On Wednesday 19th April, six year 5/6 children attended Buckingham School to compete in a cycling competition, hosted by British Cycling. The children took part in a series of sprint and longer technical events. It was a rare, sunny and warm afternoon. Everyone had a great time. All the children received medals for coming second overall and two children earned individual medals. Thank you to Mr Dixon and to Mrs Brain for giving up their time to organise and to oversee the event.



Hockey

On the 24th April year 3 / 4 children took part in a Hockey Tournament. They played several games and had a good taste of playing hockey. We had 3 teams and all the children were beautifully behaved, did

their best and were a real credit to the school. A huge thank you to Mrs Brain and to all the children involved.



Athletics

Well done to all the year 2 children who took part in the Athletics Tournament on 28th April. They all competed well and showed good spirit and behaviour at all times. The girls won the 'accuracy event', while the whole team were the fastest in the team relay! They represented Overstone to the highest standards and should be very proud of themselves. Many thanks to Mr Williams for taking them.

Ashmolean Museum Visit

Well done to the whole of year 3 and 4 children for their superb behaviour throughout a super day at the Ashmolean Museum. Miss Rolls and Mrs Willett and all the staff and helpers involved were extremely proud of their behaviour and subject knowledge. The children really enjoyed themselves and some said they had never been to a museum before, so it was particularly special for them. Thank you to Mrs Willett, Miss Rolls and Mrs Graves for organising the trip. (If the girl's cardigan left on the coach is your daughter's – please let us know in the office).





After School Activities this term

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
H/W and Year 6 Booster class	Y5/6 Football for girls and boys Triathlon for y5/6	Y2 Sports club Y4 Craft club Y5/6 Athletics	KS2 Choir Y3/4 Athletics

NB: For Triathlon next week – the children will be running, so no swim kit/bikes will be required.

Swimming this term

For swimming this term, please remember your child's kit (costume, 2 towels, swim hat and goggles, if you have filled in permission slip for the latter) on:-

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y1 Elm & Y4	Y1 C & Y5P	Y2 & Y5 R	YR B & Y3	YR A & Y6

Swimming and Cryptosporidiosis

It has been lovely seeing the children enjoy their swimming lessons this term. We are so very lucky to have such a facility at Overstone.

In line with Buckinghamshire County Council policy, please can everyone adhere to the following restrictions:

- If your child currently has, or has had diarrhoea in the past 48 hours, then they must not swim
- If your child has been diagnosed with, or you think they may have had cryptosporidiosis, then they must not swim for at least 14 days after the diarrhoea stops.

This policy refers specifically to preventing the spread of cryptosporidiosis. The main symptoms are watery diarrhoea with abdominal cramps, vomiting, fever and loss of appetite. Symptoms usually last 1-2 weeks but can last up to one month.

Cryptosporidium can contaminate water for several weeks after the symptoms have ended and immersion in the water may be sufficient for contamination to occur. We must therefore be very careful.

I can assure you that our pool is regularly checked by experts. The water quality is good. However, we appreciate your co-operation by adhering to the above restrictions, in order to avoid an infection occurring.

KS2 children

Please remember to send your child in with the correct equipment for KS2: pencil case including pens, pencils, ruler, glue stick etc. With decreasing budgets, we cannot keep supplying equipment to KS2.

PTA Summer Fair

The summer fair is fast approaching (Saturday 13th May) and the PTA has been working really hard. If anyone can offer any help – particularly with setting up from 8.30am - please let the PTA know. On Monday, paper plates will be coming home to you all (with instructions on the base) – please feel free to bake to your heart's content and return your filled plates on Friday (a table will be ready for your goodies inside the main school door).



Overstone Open Evening

Please make a note in your diaries of our forthcoming Open Evening and Community Information Fair on Thursday 29th June 2017 from 6.00pm-7.30pm. Everyone is invited to look around the school, to see pupils' work and activities and to find advice and information on local services.

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.

Attendance for the month of April 2017

Congratulations to Year 6 for the best attendance in the school in the month of April.

Group	% Attendance
YR Ash	97.1
YR Beech	93
Y1 Cedar	98.4
Y1 Elm	92.9
Y2 Fir	98.1
Y3 Holly	97.6
Y4 Oak	92.8
Y5 Pine	97.1
Y5 Redwood	96.6
Y6 Willow	98.7
Totals	96

Diary Dates:-

Next week Monday – Thursday 8th-11th May – Y6 SATs week

Saturday 13th May- PTA School Summer fête from 12-3pm

Wednesday 17th May – Isle of Wight meeting 6pm

Monday 29th May – First day of half term

Monday 5th June – Whole school photo

Tuesday 6th June – KS2 Sports Day

Thursday 8th June – KS1 Sports Day

Thursday 29th June 6.00-7.30pm – Overstone Open Evening

10th June - PTA summer party

Tues 4th & Weds 5th July - Bucks transition days Y6

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

Last day of Summer term – Friday 21st July

First day of Autumn term 2017 – Wednesday 6th September

Have a lovely half term!

Mrs E Edwardson