



### Welcome Back from Mrs France

Welcome back to you all after the long summer holiday.

We have had such a busy first week back at Overstone. Before the children came back, we welcomed Will Ord, who spent a day at Overstone talking to us and visitors from several local primary schools about Philosophy for Children. It has been lovely to welcome our new children in particular, seeing how smart and happy they all look and catching up with many parents after the long summer break. I have also particularly enjoyed a superb assembly from Year 4 on Wednesday on the 2016 Rio games and the values of the Olympics, which they have decided to adopt in class. They did so well with such little preparation. Well done to year 4!

Thank you also to those of you who have attended the Meet the Teacher sessions. I hope it gave you the opportunity to find out what lies ahead for your child in this exciting academic year. If you were unable to attend, a hard copy of the Hand book will follow shortly.

With my very best wishes to you all for a successful and happy new academic year!

**Mrs N France**  
Head teacher

### One last Meet the Teacher today

Y3 & Y4 – 12<sup>th</sup> September

The session starts at 2.30 today.

### Refurbishment over the summer

Years 4, 5 and 6 classroom block has been fully refurbished, with new carpets in the classrooms, new flooring in the cloakrooms and technology area and all areas have been decorated. The children have new tables and chairs and the classrooms for the children look fabulous. Thank you to everyone involved.

### Parents of year 6

Please note that the window for applications for secondary school is now open. The deadline is **31<sup>st</sup> October 2016**. Unless you were new to the school this year, you will receive a personalised letter today or tomorrow from County, with a special login number to help you with your online application. Please be warned that if lost, BCC will not reissue you with another login.

### Breakfast / After School Club

For places, please contact Little Acorns Nursery for a registration form. Their telephone number is 01296 682822.

### Uniform

It is lovely to see everyone looking so smart, as we start this new school year. Children can continue to wear summer uniform until October half term. We have very high standards at Overstone and would like to stress the importance of all children having the correct uniform. PE kit should remain at school, until it is sent home for washing. **Please clearly name all items of clothing and equipment that your child brings to school.** This will make it considerably easier for 'lost' items to be returned. Children should also be urged to take responsibility for their belongings.

### Thank you

Thank you all for your generous donations of spare uniform. We now have plenty for the moment.

### PE and Forest School lessons

Forest School sessions will commence from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September for children in classes from YR up to Y2. Mrs May reminds you that an under-layer (with long sleeves so as to avoid stings), wellies and waterproofs are essential. On Forest school days the children should come to school in normal uniform and could use an over-sized bag (such as a 'Bag for Life' or 'Ikea' type) which would be big enough for everything that they have to carry for Forest School.

See timetable below for Forest lessons:

Mon – Y1 Cedar	Weds- YR Ash	Fri-YR Beech
Tues – Y1 Elm	Thurs-Y2	

PE/Games lessons as follows:

N Mon/ Fri	YR Ash Thurs	YR Beech Thurs
Y1 Cedar Tue/Fri	Y1 Elm Mon/Wed	Y2 Tues/Wed
Y3 Thurs	Y4 Mon	Y5 Pine Tues
Y5 Redwood Wed	Y6 Fri	

Please note swimming lessons will not begin until April 2017.

### Snacks

Children in KS1 are given fruit at school each morning. KS2 children can bring a piece of fruit / dried fruit or healthy granary bar to eat during morning break should they wish. No sugary snacks or anything containing chocolate are permitted.

All children should still be bringing a bottle of water to school with them. These must have a sports top. Hydration throughout the day is important to aid concentration.

***Please DO NOT send your child into school with nuts or food containing nuts.***

### Parentmail

Please be patient while the system is updated at the start of term. We had new computers installed over the summer and this has caused issues with Parentmail. Therefore, ***if you are not receiving the newsletters electronically to your chosen e-mail address in a week's time, please drop a note to the school office.***

In the meantime, do collect a hard copy of anything you have missed so far, or have a look on the school website.

### Data Collection & Consent Sheets

During the month of September, we will be sending home your child's data collection sheet, which we would ask you to carefully check and return as soon as possible, so that our records can be updated accordingly.

### Music lessons with Mr Stroud

Please will you arrange to pay for your music lessons as soon as possible, or if you have decided not go ahead, please let Mrs Graves know, so that we can offer the place to another child.

### Letters

Please put letters, reply slips, payments etc. in the post box outside the front entrance. Anything with money or cheques must be in a sealed envelope, indicating who or what it is for. Single forms need not be in an envelope. When possible, please do not put mixed letters/forms in the one envelope, to help prevent items going astray.

### Punctuality

We would like to remind everyone that the dining room door is locked at 8.45am each morning. Any children arriving after this time must report to the office before heading to their classroom. Late arrivals disrupt the start of the school day for the child and the rest of the class. Absences and late arrivals are being monitored.

### Roald Dahl Dress Up Day

This year this event will take place on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September, when we will be giving children the chance to come to school dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl character.

Face painting is allowed for the occasion, but please ensure that your child is wearing suitable school shoes.

Please bring in a story book.

### School Milk



Schools in England are legally required to ensure milk is made available during the school day to all pupils. Currently children in Nursery and Reception classes have the opportunity to have a drink of milk every day. Their milk is free up to their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday

**and school pay for the remainder until they leave Reception Class.** The milk provided is semi-skimmed. For children in Y1 – Y6 to have milk in school, you can **register and pay** for milk via: [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)

If your child is currently eligible for benefits related Free School Meals (not the Universal Free School Meals for KS1) there will

be no charge to you but instead of applying online, you will need to contact the school in writing, so that we can arrange it for you. If you think you may be entitled to free school meals please contact Mrs Edwardson at the school office. (See attachment entitled 'Free School Meals and Pupil Premium').

If you have any questions relating to the scheme please contact the school office.

### Harvest Festival

This year's Harvest Assembly will take place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15am. We would welcome your donations of non-perishable food items, prior to this date. The assembly will be for parents of Y3 & 4 children. The distribution of produce will be by Y3 children on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

### After School Activities

Information regarding after school activities and clubs is being issued this week. Some are starting this week:

- **Y5/6 Football on Wednesdays**
- **Y5/6 General Sports on Thursdays**
- **Y3 Craft club on Thursdays**
- **Y3/4/5/6 Choir on Fridays**

### Parking

Please remember to not park on or opposite the yellow road markings outside the school gates. It is also dangerous and inconsiderate to local residents to park on the bend opposite the gates. You are welcome to use our drop and go facility in the morning (observing the one-way system), but please do not park there, if waiting with your child.

### Message from AIP about lunches

Menus and order forms are available from the school office. The deadline for ordering is Wednesday 9am. Those received after the deadline will not be accepted for the following week, so a packed lunch needs to be provided.

### Head lice

One incidence of head lice has been reported in the Infant School. Please try to check your child's hair regularly and take the appropriate action if necessary. School is unfortunately the 'ideal' place to spread them, so quick action is always advised. Thank you very much.

### Diary Dates

You should have received a Handbook with the dates for the year at Meet the Teacher. If you were unable to attend, a copy will follow via book bag post.