

June 2017

OVERSTONE COMBINED SCHOOL



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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

I can't quite believe that it's the final half term of this academic year. As always, we have a variety of different activities planned, with a few surprises as well and the second half of the summer term is always a busy one!

It was very disappointing to postpone our KS1 and KS2 Sports Days this week, but we have new dates in the diary and fingers crossed the weather will be kinder to us second time round.

Next week, Year 5/6 will be visiting 'Little Canada' on the Isle of Wight, for a fun-packed residential week. The children are very excited and I'm looking forward to hearing all about it on their return.

After the success of the school fête, the PTA are continuing their hard work with the Summer Party Night tomorrow evening and 'Doughnuts with Dad' on the 23rd June. They will also be serving refreshments at both sports afternoons as well and continuing everyone's favourite 'ice cream Friday'.

I am looking forward to our annual open evening on Thursday 29th June. It's always a lovely evening of celebration and I hope to see you there.

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Headteacher

NEW DATES FOR SPORTS DAY (fingers crossed for kinder weather of course!)

KS2 Wednesday 21st June 1 pm

KS1 Thursday 22nd June 1.30 pm

Isle of Wight children in Y 5 and 6

On Monday morning, you should drop your bags at the front entrance, say your goodbyes to your families and then go to your class as usual.

Remember your child will need a snack for the morning before they leave, a packed lunch (in a named carrier bag) and an extra named water bottle to use throughout the week. No fizzy drinks and no sweets please.

Own clothes, not uniform for Monday please.

They are expected back at 5.45 pm and we will be sending a special text by 'parentmail' to confirm our arrival time on the afternoon/evening of Friday 16th June.

'Toe by Toe'

The children have been told already, but there will be no 'Toe by Toe' next week because the staff involved are all on the Isle of Wight trip.

Open evening on Thursday 29th June 2017

Posters are now all over Wing, inviting everyone to our annual evening of information and fun at Overstone, for new and current parents and families alike. From 6 pm – 7.30 pm. Please come along if you can.

Doughnuts with Dad

The PTA is kindly arranging a special event for our Fathers this year on Friday 23rd June at either 8am or 8.30 am for £1 per person. Please see the poster and reply slip sent out yesterday.



Overstone PTA



Doughnuts With Dad



"Doughnuts with Dad" is an informal chance for children to spend time with their dad and/or special someone before school starts to celebrate Fathers' Day.

Date: Friday 23rd June 2017 at 8 am or 8.30 am

Year 4 next week

Year 4 will be having extra swimming next week, having just missed one session. Please send in their swimming kits on Tuesday and Wednesday next week (when they will be swimming in the morning) and on Monday they will need their PE kits please instead.

Safeguarding – Net Aware social media guide for parents from the NSPCC

The NSPCC has launched an updated Net Aware site for parents and carers. The site, run in partnership with O2, and informed by 1,696 children and young people and 674 parents and carers includes: tips showing how to help your child block or report someone targeting them; a guide to 39 of the most popular social media sites, apps and games used by children and young people including information about new apps like Pokemon Go, Periscope, IMVU and Liv.ly.

Contact: Julia Goodes

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<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

Year 6 tea party for Senior Citizens

Thank you to all the grandparents of current year 6, who came along for our Senior Citizens tea party before half term. The children put on a lovely show for everyone who came and a lovely afternoon of tea and cakes was had by all. Many thanks to all of year 6, Mrs Ward, Mr McArthur and all the staff involved.

Netball competition at Cottesloe

Well done to all the netball players, who competed in the recent High 5 Netball competition at Cottesloe. Mrs Ward said the children were amazing! The Owls came 1st in their division and the Otters came 3rd.

Year 6 Games at Cottesloe

Mrs Ward spent her birthday with the 5 Year 6 Overstone teams we sent to the Cottesloe Games this week for hockey, rugby, football, netball and rounders matches. The weather was kind and a lovely time was had by all – especially when the Rounders Team won and everyone ate the birthday cakes provided by Mrs Ward.

Mrs Willet's class Year 3 Holly

Have recently had an Egyptian Crime day and here is the proof.



They have also worked very hard on creating the lovely display banner for us all to enjoy as we come in through the main school doors.

Well done year 3!

Nursery children enjoying themselves

Mrs Bendall has sent me some lovely recent photo's of our Nursery children to share with you.



After School Activities this term

These are mostly cancelled next week, due to staff assisting on the Isle of Wight trip, with the exception of Thursday, when Year 2 Sports club and year 4 Craft Club will be on.

Mrs Glover has today issued letters about new clubs for years 3 /4 and 5 /6. The first year 3 /4 cricket club will start on Friday 16th and the first year 5/6 Rounders club will start on the Thursday after the Isle of Wight trip on 22nd June.

Week beginning the 19th June, activities will be returning to normal and the continued weekly 'Bits and Pieces' will keep you updated.

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

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. 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. Many thanks.

Nursery September 2017

We are in the process of organising things for our new Nursery entrants for September 2017 and we still have some places left. A reminder that a child can start with us the term after their 3rd birthday and Nursery is open five mornings per week from 8.45 am to 11.45 am. Application forms are on our website or please contact the school office for further information.

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.

Attendance for the month of May 2017

Congratulations to Y3 Holly for the best attendance in the school in the month of May!

Group	% Attendance
YR Ash	97.4 %
YR Beech	98.6 %
Y1 Cedar	96.8 %
Y1 Elm	96.8 %
Y2 Fir	96.2 %
Y3 Holly	98.8 %
Y4 Oak	94.7 %
Y5 Pine	97.7 %
Y5 Redwood	94.3 %
Y6 Willow	97.8 %

Diary Dates:-

Y5/6 to the Isle of Wight from Monday 12th June – Friday 16th June

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

10th June - PTA summer party 8pm

Friday 23rd June – 8 am or 8.30 am PTA's Doughnuts with Dad

Friday 23rd June – Father's Day morning in YR

Tuesday 4th July – Y1 and 2 trip to Whipsnade Zoo

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

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

Tuesday 18th July 7pm Leavers' concert

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

First day of Autumn term 2017 – Wednesday 6th September

Hope you all have a good rest of the academic year!

Mrs E Edwardson