

27<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

We are pleased to announce a day of special celebrations for the whole school community on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017. This will mean some changes to the normal school timetable and parents/carers will be able to join us in the afternoon for our first ever school farmers market.

In the morning there will be a special event for children and staff to celebrate Overdale Junior School being awarded the prestigious Green Flag for being a great environmentally friendly school, one of only 7 in the City!

Everyone is encouraged to wear something green for this occasion when we will raise our Green Flag during a whole school assembly. In the afternoon we will be holding our School Farmers Market to help us towards our Gold Food for Life Award. We would like to invite everyone connected to the whole school community and people living in the neighbourhood. The market is an opportunity to buy locally sourced fresh produce eg: meat, home-baking, bread, jams & chutney, as well as fruit, vegetables and flowering plants from numerous local shops/organisations. In addition, classes will be holding their own stalls in classrooms selling food and plants etc. We are happy for children to bring money in to be able to buy items (max £2 please).

We would very much like to encourage parents to come in to school from 2.20pm onwards to collect their child(ren) from classrooms and enjoy touring the market stalls together. We are pleased Overdale Infant School will also be taking part in this event and infant children can be picked up from there from 2.15pm to come to the Junior school event.

The following timetable may be helpful:

2.15pm – Parents/carers can pick up children from the Infant school to attend the farmers market.

2.20pm – 3.20pm – Parents/carers can pick up children from the Junior school. All pupils must be signed out of their classroom by parents who are then responsible for supervising their child(ren) until the end of the school day. The market will run until 4.00pm.

2.30pm – Members of the public (non-parent/carers) can attend the market by signing in at the Junior school reception. They should sign out when they leave. Other schools and the media may also attend.

3.20pm – Parents coming to collect children at the end of the day go straight to their child's class to sign them out instead of meeting on the playground. They can go round the market together. Children who walk home alone can leave the classroom to visit the market/go home at 3.20pm.

3.20pm – Children who attend after school care eg: Blossoms/Willows should meet leaders in the designated area. This may be different from normal and will be arranged with the organisations in advance.

3.45pm – Classroom stalls pack up and close.

4.00pm – Market closes.

Refreshments will be available in the Healthy Hut. We very much hope you can join us on this occasion. Please complete the reply slip if you are able to help with setting up on the day (from 11am onwards). Please note ambassadors should still wear their red fleeces and school council wear their badges.

Yours sincerely

*Mrs L Collins*

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**Deputy Headteacher/SENCO**

*Mrs K Cooper*

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**Farmers Market Co-ordinator**

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OVERDALE JUNIOR SCHOOL

FARMERS MARKET THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017

REPLY SLIP

Child's Name ..... Class .....

Parent Name ..... Mobile No .....

I can help at the following time(s) .....