



Overdale Junior School
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Overdale Junior School Newsletter

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Dates for the Diary

Tues. 28th February
Parents Evening/Parents
Forum (drop-in)/Book Fair

Wed. 1st March
Parents Evening/Parents
Forum (drop-in)/Book Fair

Mon. 20th March
Group Photos

Mon. 27th March
3E & 3D Bosworth
Battlefield Trip

Thurs. 30th March
3S & 3C Bosworth
Battlefield Trip

Friday 7th April
School closes for Easter break

Monday 24th April
School re-opens

Tues 2nd May
Parents Forum (Healthy Hut)
9.30 a.m. – 10.20 a.m.

PA events

Friday 17th March 7p.m.
Adult Quiz Night (Juniors)

Thursday 30th March
Cake Sale (Infants Hall)



Cut down line to detach events list

Message from Mrs Collins

What a great start to the new year! The children have returned after the Christmas holiday energised and renewed. They have begun to explore the theme of 'Grand Designs' and we look forward to seeing the results of their projects in our Grand Finale towards the end of term. We appreciate all the support you will provide to your children in extending their learning and bringing the subject to life.

Year 4 children have dazzled us with the brass performance and the choir were hugely excited by the Young Voices trip to Birmingham. How proud they have made us all! Music is such a strong part of our wider curriculum with every child taking part in music lessons.

This week is Internet Safety Week and we encourage you to talk to your children about being safe online.

Parents and children also enjoyed Bingo Night. May I express a huge thanks to all who helped out and supported the event. It was great fun! Before we finish, may I also send warm wishes to a number of our staff who are embarking on new beginnings; Mr Ellis who is getting married and will return as Mr Ellis, Mrs Malkin, who is off to have her first baby and Mrs Rawi who is leaving to have her second and Mrs Simmons who is sadly leaving us to focus on her child minding work. We will miss all of them dearly.

I hope you all have a restful half term and look forward to the coming Spring.

Young Voices Trip

What a fabulous day! On Wednesday 25th January we took 48 choir members to Birmingham to take part in the Young Voices choir. The choir had a total of 6668 children! We started the day by practising the songs and dance moves for two hours. We then had lunch before performing to a packed out NEC.

It was a great experience for all that came along - pupils, staff and family members that joined us to support the event. If you would like to see some photos taken on the day please visit the News section of the school website.

House Points continue to grow

Congratulations to everyone continuing to gain points for their house. We have seen all houses go beyond 2500 points earning a well-received non-uniform day. Keep up the hard work everyone!

Calling all artists....The Art Club needs you!

Art club is looking for any volunteers to share their expertise in any type of art. This can be photography based or sculpture or design or a tour at a gallery/ theatre that you may work at for example. If you can dedicate any time it will be much appreciated! Our art club runs on Thursday from 3:30-5pm and we will be starting this part of art club after February half term. If you're interested please come and speak to Miss Obhi.

Swimming Survey

Thank you to everyone that took the time to respond to the swimming survey. The results have been analysed and summarised and can be found in the Latest News section of the school website. The information will now be used to help inform further discussions about the best way forward. We will advise parents and carers at the earliest opportunity of the agreed approach.

Internet Safety Week

Do you know what your child is up to online? All our children at Overdale need to be Internet Safety aware. Tuesday 7th Feb. was Safer Internet Day, which we have supported by holding an Internet Safety Week! During the week the children have focussed on staying safe online through a range of activities.

Ask your child/ren what they've learnt this week about staying safe online. Please also visit the 'Staying Safe Online' section of the school website that has lots of useful links and resources.

New Section of the school Website

We have added a whole new area to the school website with a focus on 'Keeping Safe'. You will find advice on walking to school, staying safe online and antibullying full of links and resources to support you. Included are separate information sections for parents/carers and children with appropriate information in each. Please take the time to have a look.

Farmers Market

As part of our continued Food for Life activities we are planning a Farmers Market - 25th May p.m. We hope to attract lots of local businesses. The market is a great opportunity to buy local fresh produce, home-baking, jams & chutneys etc. It will also give children the chance to organise a real world enterprise project; learn about food and farming, develop literacy skills (writing letters & designing posters) as well as numeracy skills (thinking about costs, weights and measures). Further details will be available nearer the time but if you are interested in being involved in some way, having a stall for example, please contact Mrs Cooper via the school office.

Notices & Reminders...

Lunch Boxes

Please remember to collect your lunch box at the end of the day, we still find some left in the dining hall!
Thank you!



Parking!

We are working with the Infants and Council to help improve parking outside school. In the meantime please remember to park considerately when dropping and picking your children up. DO NOT park on the zig zag marked area directly outside school entrances.

This causes great danger.

Please also switch off your car engines if you are early. We are receiving complaints from local residents about those arriving early leaving engines running for some time.

Please support keeping the local environment as healthy as possible. Thank you.



Bingo!

Thank you to all those that supported the recent Parents Association Bingo event. It was attended by a record 180 people, GREAT fun was had by all and it raised a fantastic sum of £475!