



OVERSTONE OVERVIEW!

As we come to the end of the year we wanted to share some of the amazing things our children have experienced since September. There is simply not enough paper to list everything, so here are a few of our special memories!

Trips

- Year 6 – Trip to Bletchley Park
- Year 4 – Trip to The Living Rainforest
- Year 2 – Trip to College Lake
- Year 5 – Trip to Hampton Court Palace
- Year 1 - Visit to the local church
- Year 3 - Celtic Harmony
- Year 2 - DeHavilland Museum
- Year 3 - The British Museum
- Year 5 - The Space Centre
- Year 1 – Woburn Safari Park
- Reception – Ascott Gardens
- Year 2 – Hazard Alley
- Year 4 – Hudnall Park – Geography field trip
- Residential trip for Year 5 - Bushcraft
- Young Voices concert
- Residential trip for Year 6 – River Dart
- Year 6 Young Enterprise – Partnership with Grundfos

Visitors

- Pre-School & Reception – Animal Ark visitors to meet the small animals
- Year 1 - Guide Dogs for the Blind visit to school
- Pre-School – Visit from the Police
- Year 3 – Roman Day – History Off the Page
- Year 5 – Artist workshop
- Years 2/3/4/5 - Virtual author visits at different points through the year

PTA

- 2 x discos
- Christmas Fayre
- Christmas cards and gifts
- Bake sales
- Children's fetes
- Refreshments at events
- Uniform and book giveaways
- Ice Cream Fridays

Activities in school

- Harvest Festival
- Years 5 & 6 – Knife crime workshop
- Open classroom
- Fundraising for charities
- Stay and take part sessions
- World Book Day
- National Numeracy morning
- Nativities and Carol concert
- New playground equipment
- Remembrance Day memories including representation at Wing Airfield and the village remembrance service
- Easter services
- Walk to school week
- Music lessons
- Choir and other clubs
- Young Voices concert
- Bikeability
- 175-year anniversary of a primary school in Wing
- Science week and the Science Fair
- Parent information lessons
- Christmas jumper day
- New classes day
- Battle of the Houses – Christmas songs
- Leaver's assembly
- Bags to School
- Performances
- Volunteer readers
- First Aid Training – Year 3
- Swimming lessons
- Read Every Day challenge rewards

Sports

- Sport's day
- District athletics
- KS2 swimming
- Inter class sports activities
- Visit from a medal winning athlete
- District X-Country
- KS2 visit to Wing Tennis Club

As you can see there has been a wealth of activities taking place over the year. As a school we have achieved so much during this year, from sporting events to History events, from Bikeability to walk to school week, from the Christmas Fayre to fundraising and who could forget the discos where children, and staff, showed off their moves! Throughout the year our children have represented the school in a positive and enthusiastic way and their manners and attitude have been praised by visitors to the school and by the general public.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff at our school for their hard work this year. They all work tirelessly to provide an all-round education for each and every child and they go above and beyond in all they do. Every member of staff is valued for the contribution they bring to our school and I am sure that you will join me and the children in saying thank you to each and every one of them. I would also like to thank Miss White-Jones for the work she has done in different classes throughout the year, often stepping in at the last minute to cover staff absence. Her commitment to Overstone is much appreciated.

We also say goodbye to Mr Winyard, Mrs Watkin and Miss Mitchener as the year comes to an end. Over time they have each provided your children with care, consideration and a good education. We wish each of them good luck and every success for the future.

I would also like to thank the governors for their guidance and support as they work with the staff to shape the school and move it forward. The PTA have also played a large role in our school life and the time they volunteer for meetings, organising and attending events is much appreciated. Finally I would like to thank you, the parents, for working so closely with the school to help your children learn in all manner of ways. The partnership between school and parents is vitally important for the children and we value working as a team. Thank you to all parents who were able to return the report comment forms and to those who have emailed me recently. The staff and I really value the kind words that you have conveyed about the education we are providing for your children.

Over the summer the building work for The Orchard and the main school will continue. The S4A room is being transformed into a technology space, the new server room is being constructed, there is work being done in the hall and the new calm room will be created. The Orchard construction work should be finished for the start of the new year and then Mrs Blake and her team will be preparing the inside, ready to welcome the new children who will be joining Overstone. We will also be able to go back to using the front door in our newly created entrance space.

As our children move up another year in their education we ask them 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 school. For others this has been a year where they will have consolidated learning and open their minds to new challenges. For our Year 6 children this will have been their last year at primary school and we can be confident we have given them the tools to grow their wings and move to their next school with confidence and a thirst for knowledge. Please stay in touch and let us know how you are getting on.

Throughout this year we have focused on our school values. The children have encompassed these into their everyday lives and learning. Now is the time to draw on those learning behaviours as we take the next step. Let us all try our hardest as we know things will be often be hard as we move to a new class. Let us all listen to our friends and learn new things. Let us show respect at all time to people and things in our school. And perhaps, most importantly at this time, let us all be kind to everyone, with our words and our actions, as we know there are more good things to come.

Have a wonderful summer and see you in September.

Best wishes,

Mrs K. Eales
Headteacher