



Overdale Junior School
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Overdale Junior School Newsletter

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Message from the Head

Welcome back! The children certainly seem to have recharged their batteries and started the Summer Term at full pace. Our new theme of 'Inventions' has been embraced with their usual enthusiasm!

Mrs J Hart, Headteacher

Upcoming events

Friday 29th April

'Backing the Blues' day

Monday 16th May

Bikeability Training (Year 6)

Friday 20th May

Diversity Day

Skyride (for those eligible - letter to follow)

Thursday 26th May

Whetstone Pastures Farm
3E and 3C (1/2)

Friday 27th May

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PA events

Weather permitting Frozen Fridays will begin again on the flat playground after school.

Saturday 25th June

School Fete 12.30–3.00p.m.



Cut down line to detach events list

School Website (overdale-jun.leicester.sch.uk)

Our new website is now live and brimming with information to keep you up-to-date with what's going on in school. The Events Calendar and News items will be regularly updated so please use these to check up on current activities. Improving the site is an ongoing process so we welcome any comments and/or suggestions that would make it more user-friendly.

Please email them to website@overdale-jun.leicester.sch.uk.

Parent Survey

Thank you to everyone that took part in the parent/carer survey. A total of 85 forms were completed and the results have been summarised. Any forms that raised specific questions were given to the relevant class teacher to deal with directly. We received some very positive comments but recognise there's always room for improvement. As such an action plan has been drafted to address the areas with lower scores. Please visit the Parent Survey article in the News section of the website to see the full results and action plan.

ECO Silver Award!

We are continually trying to look at the environment: both locally and around the world. We are working with Eco Schools to be sustainable in all areas of our school's life. Recently, we obtained our silver award and are now working to achieve our Green Flag status! Thank you for everyone's continued hard work, especially our Eco committee EcOverdale who meet weekly to help the school move closer to its goals. If you would like to read more about the various projects we are working on please visit the new Eco section of the school Website.

Do you have a spare Gazebo?

With the weather beginning to improve and more time potentially spent outside we're always looking to improve the outdoor areas. If you happen to have a gazebo that's going spare or parasol with ground support even, then we would love to hear from you. Please let the office know if you have one to donate. Thank you.

Sensory Garden Officially Launched

What a glorious day we booked to launch the recently completed sensory garden! Officially opened by Ted Cassidy the Lord Mayor and enjoyed by a great number of visitors on the day the garden is now officially open. Thank you to all those that have contributed to its development and those who attended the launch on the day. If you haven't had a chance to see it yet then hopefully you will have a chance in the near future (it's in between the flat and wobbly playground). Or alternatively enjoy the photos on the website News item. We are really looking forward to watching it develop further and the children enjoying it for many years to come.

Just Cook for Fun!

After a very successful first run of the new after school cookery club 'Just Cook for fun!' we're starting the 2nd wave of families this week. This is a great opportunity for family members to enjoy cooking and tasting simple recipes together. We're currently fully booked for this set of sessions but look out for invitations early May for the next club that will run from 9th June to 5th July. Or get in touch with Mrs Cooper or the school office to express an interest.

OJS Get Active!

As always the sporting calendar is particularly busy with OJS represented at a number of events. Remember we keep you posted of all our achievements with our Twitter account @ojsSport. Please note that lunch time Athletics/Cross Country training has now been divided over two lunch times. Year 5 and 6 on a Wednesday and Year 3 and 4 on Friday. Full details were sent in a letter recently. If you missed it you can find a copy in the 'Letters to Parents' section of the website. You should also have received a letter advising there is **no swimming until further notice**.

School Fete – 25th June

In order to run the summer fete we need in the region of 180 volunteers to give up some of their time. It's a great effort and usually raises in excess of £6,000 each year, which will all be put towards funding to enhance your child's learning experience. Please complete the volunteer slip in book bags recently to let the fete committee know you're up for helping! Also if you find yourself with any surplus plants of any kind please consider donating them for sale at the fete. Please let the PA know by emailing overdalepa@gmail.com, Thank You!

We're backing The Blues!

In support of Leicester City's fight for the Barclays Premiership Title we're proud to be supporting the 'Backing the Blues' campaign which aims to turn Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland blue for the day! We are inviting you to join us by wearing blue to school on Friday 29th April. Come on the Blues!

A Few Reminders...

Cool Milk

If you pay for cool milk please remind your child to collect it from the office at break time. We are left with the majority of milk uncollected each day despite continued reminders to the children.

Lunch Boxes

Please remember to collect your lunch box at the end of the day from the Browett entrance, especially on Friday as food is going off in the lunch bags. Also remember those healthy choices please, no sweets, chocolate or fizzy drinks, Thank you!

SAT's

SAT's for our Year 6 children will take place week commencing 9th May, preparation in the classroom is underway.

Year 6 parents/carers please look out for updates including how you can help to support your child, Y6 breakfast club, etc.

Brrr!

It is still a little cold and wet! Please remember 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.

HEADLICE

There is a particularly high number of headlice cases being reported at present.

Please take the time to check your child/ren and treat the **whole** family accordingly.

Thank you.