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OVERSTONE COMBINED SCHOOL



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Message from the Headteacher

It's already March and this term is flying by! We have this week re-opened a section of our playground which has been refurbished, including an adventure trail, a story -telling chair and a new surface. The children love it!

A big thank you to Mrs Glover for organising the Sports/Healthy Eating week. The children have enjoyed a range of activities and tried various healthy foods.

March is action-packed with lots of different activities, including our celebration of World Book Day, which will be next Friday. I'm looking forward to seeing all the various literary characters brought to life. The Comic Relief Red Nose Day is always a popular one with the children too. We also have many opportunities to come into school this term, including our Open Classrooms, the PTA 'Muffins with Mum' and Grandparents' morning.

We hope that you will be able to join us for these events and look forward to welcoming you.

Finally, we were pleased to welcome Mrs Cathryn Siddall to her first Governor's meetings this past week, in her capacity as newly elected Parent Governor.

Thank you for your continued support.

N France
Headteacher

Photos of our new playground





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Sports and Healthy Eating Week

It has been a fabulous week for us all at Overstone! Here are some lovely photos to share with you.





Here are some of the children's thoughts about this past week, followed by Mrs Glover's at the end:-

During sports week we have been learning how to keep healthy and have done lots of fun activities such as skipping, speed stacking, orienteering and many more fun things!

Evelynn year 5 Redwood

During sports week we have been doing fun activities like skipping and playing fun games. My favourite part was the speed stacking and orienteering. We have also been learning about how to stay healthy and have tried some healthy food.

Casey Year 5 Redwood

Sports week has been really fun and we have learnt lots about how to keep ourselves healthy. Our favourite parts were the orienteering and learning about food and nutrition. We also enjoyed doing a basketball competition in our house teams, there were some amazing shots! Overall sports week at Overstone has been very interesting and exciting because it's something we've never done before.

Tobias and Daniel Year 6

This week children have had the opportunity to try a range of different sports and learn about healthy lifestyles. Each class has had a turn at orienteering and speed stacking where some children were able to stack cups at under 8 seconds!

George from 'skipping for schools' taught the children various skipping skills and encouraged them to never give up! The children learnt about perseverance and resilience....many children are still trying to improve their technique by practising on the playground. 2 minutes skipping a day can really improve your fitness levels. Even the adults were skipping!

A big thank you to Mrs Brain for organising the intra school competitions. KS1 took part in benchball and KS2 have played basketball to earn points for their house teams.

Year 5 enjoyed some taste testing of various fruit and vegetables and enjoyed making some healthy wraps, whilst year 3 and 4 have worked together to create their own teams games during PE. All staff have been very impressed at the children's team spirit and enthusiasm during the week and it has been lovely to see the children so engaged and taking part in so many different activities. Lots of children have also been telling us about healthier choices they have been making at home and different foods they have tried. We hope the children continue to put into practice their knowledge for healthy eating and exercise in the future.

Mrs Glover

Red Nose Day

This year is the 24th March. Children are asked to come in their pyjamas, with sensible footwear and wearing their red noses. Noses will be sold at school week commencing 20th March – so please don't buy them elsewhere!

Open classrooms on Monday 13th March

There will be an opportunity for parents to come into their child's classroom to view their child's work, to see the displays and see what the children have been learning about from 3.30pm-4.15pm.

Grandparents' morning on Thursday 16th March

We look forward to welcoming our Grandparents' into their Grandchildren's classrooms on 16th March from 9 - 10.15am. The PTA will be serving refreshments at this event.

PTA Disco on Tuesday 28th March

The children are looking forward to the PTA Disco on 28th March. The order form was sent out with the PTA's letter at the beginning of this week. Please remember to order your tickets by Friday 24th March. Thank you.

Class photos

Please return your order forms no later than 9am on 14th March please.

Hot lunches from AIP

Please continue to order your child's hot meals by midnight on Wednesday via ParentPay and the children will have a selection of desserts to choose from on the day.

After School Activities

KS2 Cross Country on Monday	Y4 Craft club on Thursday
KS2 Homework club and Y6 Booster on Tuesday Y1 Multiskills on Tuesday	KS2 Choir on Friday
Y5/6 Football (boys/girls on Wednesday)	Y3/4 Tennis on Friday
Y2 Sports club on Thursday	

Absence from school

Please remember to ALWAYS phone or e-mail admin@overstone-wing.bucks.sch.uk before 8.30am (and leave a message) if your child is going to be absent from school for that day.

Nits

Please check your child's hair regularly and carefully for these most unwelcome visitors and treat accordingly. Combing through regularly with plenty of conditioner after treatment with a 'nit comb' and tea tree oil are also good tips.

Attendance for the month of February

Congratulations to Year 1 Cedar again for the best attendance in the school in January.

Group	% Attend
YR Ash	95.7
YR Beech	95
Y1 Cedar	98.4
Y1 Elm	95.8
Y2	97
Y3	97.4
Y4	96.9
Y5 Pine	95.5
Y5 Redwood	95.9
Y6	96.3
Totals	96.7

Lost property

Is building up behind the main school door. Please have a look when you can. There is a lovely pair of black and white trainers, a sage green gilet, a Hello Kitty watch, a lovely biro found on the playground today and a key (found in the car park a week ago) among many items of unnamed uniform. The last 3 items are being kept safely in the office.

Diary Dates

Friday 10th March – World Book Day

Monday 13th March – Open Classrooms from 3.30-4.15pm

Thursday 16th March – Grandparents' morning from 9.00-10.15am

Friday 24th March – Muffins with Mum

Tuesday 28th March – PTA disco for all years after school

Last day of term – Friday 31st March 2017

Finally – you will find attached to this newsletter a letter from Mrs France, along with an updated uniform policy.

Have a good rest of the term!

E Edwardson