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OVERSTONE COMBINED SCHOOL



Easter Edition

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From Mr Bowskill

It has been an incredibly busy term at Overstone, with so much hard work going on and so many wonderful events. With this newsletter, we are sharing some of the lovely photos taken.

Firstly, may I send out my heartfelt thanks to my very hardworking staff and Governors, without whom the successes this term would not have been possible, to the wonderful children and parents at Overstone and to our fabulous PTA, who have been responsible for the Reading Breakfast, Muffins with Mum and the enjoyable end of term disco for KS1 and KS2 (and who are already planning ahead for the Summer Fête).

May I also say that I am personally saddened by the children who have left us this term and we wish them all the very best in their new schools. Despite the challenges of recruitment still being an ongoing focus, we will continue to prioritise our children, their learning and making sure their summer term is a fun one.

Have a lovely Easter.

Mr K Bowskill
Headteacher

Art/DT exhibition on Friday 15th March





Echoes 8 2019 – Overstone Choir at the Royal Albert Hall



Thank you to Miss Barby, Mrs Bendall, Mrs Collier and Mrs Pinto for accompanying the trip.



Assembly on 20th March 2019

KS2 children today received an assembly from Miss Reid where she talked about her travels to India. The Year 4 children supported her by wearing costumes from that area which they loved and Years 3, 4 and 6 showed us their Bhangra and Bollywood dancing.



A sad farewell to Mrs Ward, Mrs Horsman and good luck to Miss Watson



On her last day, Mrs Ward kindly gave us 'The Ward Award' to present to children in the future for 'outstanding sporting achievement'. She would like to thank all parents and children of Year 4 children in particular for your kind and thoughtful gifts. Mrs Horsman is also leaving us (with her last day being Friday 5th April) and Miss Watson too (to whom we send our best wishes for her maternity leave).

500 word story homework winners



Y3/4 Egyptian Day Wednesday 3rd April

We welcomed the company 'Portals to the Past' to Overstone, for an Ancient Egyptian workshop and children were invited to dress up for the day.





Y6 Fab Fridays

The online payment system ('parentpay') is now open. The payment deadlines are **1st April, 1st May and 1st June** please.

Class photographs

Your child's class photo should have come home to you this week. Please return any orders by **Monday 29th April 2019**.

Forest school after Easter

Please note that the Y3 classes are swapping again after Easter. Y3 Fir (Miss Smith's class) will be needing Forest School kit therefore on Fridays after Easter.

Hot lunches

Please book your child's hot lunch before the start of next term on 'parentpay'. The menus are up and will be until midnight of **Wednesday 17th April**. Please note that we come back on Wednesday 24th April.

Pick up arrangements

Please may we remind you to let your child's teacher know in writing if there are any changes to pick up arrangements for your child (an email to admin@overstone-wing.org will be fine too) in advance of the day concerned. We do understand that sometimes you might have a genuine emergency on the day itself (in which case, please tell someone in the school office).

Attendance in March 2019

Class	%
Reception	93.35
Y1/2 Beech	97.27
Y1/2 Cedar	96.34
Y1/2 Elm	96.85
Y3 Fir	97.34
Y3 Holly	97.82
Y4 Oak	97.05
Y5 Redwood	92.89
Y6 Walnut	94.94

Diary Dates 2019

Friday 5 th April	Last day of Spring term	
Tuesday 23 rd April	Inset day – school closed to children	
Wednesday 24 th April	First Day of Summer term	
27 th – 31 st May	Half term holiday	
Saturday 8th June 12-3pm	PTA Overstone School Fête	
Tuesday 23rd July	Last day of the summer term for the children	
Wednesday 24th July	Inset day – school closed to children	