

Overdale Parents Association

NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2016

Welcome

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the Overdale Parents Association Newsletter. We hope the return to school has been a good one for all our pupils – and that our Rainbows in Reception have had a bright start to life at school.

Overdale PA organises events to raise funds for our Infant and Junior schools, providing a link between parents, carers, children and staff.

Read on to find out about the fun activities we have planned, ways to get involved in the PA, as well as how you can win cash prizes while raising money for a good cause. You will also hear about how our Parents Association has been able to fund some great initiatives at Overdale Junior School and Overdale Infant School.



Dates for your diary

We have put together an exciting calendar of events for all the family – come along and join in the fun!*

Junior School Christmas Disco

Thursday 8 December 2016

Years 3 & 4 – 6pm / Years 5 & 6 – 7.15pm

Christmas Tree Festival / Carol Singing with Salvation Army

Tuesday 13 December 2016, 6pm

Infant School Christmas Event

Date and time to be confirmed

Family Bingo

Friday 3 February 2017, 5.30pm

Annual Quiz Night for Parents and Carers

Friday 17 March 2017, 7pm

Summer Fête

Saturday 24 June 2017, 12.30pm

Leavers' Discos

Thursday 13 July 2017

Year 2 – 5.30pm / Year 6 – 7pm

We also have some brand new events in the pipeline—keep an eye out for details around the schools over the next few months.

***All start times are approximate**

Making a difference

Funds generated by our parents, carers and friends have helped our Infant and Junior schools enormously.

Thanks to you, over the past year, we have been able to help fund singing equipment and festive classroom gifts for the Infant School, and a trip to Burghley House for the Juniors.

You have also helped us to progress and complete key initiatives such as refurbishment of the Infant School playground, and reconstruction of the pond area and outdoor learning and sensory areas for the Juniors. And of course the Infant School took a trip to the Pantomime last December. None of this would have been possible without your generosity.

Thank you for supporting us each and every year—and for making a difference for every Overdale child.

Overdale
A logo consisting of five stylized stick figures of varying heights holding hands in a line.
Parents Association

New 2016/17 PA Committee Team elected

Following our recent AGM, we are pleased to announce that the PA Committee team for 2016/17 will be:

Chair	Toni Bentley
Vice Chair	Louise Woolhouse
Treasurer	Matt Davis
Meetings Secretary	Sarah Ahmed
General Secretary	Katherine Allen

Next PA Meeting:

Thursday 19 January 2017
7pm
Junior School

A warm welcome to Louise who joins the Committee for the first time. We would also like to say a special 'thank you' to Sue Davis and Helen Ford (former Co-Vice Chairs), Mel Elliott (Joint General Secretary) and Lisa Westerman (2016 Fête Manager) for all their hard work and gusto over the past year. They will continue to organise, and help at, future PA events.

Thank you to everyone who attended September's AGM – it was great to meet with new parents and also chat about how we can best serve our schools this school year. Thank you also to our Committee Members who work so hard and give so much of their time to support the PA.

To find out more about the PA, or to discuss any PA matter, drop us an email at overdalepa@gmail.com

Super Summer Fête raises £7k

Summer may be over but our schools will be reaping the rewards of this year's Fête for years to come.

The 2016 Summer Fête raised approximately £7k, which will help to fund various projects in both schools.

A huge thanks to Lisa Westerman, the Fête Committee, and everyone who volunteered on the day, for working so hard to make our biggest annual event a success.

Planning will soon get underway for next year's event. The 2017 Summer Fête will take place on Saturday, June 24.

Be a 100 Club prize winner

Would you like the chance to win a cash prize while raising funds for our schools...all for just £3 a month?

Join the 100 Club!

For details, email Treasurer Matt Davis at mp.davis@talk21.com

Prize Winners (Spring 2016):

1st Prize (£63.00)	F Ladd
2nd Prize (£37.80)	A Callaghan
3rd Prize (£25.20)	H Ford

Prize Winners (Summer 2016):

1st Prize (£88.50)	J Stone
2nd Prize (£53.10)	A Patel
3rd Prize (£35.40)	B D'Mellow

Congratulations to all!

Get involved!

We would love to hear your ideas and views as to how we could make the PA even better. You might have a fundraising idea or a new social event in mind; perhaps you have a hobby or interest which you could combine with raising funds for the schools. All suggestions are welcome! **Simply send an email to overdalepa@gmail.com with the details.** You can also get involved by volunteering at any of the PA events - again, send us an email with your contact details and someone will be in touch.