



OVERSTONE COMBINED SCHOOL



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Staffing

As you now know, Mr Bradman is on adoption leave, with Mrs Bendall and Ms Pascoe sharing the role of class teacher. If you have any queries during this period please speak to the teachers, or Mrs France.

Mr Bradman would like to pass on his thanks for everyone's recent good wishes. In his absence, if any parents have queries regarding SEN issues, please make an appointment with Mrs France, who is taking over the role of Special Needs Co-ordinator.

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.



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.



Swim Hats

Swimming hats are an obligatory part of the school swimming kit. They can usually be bought at the office for £1.50. As with other kit, please name it! If you have spares to donate to our stock we would be very grateful.



Swimming Following Illness

It is already well known that following any form of tummy upset your child must have 48 hours off school after the last episode. But it is also now policy that if a child has diahorrea, they will be unable to swim in our school pool for 14 days, to reduce the risk of passing on any infection to others.

Transition Days

For children currently in Y6 who will be moving on to Buckinghamshire secondary schools next term, the induction day is Tuesday 12th July, with an extra day for children going to The Cottesloe School on Wednesday 13th July. On these days your child should go straight to which ever school they are allocated, not to Overstone.

Open Evening and Information Fair

On Thursday 23rd June from 6.00-7.30pm there will be an Open Evening and Information Fair at Overstone School. This will provide an opportunity for current and prospective parents and the local community to visit the school and see what happens during the school day. As well as this there will be opportunities to visit stalls promoting activities available in the village.

Art Competition

Are your children taking part in the Queen's Birthday Art Competition? KS1 children will be doing this in school, but KS2 children have the opportunity to create their masterpieces at home. The closing date for entries to be at school is Monday 6th June, so they have the half term week to get creative!



The Parish Council will be awarding prizes, and all art work will be on display around the village. The creations can be sketches, drawings, colourings or paintings; on card or paper; no bigger than A3. Themes to consider are the various roles of the Queen, or things we would associate with her. No collage or models please. Name and class to be written on the back.

History Week

You will by now have heard that the week commencing 23rd May will be history week, with the children doing various history related activities in their House groups. Lunches won't be affected by this, with everyone having their regular lunch on those days whether packed or hot. Your £5 contribution for the week's activities should be sent in to school in a sealed envelope, marked 'History Week'.

Please do not hand loose cash in at the office! Children receiving Pupil Premium do not need to contribute to this.



School Shop

We would like to remind you that the school shop is open on Monday lunchtimes. So if your child needs new writing pens, pencils, ruler etc, they can buy them here. Please remember that KS2 children should have a fully equipped pencil case with them at school every day!

Attendance

The highest class attendance for April was Y6 with a whopping 99.1%! Well done! The rest of the attendance was as follows:

YR Ash	97.6	Y3	95.2
YR Beech	96.0	Y4 Oak	97.7
Y1	97.8	Y4 Pine	96.3
Y2	96.7	Y5	96.2
		Y6	99.1

Year 4

Year 4 Pine would like to encourage the rest of the school to read more for pleasure. They have been trialling many different initiatives in class and have seen a big improvement in their own reading. The children would like to share some of their favourites.

Max R- 'When we are in Guided Reading with Miss Rolls, we look at picture books and are encouraged to look at the illustrations carefully because there is often hidden information and clues linking with the narrative- I loved Into the Forest by Antony Browne because it was full of suspense.'

Abi W- 'I enjoy choosing books from Harry's Library, these are books that Miss Rolls chooses with her son and brings them in from home to inspire us to read books that other authors have written'

Casey D- 'In class we have an Author of the Month basket filled with books, so far we have had Dr. Seuss, Jeff Kinney and Anthony Horowitz- it is encouraging me to read more.'

Eden H- 'We have watched videos online about different authors writing process and drawing tutorials- I was surprised how long it takes for a book to be written.'

Toby E- 'I like our book windows because they inspire us all to read a variety of genres.'

We hope we have inspired you to read more at home, school and whilst on the go. Please let the class know if you have any good suggestions or other ideas.
Come on Overstone, let's get reading!

By Year 4 Pine

ParentMail Text Messages

Occasionally it may be necessary to contact parents by text message to advise of a cancelled club or similar at short notice. To acknowledge a text, please call the school number, as it is not possible to respond to the text number.

France Trip

If you have not yet handed in your child's ehic please do so as soon as possible. If you will need it over half term, then the absolute deadline is Monday 6th June. If you have not yet applied for one, please visit www.ehic.org.uk . There is no cost for this.

PTA News

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Smarties Challenge. Over £550 was raised in sponsorship money, so well done everyone for squeezing so many wonderfully varied items into the tubes! The winners each received chocolates, with the overall winner receiving a £10 Amazon voucher.

Nursery - Katie J, YR Beech - Lucy J, YR Ash - Kieran G, Y1 - Harrison E, Y2 - Patrick P, Y3 Jemima P, Y4 Pine - Finlay P, Y4 - Oak - Toby P, Y5 Alexandria H-P, Y6 - Tallulah C (2nd highest in Y6) Overall Winner Ella W (Y6) with 62 confirmed items.

Please keep an eye out for our letter requesting helpers for the fete. We will need lots of volunteers to enable us to run this very popular and successful event. Letters will be sent home with the children soon. One of our regular successful stalls is the plant stall. So if all you green fingered children, parents, grandparents, friends and neighbours could get planting now, we will have an amazing supply to sell on fete day!

Diary Dates :

Danish With Dad	10 th June
Fete	25 th June
Junior Discos	20 th July

The PTA will also be serving refreshments at both KS1 & KS2 sports on the 7th and 9th June
Thank you for your continued support.

Diary Dates

27 th May	Y6 Grandparents Tea Party
27 th May	End of Half term
6 th June	Return to School
7 th June	KS2 Sports
9 th June	KS1 Sports
10 th June	Danish with Dad
13 th – 17 th June	Y5/6 Residential Trip
23 rd June	Open Evening
25 th June	Summer Fete
29 th June – 1 st July	Y3/4 Residential Trip
8 th & 11 th July	INSET Days
12 th July	Y7 Induction Day
13 th July	Extra Y7 Induction Day (Cottesloe)
13 th July	Reports to Parents
15 th July	Last day for Nursery
19 th July	Leavers Concert
21 st July	End Of Term