



Overdale Junior School  
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# Overdale Junior School Newsletter

## March 2016

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Headteacher: Mrs J Hart

### Message from the Head

Thank you for all the support at parents evening. We felt it was very useful to be able to discuss successes and next steps.

*Mrs J Hart, Headteacher*

### Upcoming events

#### Weds 9<sup>th</sup> March

Year 3 to Gurdwara

#### Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> March

3D Class Assembly to parents

#### Mon 14<sup>th</sup> March

6.15pm Parents Forum

#### Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> March

3E Class Assembly to parents

#### Fri 18<sup>th</sup> March

Sports Relief Day

Y6 to SJNCC – Science Demo

#### Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Whole School Easter Assembly

6E Food Routes Trip to Co-Op

#### Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Y5 to visit St Mary's Church

#### Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> March

3F Class Assembly to parents

Report Cards out

School closes for Easter

#### Mon 11<sup>th</sup> April

School opens

#### Tues 12<sup>th</sup> April

Class Group Photos

### PA events

#### Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> March

Cake Sale – Dining Hall 3.20pm

#### Fri 18<sup>th</sup> March

Adults Only Quiz Night

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### Parentpay

It has come to our attention, when sending a text out to parents, that some of your contact numbers on your Parentpay page are incorrect. Therefore you will not be receiving any messages from school. As we are unable to change your personal information on your Parentpay account, may we please ask that you check all your details to ensure they are correct.

If you haven't done so already, please register with ParentPay using the activation code provided by school. If you have lost your code, please contact the school office.

### Contact List

May we also please ask that you update any changes in your personal situation with the office should you change address, work or mobile number as it is imperative that we are able to contact you should we need to.

### Spare Clothes

We would be grateful if anyone has any spare girls coats that the school could use as spares. If you do have any that your child no longer wears, please bring them into school where we will find a good home for them!

### SAT's Reminder

SAT's for our Year 6 children will take place week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> May, preparation in the classroom is underway for the children. More information for Year 6 parents/carers including how you can help to support your child in the weeks before SAT's, Y6 breakfast club, etc. will be available over the coming weeks.

### Leicester City of Sanctuary

Our school is pleased to support Leicester City of Sanctuary, a local charity that works with those seeking sanctuary from war and persecution. Asylum seekers are people, they're teachers, doctors, cooks and carers - but they are not allowed to work. Leicester City of Sanctuary wants to help asylum seekers use their skills in voluntary work so that they can help each other and our community. The 'Stepping Stones' project will help people reclaim their dignity and do something useful. Please vote for Leicester City of Sanctuary by 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016 as a finalist for the Big Lottery Fund/ITV's Peoples Project. Vote at: [www.thepeoplesprojects.org.uk](http://www.thepeoplesprojects.org.uk)

### Please visit our Overdale Blog

[www.ojs1.primaryblogger.co.uk](http://www.ojs1.primaryblogger.co.uk)

We aim to keep you up to date with all of the exciting lessons from inside and outside of the classrooms. All posts are written by the children on their view of school life! We have fantastic blogs from children taking part in World Book Day, Clean for the Queen and other fun school activities. It is a great way to keep up with the everyday activities taking place at school!



## Football

In the first set of games before Christmas we finished 3rd in the league after this result we were put through to the top division this term, Division 1. We are currently top of Division 1 and unbeaten. The two top teams go into a play-off tournament at LCFC training ground to become the best school in Leicester. We recently entered a tournament at LCFC training ground and unfortunately after drawing 1-1 we lost on penalties in the semi-final. Fantastic Achievement so far this year!

## Sponsored Times Table Challenge

A big thank you to all parents and carers who supported and sponsored their children for the Times Table challenge. The children raised a massive £1465!!! Overdale School Council children with advice from the Parent's Association will vote on how they would like the money to be spent in school. We will let you know once the children have come to a decision.

## Heavy snow? Is the school open?

With winter still with us and the weather somewhat unpredictable, we need to have plans in place in case it becomes necessary for the school to close due to adverse and unsafe weather conditions. In these circumstances an announcement will be made on BBC Radio Leicester, GEM and Capital (the Dino and Pete show) and we will put a closure notice on the school website. We will also endeavor to send a text message to all parents who are registered with ParentPay. In the event of snow, please do not ring the school office to check if school is open: we ask that parents listen to the radio and check the school website for information. If no announcement is made, the school will be open as normal.

## Additional funding: is your child eligible?

Your child could be entitled to up to £1320 of additional funding for extra resources, support and enrichment activities such as music lessons, if they are eligible for free school meals **even if they do not have them or eat a packed lunch from home**. To find out if you qualify, ask at the school office or visit [www.leicester.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.leicester.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals).

For the latest information, up to date events listings and copies of recent letters to parents visit the school website at

**[www.overdale-jun.leicester.sch.uk](http://www.overdale-jun.leicester.sch.uk)**  
**Did you know?**

The Fashion & Textile Children's Trust (FTCT) provides grants to parents whose children may require additional support. Education and Wellbeing grants are available to children up to 18 years of age whose parent or carer works – or has previously worked – in the UK fashion and textile industry. Find out more at [www.ftct.org.uk/grants](http://www.ftct.org.uk/grants) or call 0300 123 9002.

## Don't forget

The children spend their morning break and lunchtime outside in all but the worst weather so **it is essential that they bring a coat to school** to keep them warm and dry in the playground. Cold, wet children are definitely not happy children so please do make sure your child has their coat with them every day.

## NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE ON ITS WAY

We are in the process of launching our brand new website, to help make it even easier for you to keep up to date with what's going on at OJS. We can't wait!