



Overdale Junior School
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Overdale Junior School Newsletter

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Upcoming events

Friday 14th October
World Food Day

Mon 17th – 21st October
School closed for ½ Term

Wed 26th October
Seasonal Flu Vaccinations
6 p.m. SATs mtg

Tues 1st November
Individual Photographs

Wed 2nd November
National Roast Dinner Day

14th – 18th November
Anti-bullying Week

Tues 29th November
Parents' Forum (9.30a.m.)
In the Healthy Hut

Monday 5th December
Beauty & The Beast

PA events

Tues 13th December
Carol Singing/
Christmas Tree Festival

Please look out for a separate PA Newsletter to be circulated shortly with a full year calendar of events!



Cut down line to detach events list

Message from Mrs Hart

Where does time go? Here we are, nearly at our first half term break. I am delighted to see how quickly all children have settled in to their new classes and their high levels of involvement in all areas of school life. As ever we had a huge turnout for parents evening and it has been great to share news on each child's progress. No doubt your child's teacher spoke to you about ways to support reading at home as this is something we are focusing on this year. Lots of children have been gaining their Golden Ticket and sharing in the excitement of the prize draw in a Friday assembly. Our challenge is for all children to get a Golden Ticket, please help us! Many thanks.

What 'House' are you in?

The start of the school year introduced an exciting new House system at OJS and we have been delighted by the extremely positive response from all the pupils and staff. It's designed to motivate and reward our learners and develop team building skills across the school. Pupils earn Dojo points by demonstrating aspects of the Overdale Values. Every Dojo point goes towards the House team totals and rewards will be given to teams throughout the year once they reach certain targets. It's really exciting! Every pupil has been placed into one of these five houses (inspired by the beautiful trees on our fantastic grounds) made up of a mix of Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 pupils.

House Points totals so far: (as of 11/10/2016)

Elder 537 Hawthorn 619 Oak 570 Willow 585 Yew 515

New Uniform Provider

We are delighted to have on board our new school uniform provider Gascoigne Clothing. You can order from their website gascoigneclothing.com by selecting Overdale in the school login and entering our password polo1617.

Ordered items will be delivered to school on the first Tuesday of every month for you to collect.

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Harvest Festival. We had a super response, a wonderful assembly and were able to donate generously as a result!

OJS Get Active – with Gold!

What a great start to the sporting year with the announcement that we have been awarded the Gold Level School Games Award for our 2015/16 efforts. The School Games Mark is a government led awards scheme in recognition of a schools' commitment to sporting development and competition. Thank you to everyone involved in helping us achieve this.

And our 2016/17 events have kicked off in great spirits with the boys football team already through to the second round of the Rice Bowl Cup, a County ran competition where the final is played at King Power Stadium! Great fun was also had by all at a World 5k Relay Challenge held at Sir Jonathan North. We entered a year 3/4 and two year 5/6 teams where each ran a total of 5k between them. Two great wins! Please continue to catch updates on sporting events on our Twitter account @ojsSport.

Julie's Story

You may have seen Julie Cattermole's article in the Leicester Mercury or heard her speak on Radio Leicester. She is trying to raise funds for life-saving immunotherapy treatment. Julie has a just giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/julie-cattermole> if you wish to make a donation. A CD, recorded by her brother, called Love Comes Home is also for sale to help raise funds. These are available from both school offices and cost £5.

Congratulations – Zara & Ella!

.....for winning the Sir Jonathan North Open Evening writing competition! There were many entries on the night by all accounts, but Zara Giorgini (5A) and Ella Orwin (6S) produced entries described as "extra spooky"!

Both girls received a £10 Waterstones gift voucher for their efforts and their winning entries posted on the College website.

Well done to both of you!

Oxfam Shwopping Day

Thank you to all parents who helped contribute clothes at the recent Oxfam Shwopping event. We were able to send over 40 large bags full and this will make a valuable difference to Oxfam's fund-raising. It also gave us a further opportunity to help the children understand issues around re-use and waste. The day was an M&S/Oxfam pilot, and they have provided a short survey in order to gather your views.

All parents completing the survey will be in with a chance of winning one of two £25 Amazon vouchers or one £50 Amazon voucher! The survey will take between 5 to 10 minutes to complete and results will be used to help M&S and Oxfam understand the impact of Shwopping for Schools. A link to the survey has been added to the school website in a news article about the event. (overdale-jun.leicester.sch.uk)

Notices & 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!



Parking!

Please remember to park considerately when dropping and picking your children up. DO NOT park on the marked area directly outside school where our Lollipop lady is guiding families across the road. This causes great danger. Thank you!



Snackalicious!

The Snackalicious team and their tasty snacks are available daily at break time. Please make sure children bring small change to pay for their items.



Water Butt wanted!

Mr Massey would like an extra water butt in school. Perhaps there's a spare one at home you don't use? It needs to be sturdy, have a lid, have a base or stand to raise off the ground and a tap at the bottom. If you do, please contact Mr Massey via the school office or in the playground.

Have a great break over Half-Term whatever you're up to!