



Overdale Junior School
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Overdale Junior School Newsletter

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Dates for the Diary

Summer Half Term

29th – 5th June (note Monday 5th is a teacher day only)
School re-opens for children on Tuesday 6th June

Thurs 8th/Fri. 9th June

Charity Week activities

Mon. 12th/Tues. 13th June

4P&4T/4EB& 4MS Temple Visit

Thurs. 22nd June

Yr Brass concert – DMH

Tues. 27th June

School Council – Rolleston PS

Fri. 30th June

Y4 'Kids Country Food & Farming Day' Peterborough

Thurs. 6th July

Parents Forum Picnic (3.40p.m)

PA events

Fri. 23rd June

Fete dress down/donation day

Sat. 24th June (p.m.)

Summer Fete

Leavers Discos (Yrs 2&6)

Thursday 13th July



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Message from Mrs Hart

Can you believe how quickly we are approaching the last half term of the school year. The learning and fun continues apace. Thank you to everyone who supported our first ever farmers market. All the hard work really paid off. A special thanks to Mrs Cooper and Mrs Stevens who got the project off the ground and put lots of time and energy in to making it a really special event.

Congratulations to 4EB who came away with the trophy from the Powerful Words Poetry Competition 2017 and Thomas Wilson has been named as Overdale poet laureate. He summed up the day in his own words:

In the 2Funky Café
Where the poets lay
In wait to cause surprise
And bring creative joy to our eyes
There are performances of all kinds
With extremely wacky rhymes
You will have the best times
In the 2FunkyCafe

You can catch him outside the Curve this Saturday serving up more of his masterpieces.

May has brought with it the sunshine and it is lovely to be able to enjoy all that our beautiful school environment offers. Can you help us to make this possible by providing your child with a sun hat and sending in sun cream (both labelled please). Remember to talk to your child about how to keep safe in the sun. You can find some helpful information at : <http://publications.cancerresearchuk.org/downloads/product/ssps.pdf>.

Finally I would like to say how proud I am of our Year 6 children who took their SATs tests during the week of the 8th May. They approached this time with the same determination and dedication that they show to all they do, turning up for breakfast and showing one another care and support.

Have a lovely restful bank holiday Best wishes Mrs Hart

Multi-Academy Trust Consultation

Thank you to everyone who took part in the consultation process either at the meetings, through correspondence or via the online survey. All Governing Bodies found it very helpful and the inputs received have added to the conversations being had across all five schools.

As a group of schools we were pleased with the level of responses and the quality of the debate. Naturally, we received a broad range of views, but the overall response to the survey was supportive of the proposal. Please see the school website for a detailed breakdown of the results.

Clearly there is still much work to be done and all Governing Bodies will continue to reflect on all the views we have received as we proceed.

Farmers Market

Thank you to everyone that took part in our first Farmers Market on Thursday 25th May, part of our Food for Life activities. We were delighted to be joined by a range of local businesses, complemented by the various Overdale stalls run by the children. We do hope those that joined us enjoyed the range of produce available. Many thanks for your support.

Eco Schools Green Flag!



We have also been celebrating our environmental achievements having been awarded the Eco Schools Green Flag! The whole school focuses on eco-friendly practices by following our Overdale Eco Code. Particular thanks to members of Ecoverdale, our eco-Committee, for keeping us on track!

E-Safety!

All parents have been invited to attend an e-safety discussion to share the issues presented to us these days and to consider ways to help our children use the internet and various apps safely. Three sessions have been made available on Monday 19th June. Please return your reply slip that was sent home in book bags. This letter can also be found on the school website in the 'Letters to Parents' section. We hope you will take up this great opportunity to join us for us all to share the safeguards we can put in place to protect our children.

OJS Get Active!

The sporting calendar has been extremely busy as usual with lots of children involved in a number of events this half term including football, golf and cricket.

To support the organisation and focus on the various sporting ventures we are delighted to have appointed a new Sports Council

Primary Chef of the Year Competition!

Congratulations and best of luck to Eleanor Hartshorne and Nitya Bhardwaj who have been successful in securing a place in the final of the Primary Chef of the Year competition at Leicester College on Wednesday 28th June! 15 OJS entries were judged by the school cook and head teacher for which they each had to propose a two course menu suitable for primary school children within a budget of £1.30 for both parts. It needed to be healthy, use fruit and vegetables and reflect our cultural diversity. Judged as the best in OJS Eleanor and Nitya went on to practise their menu at home before submitting it to the main competition - resulting in their place in the finals. We look forward to supporting them at the end of June!

Inhalers...

Over the past couple of weeks the office has had a number of inhalers handed in that have been found on the playground and field. They are often identical and therefore very difficult to find out who they belong to. It is fair to assume therefore that some children do not have their inhaler with them and therefore vulnerable should they suffer an attack. Please ensure that the canister and the blue outer case are both clearly named. This will help us return them safely to the correct owner. Thank you.

Ultra-marathon Dads

Two wonderful parents in the Infants have kindly agreed to donate monies raised from two ultramarathons they are completing to the PA funds. We would like to extend our thanks to Stacey & George for this great effort. If you would like to see further details of the events and how to make a donation please visit the following website link:

<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/ultramarathonblokes>

Notices & Reminders...

Guitar and Ukulele clubs

Afterschool guitar lessons for ages 7 and up on Wednesdays
3.30pm & 4.00pm
Knighton & Clarendon Park Club
125 Clarendon Park Road LE2 3AJ

Afterschool ukulele lessons for ages 5 and up on Thursdays
3.30pm & 4.00pm
(venue as above)

Contact: Ben Siddall

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Lunch Boxes

As always please remember to collect your lunch box at the end of the day, especially before the half-term break!

Thank you.



Parking!

We are continuing to work 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.