



OVERSTONE COMBINED SCHOOL

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Choir

Well done to those children who sang at the Royal Albert Hall this week! What a fantastic performance, and an amazing experience. DVDs of the event are available to buy. If your child has not yet brought the order form home, please ask at the office.

Choir dates for the remaining summer term are as follows:

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



Here is what some of the children said about their experience:

"It was amazing to be singing there, and seeing inside the Albert Hall!" Mabel Gregory Y6R

"It was absolutely mesmerizing to be singing there with so many other children! There was a smoke machine right above us." Abigail D'Souza Y6R

"My favourite part was when we were on the stage, seeing all those people who had paid to see us!" Xander Marr Y6R

"It was exciting to take part! For our lunch we went into Hyde Park where we could all play." Chloe McKenna Y6W

"I found it an exhilarating experience. The best bit for me was when the lights were flashing." Nathan Curry Y6W

"I enjoyed the Desert Quest performance by another choir – especially the wonky camel!" Joshua Ameganvi Y5

"I liked sitting up so high, with everyone below us all singing and the lights flashing." Charlotte Cheshire Y5

"I enjoyed the whole day!" Ben Curry Y4

"The picnic in the park was fun!" Caitlin Cooke Y4

Ice Cream Fridays!

It's back by popular demand! Each Friday afternoon through the summer term the PTA plan to be selling ice creams and ice lollies at the end of the day! These will cost 50p or £1.



Yogurt Pots

If you have any clean, empty large size (eg 450g or 500g) plastic yogurt pots with fitting plastic lids, we would be very grateful to have them at school to use as paint pots! Thank you.

Sun Protection

Children should now be wearing a sun hat whenever necessary. If they have a morning forest school session they should also come to school wearing sun cream. For sessions later in the day they should have sun cream with them. Please instruct your child how to apply their cream as it is too time consuming for staff to have to apply cream to each child in the class! Even in warm weather, children should wear long sleeves for forest school and outdoor learning sessions to avoid nettle stings. We would like to remind parents that all children should be bringing a bottle of drinking water to school every day to be able to drink in the classroom. The bottle must have a sports type top. Overstone hats are available to buy at the office, for £3.50.



Shoesday Tuesday!

The week beginning 18th May is Walk to School Week. So on Tuesday 19th children are invited to come to school wearing footwear other than school shoes, as long as it is sensible and still suitable for all usual activities! There will be no money requested to participate.



Spares Please!

Thank you for the outgrown uniform and underwear that you donate to us. We now have a lovely full stock of spares! The only things we don't have are socks, tights and ties, so if your child is being kitted out with new, we would welcome the old ones!



Swim Hats

Swimming hats are an obligatory part of the school swimming kit. They can usually be bought at the office for £1.50. We are currently out of stock but are awaiting a delivery. As with other kit, if you have spares to donate to our stock we would be very grateful.

Lost property

We have a watch which was handed in, having been found on the way to school recently. If you are missing a watch, please come to the office to identify and claim it.

Resources

We aim to keep a good, varied supply of resources at school for different subjects. However, we do not seem to have much in the way of pictures or pieces of interest for the Greek, Roman or Egyptian topics. If you have any odd items, postcards, pictures etc from holidays or will be going to any relevant destinations for your holiday this year, we would welcome any bits and pieces to keep the topics more vibrant!

Netball Tournament

Information has been given out to those children invited to take part in a netball tournament on Friday May 8th. This will take place at The Cottesloe School from 4pm. Please remember to return your reply slips!

Den Days

During the 1st – 5th June, children in YR – Y4 will be making dens in their Forest School sessions. This is to help raise funds for Save The Children. The aim is to teach the children team building and problem solving skills while at the same time helping them to understand some of the challenges faced by children in some of the poorest parts of the world, who do not have a safe place



to sleep at night. The den building can be sponsored, or you can just donate £1 per child. Information has been sent to these year groups and sponsor forms will be issued soon. The children may want to practice den building during the half term holiday!

Swimming

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

If your child requires goggles, please complete a goggle letter, available at the office.

Attendance

The highest class attendance for April was (once again!) Year 3 Holly...with 99.2%. They also achieved 100% pupil attendance for the week commencing 20th April. Well done! The rest of the attendance was as follows:

YR	92.3	Y4	98.7
Y1	98.2	Y5	97.8
Y2	96.7	Y6R	96.6
Y3Fir	98.8	Y6W	93.1
Y3 Holly	99.2		

Diary Dates

4 th May	May Day Bank Holiday
5 th May	Class photographs
12 th May	Kingswood Meeting 6.30pm
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
17 th July	Last day for Nursery
22 nd July	End Of Term