



## Overstone Combined School

Newsletter 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019

We have had a wonderful term at Overstone School. Thank you for all of the lovely comments we have had from parents about the changes you have seen happening around the school. It makes a difference to the staff to know that all of their hard work has been appreciated.

As you know, we had a visit from Ofsted earlier in the term and the results from the parent survey reflected many of the positive comments we have received. We are pleased to include a copy of the letter from our inspectors, which states that we remain a “good” school.

The letter includes positive reflections about the work which we have undertaken as a school, as well as advice to help us continue our work to drive the school forwards.

Within this newsletter we include a selection of the events which have been happening across the school, as well as some of our plans for the future within our upcoming events.

Mrs Mercer

Interim Headteacher

### Staffing News

We are sad to announce that Miss Sedgwick will be leaving us at the end of the term. She has been a great asset to the school, leading on Science across the ages and having a positive impact on her class. We wish her all the best for the future.

This class will now be taught by Mrs Aggarwal on Mondays and Tuesdays. She knows the school well and is excited to be joining us on a more regular basis. From Wednesday to Friday they will be taught by Mrs Dallas, who has been in the school for a number of years and also knows the children very well. They will continue to be supported by Mr Bradman, as Key Stage Leader.

### SEN Meeting

Mrs Bendall would like to invite parents to our next SEND meeting. There will be an opportunity to discuss SEND provision at Overstone and to share resources and ideas, over a cup of tea and biscuits. We will also be lucky enough to have Vicki Melhuish, from CAMHS, with us. She will be running drop in sessions for parents who would like advice about ASD or ADHD and will be here between 2:45 and 3:45pm.

### Christmas Shows

A big thank you to all of the staff, volunteers and parents involved in our recent Christmas shows. I am sure you will agree that they were all an amazing success. The children spoke and sung beautifully and were wonderful ambassadors for our school community.

## International Week

International week was a wonderful success. The children took part in a wide range of activities and learnt about countries from around the world. We also enjoyed welcoming in parents to see the learning that had taken place. We look forward to having more similar events in the future. See our upcoming dates for more information.



## Upcoming Dates

Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December –	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December –	Whole School Panto Trip
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December –	Christmas Carol Service and House Singing Competition
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December –	Last day of term
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January –	INSET day
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January –	First day of Spring Term
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January -	First day for Nursery children
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2.30pm – SEN meeting for parents</b>	
<b>W/c 27<sup>th</sup> January –</b> <b>school)</b>	<b>Anti-bullying week (display for parents on Friday after</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Feb-</b>	<b>Parents' Evening</b>
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb –</b>	<b>Whole class Photos</b>
W/c 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb –	Half term holidays
<b>Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2.30pm –</b>	<b>Phonics meeting for parents</b>
<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May –</b>	<b>INSET day</b>

### **Carey Lodge**

Some of our classes have visited Carey Lodge over the last term and all have found it a very rewarding experience. They have learnt a lot, as well as sharing their talents with the residents. Our recent visits have included one by Year 5 who chose, instead of receiving Christmas presents from their teachers, to go and give presents to the residents.



### **Christmas Fair**

Thank you to the PTA and all of the volunteers who contributed to our Christmas Fair. It was also great to see a large number of parents and children supporting the school for such an important event in the school's calendar.

### **Parent Governor**

We now have a vacancy for a new parent governor. This is a fantastic opportunity to support the school in its progression moving forwards. Please look out for the letter coming soon with details on how to apply for this position.