



Newsletter July 21

From Mrs Eales

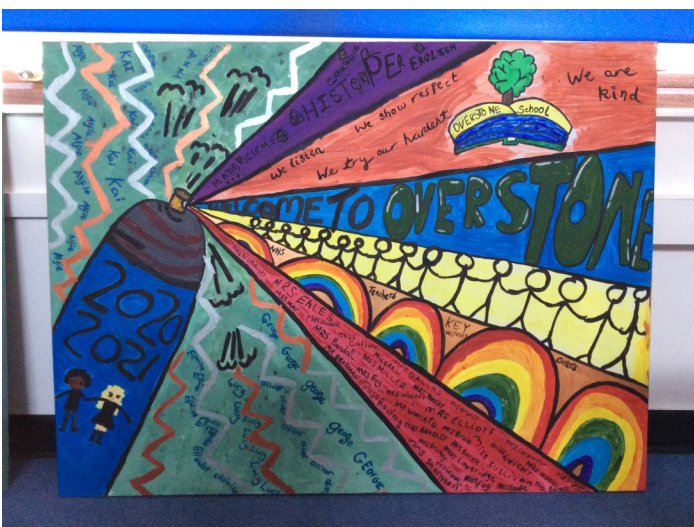
Well, what a year! After last year we thought things were going to be back to normal and little did we know we were going to have another unusual year.

As we come to the end of this term, and indeed the academic year, it is time to reflect. For some this has been their first year at school where they have learnt the skills that will carry them through their time at Overstone and beyond. For others this has been a year where they will have consolidated learning and opened their minds to new challenges. For our Year 6 children this has been their last year at primary school and we can be confident we have given them the tools to take that next step and move to their new school with confidence and a thirst for knowledge.

We say goodbye, not only to our Year 6 children, but to several members of staff too. Mrs Sharman has been with us since October teaching the Reception children and Mrs Triggs has been teaching Oak class since May. We thank you both for your flexibility, your enthusiasm and your encouragement for all the children in your care. We also say goodbye to Mrs Bradley, who has been one of our midday supervisors for the last 11 years. Sharon knows all of your children and has really looked after them well as they have played and interacted with their friends. Finally we say good luck to Miss Rawliling who will be starting her maternity leave at the end of term. We look forward to hearing baby news in the near future. Ladies, thank you for all you have done during your time at Overstone, we truly appreciate all your hard work.

On a personal note, as I come to the end of my first year at Overstone, I can safely say that I have enjoyed every minute of my time here and I am so pleased to have been able to become your Headteacher. I have been made welcome by every child and parent and have felt supported by staff and governors in driving our school forward. That journey will continue and we will continue to flourish. I would like to thank all the staff for their dedication, their enthusiasm and for their sheer determination to do their best for your children. No job is too small or too big and they work together to make a strong team. My thanks must also go to the governors at the school who freely give their time and energy to making Overstone stronger day by day. Their commitment is appreciated and valued. My final thanks go to the PTA who have worked tirelessly to raise funds to enable the children to benefit from all the extras they have put in place. Thank you all for what you have done.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you in September.



Contacting the office?

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office by email or phone at admin@overstone-wing.org Tel: 01296 688799.

Reporting an absence? Please use the dedicated email to inform us of any absence, before 8:30am on the day of absence. absence@overstone-wing.org and any subsequent days of illness/absence.

We will be closed from Wednesday the 21st July to September 1st.

Uniform and Equipment for September

Please name all clothing and items that come into school. Please refer to the Uniform Policy on the school website for details [Uniform](#)

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From our Governors

As we come to the end of another eventful year, the Governors would like to thank the whole school community for their continued resilience, co-operation and determination throughout this difficult year. A special mention to parents who have adhered to COVID guidelines, worked hard to keep pupils on track during home learning and for keeping up-to-date with the ever changing situation!

We would like to extend our thanks to all the teaching/ non-teaching staff who have had to deal with an array of difficult situations this year – you have done this with complete professionalism and a friendly smile.

We would like to thank the PTA who have worked tirelessly this year, with all Key Stages, to ensure the school continues to maintain a sense of community. They have provided Accelerated Reader books, sold ice creams, had the 5p challenge, bag2school (£144), Easter sweet sale (£127), uniform sales plus the introduction of the www.yourschoollottery.com.

It was greatly appreciated that Sports Day was allowed to go ahead and that the pupils took part in a variety of activities as a class – and the weather was nice! We appreciate that lots of parents have missed out on lots of spectating activities this year, but hopefully this will return to normal soon.

As we look forward to the new academic year we hope that most rules and routines will return to normal. We would like to encourage parents to check the amended uniform policy and purchase the correct uniform/equipment needed (please see website for more details) and to also remind everyone that holidays must not be taken in term time.

As a board we regularly seek to strengthen our numbers and experience. It is a rewarding way to get involved with our community and school. If you think this may interest you, please contact us via the school office. We would like to formally welcome our new co-opted governor Elaine Brown, and two parent governors, Helen Walsh and Joanne Soper.

We hope that everyone manages to enjoy the summer break and we hope that a sense of 'normality' will resume in September.

To contact us please email: governors@overstone-wing.org or via the admin office.

INSET DAY

Wed 1st Sep

Autumn Term Begins: Thursday 2nd September 2021

Half Term: Monday 25th - Friday 29th October 2021

Autumn Term Ends: Friday 17th December 2021

INSET DAY

Tue 4th Jan

Spring Term Begins: Wednesday 5th January 2022

Half Term: Monday 21st - Friday 25th February 2022

Spring Term Ends: Thursday 7th April 2022

INSET day

Fri 8th Apr

Summer Term Begins: Monday 25th April 2022

Half Term: Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June 2022

INSET day

Monday 6th June 2022

Summer Term Ends: Wednesday 20th July 2022

Hot Dinners

Last day to book lunches for September is **25th August** £2.30 per meal (free via Universal Free School meals for Reception to Year 2)
Go to [Parentpay](https://www.parentpay.com) to book.



Covid reporting over the holiday

If your child has a **positive case** within 48 hours of the end of school please email the school immediately by using the admin@overstone-wing.org

Arrangements for September We will update you with details of how school will run with drop-off times and collections prior to the return to school.