



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 3 - Tring Museum
- Year 3 - 6 - Visit to the local church for a harvest lesson
- Pre-School & Reception - Animal Ark mobile farm visited the school
- Year 2 - Claydon House
- Year 5 - Police visitor for History unit of Crime and Punishment
- Year 6 - Batchworth Canal Museum
- Year 4 – Verulamium Museum
- Year 1 - Visit to the local church for RE
- Year 3 - 6 - Visit to the local church for a Christmas lesson
- Years 3 - 6 - Young Voices
- Year 4 - The Living Rainforest
- Year 5 - The National Space Museum
- Year 1 - Woburn Safari Park
- Reception - Ascot Gardens
- Year 3 - British Museum, London
- Year 4 - Local river study
- Year 6 - Residential at Hudnall Park
- Year 5 - Milton Keynes Art Gallery

Visitors

- School nurses
- Guide Dogs for the Blind
- Year 2 – The History Man – Castles
- The Police – Crime and Punishment
- Year 3 – History off the Page – The Romans
- Year 6 – RAF Halton

PTA

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

Activities in school

- Bikeability & Balance bikes
- Harvest Festival
- Open classroom
- Fundraising for Sport Relief
- Presentation from the PRU regarding behaviour strategies
- Stay and take part sessions
- World Book Day
- National Numeracy morning
- Nativities and Carol concert
- New playground markings and 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
- Science week and the Science Fair
- Facelift for the dining room
- Beacons of Peace – D-Day celebrations
- Parent information lessons
- Christmas jumper day
- New classes day
- Lots of clubs during and after school
- Battle of the Houses – Christmas songs
- Leaver's assembly
- Bags to School
- Performances
- Young enterprise/Y6 fundraising
- First Aid Training – Year 3
- Year 6 – African Drumming workshops at Cottesloe

Sports

- Sport's day
- District athletics
- KS2 swimming
- Inter class sports activities
- Visit from a medal winning athlete
- Sports festivals with other school
- Y1 – Y6 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 like to thank Miss White-Jones for stepping in to teach Year 3 alongside Mrs Younger this year. Although she isn't a permanent member of staff we like to think of Miss White-Jones as one of the Overstone family and I am sure she will be back in school next year doing supply teaching and helping out where we need it. We also say goodbye to Zoe Taylor who is one of our midday supervisors. Zoe has been with us for a year and her kind and gentle manner with the children, as they eat their lunch, has been so helpful. We wish Zoe well as she takes on a new role working with the children in Early Years at a school in Leighton Buzzard.

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 we are having some work done at the school as the swimming pool is being decommissioned. The swimming pool cover will be removed and the pool filled in. That area will then be tarmacked in order for the space to be used in a different way. More information to follow next term.

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