



## Overstone Combined School

### Newsletter 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019

The last two weeks have seen a variety of exciting events happening across the school, as well as learning both inside and outside of classrooms. We would like to thank you for all of your support for these, as this makes a real difference to the children's experience.

We are eager to continue to develop relationships with families and have arranged a coffee afternoon for families to meet members of the senior leadership team and discuss anything they wish on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2.30-3.10pm**. This will also be a good opportunity to meet other parents from across the school and find out about the wonderful things which have been happening. This will not be the best place to discuss individual concerns, due to the social nature of the afternoon, so if you have any concerns please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance, who will be happy to help. The governors have also created a survey to help us to better understand parents' views of the school and this will be available to complete.

Mrs Mercer, Acting Headteacher

#### Harvest Festival

Our second harvest festival will be held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 9am. We hope by providing two different timings this has allowed as many parents as possible to be able to attend. You are welcome to come to either session. The festival will be run by our year 3 and 4 classes, who have been busy practising and I have heard some wonderful rehearsals happening in the hall!

Thank you all so much for your generous donations. They are being collected at the end of the week, to be donated to needy families/homeless in the area.

#### Geography and Community Week

The week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> October will be our whole school geography week, with a focus on the local community. If you feel that you have any expertise that you would be able to share with the school, whether it be local knowledge of the area historically, photos from around the community or links to local community groups, we would be grateful if you could come in and let us know. We would love to make the most of all of the local knowledge that families have.

#### Key Dates:

Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 9am	Harvest Festival (years 3 and 4)
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5 and 6 trip to the space museum
W/C 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Geography and community week
21 <sup>st</sup> October and 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Prospective parent tours
21 <sup>st</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Parents' Evenings (booking closes Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October)
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Go Green for Dyslexia Day (see below)
24 <sup>th</sup> October	Family Coffee afternoon (2.30-3.10pm)
25 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET day
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Fireworks (tickets to be ordered by 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct)
6 <sup>th</sup> November	Sibling Photos

## Reminder!

- Please remember to send in jogging bottoms and a long sleeved top for PE now that the weather is getting colder.
- Photo orders and payment are due by the end of this week please.
- The main door is closed at 8.45 am to allow staff to begin their day. Please ensure children arrive before this door closes. If you are later than this then please take children in to the main reception where staff will sign them in and can take them to their classroom- please do not take them through yourself without speaking to a member of staff.
- Please remember to inform teachers of authorised pick up information for the next term/year in writing. This can be given to the class teacher or emailed to [admin@overstone-wing.org](mailto:admin@overstone-wing.org). Please also inform in writing if any changes need to be made to these.
- Remember that lunches need to be ordered by the Wednesday of the previous week using Parentpay. The supplier is AIP and their contact number is 07805696164 in case of problems.
- Please inform the school by 8.30am if your child will be absent due to illness. This can be done by ringing the school telephone or emailing [absence@overstone-wing.org](mailto:absence@overstone-wing.org).
- Named PE kit needs to be kept in school at all times to ensure the children are able to take a full part in their PE lessons.

### Cross Country

Our cross country event was a great success with every child trying their hardest and winning points for their team. Thank you to those parents that supported and particularly to the parents and governors who gave up their time to volunteer to make the event a success.



### Roald Dahl Day

All of the children enjoyed a variety of activities on Roald Dahl day, including making up their own imaginary words, art around Roald Dahl's books and some even got to enjoy cooking. The children also looked wonderful in a variety of costumes, which depicted their understanding and love for reading. Photos to follow soon!

### Behaviour Policy

Our new behaviour policy is now available on the school website. This focuses upon positive behaviour management and we will share more details of it with you through these newsletters.

One of the key aspects is our new four rules which we hope your children have started mentioning at home.

- We are kind
- We show respect
- We try our hardest
- We listen



In our first newsletter this year we brought to you the sad news that Ken, our school crossing patrol officer, was retiring. We wanted to let you know that the school sent him gifts and presents shortly after we learnt of his retirement and he has been in to thank the staff at school.

Our other school crossing patrol officer will be celebrating 30 years in her job at the end of this month. We hope you will join us in congratulating her on this milestone!

### Individual photo orders

Please return your orders to the school office, with payment, by **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October**. Please note we cannot accept any orders after this date (although you will be able to order yourself online, if you have the code, which is on the photo proof).

Sibling photo's will be taken on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November** and a class photo will be taken later in the school year.

### Go Green for Dyslexia Day

On **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** we will be holding a Go Green for Dyslexia Day. This is to help to raise awareness of dyslexia across the school community. Children are invited to wear something green, whether this be an item of clothing or accessory. This will be a non-uniform day.

### Winter Uniform

Do not forget that after half term the children will be returning to winter uniform. Please see the uniform list attached and remember that, following changes introduced last year, all children from year 1 and above will be required to wear a tie with their uniform.



## Uniform List

### Overstone Uniform List

Your child is expected to come to school wearing school uniform. V-neck sweatshirts, polo shirts and various items of PE clothing can be purchased online (see the link on our website) or from the 'Wear2School' uniform shop on North Street, Leighton Buzzard.

#### **Children in the Nursery wear a practical and simple uniform, consisting of:**

A navy or white t-shirt

A navy sweatshirt

Navy jogging bottoms (shorts in the summer)

Grey or white socks

Plimsolls for indoors

Wellingtons for outdoors

Please note that trainers or open-toed sandals are not permitted for safety reasons.

We will provide a tabard for the younger children to wear each day.

**Children in the Reception class should wear a navy blue polo shirt, to avoid difficulties with ties and shirts. Otherwise all items of uniform are as listed below.**

#### **School uniform list**

Footwear	black shoes (not trainers)
Socks	white/grey/navy blue
Tights	navy blue
Trousers (not jeans)	grey
Skirts/ pinafores	navy blue
Tie	school colours (available to buy from the School Office)
Shirt	white
V - neck sweatshirts/cardigans	navy blue

**Summer term and first half of Autumn term only (optional)**

Short trousers	grey
Polo shirts	navy blue
Dresses	blue gingham

**PE and Games**

Footwear	black plimsolls (KS1) trainers (KS2)
T shirt or polo shirt	white
Shorts	navy blue
Socks	white/navy blue
Tracksuit top / Sweatshirt	navy blue
Tracksuit bottoms	navy blue
One-piece swimming costume (not shorts or bikini)	
Flip flops for walking to and from the swimming pool	