



OVERSTONE COMBINED SCHOOL

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Grandparents Morning

It was lovely to see so many Grandparents coming into school to see the children in action in the classes! Thank you very much for all your support.

Choir

Final cluster rehearsal for Royal Albert Hall choir in years 4,5 and 6 next Tuesday 21st April at Aylesbury Methodist Church. Please remember to bring your packed lunch and a bottle of water. Children will need to wear plain black trousers for the performance on April 29th.

Choir dates for the summer term are as follows:

17th, 24th April - Years 4,5 and 6 RAH group only; until 5pm

8th, 15th May - all choir, until 4.15pm

5th June all choir;

12th, 19th June Year 3/4 only;

26th June all choir (final rehearsal)

27th June Overstone Summer Fete - all choir performing some of our 'Unity' songs

Claydon House Visit

Y1 and Y2 had a lovely trip to Claydon House. Staff there congratulated us on the excellent behaviour of the children. Here are some comments from the children:

"I enjoyed it when we pretended to be soldiers and had to charge at the teachers! And when ben was an injured soldier I wrapped him up in bandages." Tilly Forrest Y2

"My favourite thing was when the boys were soldiers and the girls were nurses. I enjoyed looking around the house, learning about Florence Nightingale." Emily Peel Y2

"I liked laying on Florence Nightingale's bed. It was really comfy! I liked the pretend fighting with the soldiers. It was fun."

Charlotte Evans Y1

"I liked the giant gong, but we weren't allowed to touch it. We all had a big picnic lunch outside. I liked loading the cannon and pretending to fire it." Henry Hodgson Y1

Please look out for photographs of the visit on the school website.

Music Concerts

Mini Music concerts will be organised this term for children who have peripatetic music lessons in school. Further details will follow.

Woodwind Lessons

Wood wind lessons will resume on Tuesday 21st April.

Basket Ball

Year 6 children are enjoying basketball coaching this term. On Sunday 19th April there will be a County training session at Aylesbury High School from 3-6pm if any Y6 children would like to attend. Registration information has been emailed to you. There is a cost of £5 to cover the session. The coaches will be selecting two teams of 7 boys and a team of 7 girls for a South regional competition to be held in Winchester on Sunday May 3rd. Any Year 6 pupils are welcome to attend and enjoy learning a little more about basketball.

Swimming

Swimming lessons will begin on Monday 20th April:

Reception – Tuesday am

Y1 – Thursday am

Y2 – Wednesday am

Y3 – Monday Holly am / Fir pm

Y4 - Thursday pm

Y5 – Friday pm

Y6 Redwood – Tuesday

Y6 Willow – Wednesday pm

Swimming hats are on sale at school, £1.50 each. If your child requires goggles, please complete a goggle letter, available at the office.

Forest School

Even though the weather is likely to be dry and warm over this term, please make sure that your child still comes in trousers and a long sleeved top to ensure that they are protected from thorns and nettles in the forest. Wellies and warm layers are still needed too.

Attendance

The highest class attendance for March was Year 3 Holly with 98.8%. They also achieved 100% pupil attendance for the week commencing 16th March. Well done! The rest of the attendance was as follows:

YR	95.5	Y4	95.1
Y1	97.7	Y5	94.4
Y2	96.6	Y6R	92.0
Y3Fir	95.6	Y6W	96.1
Y3 Holly	98.8		

Diary Dates

29 th April	Choir - Royal Albert Hall
4 th May	May Day Bank Holiday
5 th May	Class photographs
19 th May	Shoesday Tuesday (further info nearer the time)
21 st May	Healthy Breakfast
22 nd May	End of Half term
1 st June	Return to School
8 th – 12 th June	Y5/6 Residential Trip
19 th June	Danish with Dad
22 nd June	KS1 Sports
24 th June	KS2 Sports
25 th June	Open Evening
27 th June	Summer Fete
3 rd & 6 th July	INSET Days
7 th July	Y7 Induction Day
8 th July	Reports to Parents