



Dates for the Diary

Friday 14th July

School closes for Summer

Thursday 24th-25th Aug.

Teacher only days

Monday 28th Aug.

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 29th Aug.

School opens - Autumn Term

Monday 4th – 8th Sept.

Kingswood Trip (Yr 6)

Thursday 28th Sept.

Parent drop-in session –
Healthy Child Programme
Nurse

PA events

Thursday 14th Sept. (7p.m. at Juniors)

PA Welcome Meeting

Thursday 28th Sept. (7p.m. at Infants)

Annual General Meeting



Cut down line to detach events list

Message from Mrs Hart

Here we are at the end of another enjoyable and very productive year that has seen many high points. Some old favourites, like the choir taking part in 'Sing-Up' at the NEC to our first Farmers Market, which was a wonderful success. We have seen more and more children get involved in the ever increasing number of opportunities. Only this week the children involved in Art Club had their hard work rewarded – achieving the Explore Arts Award!

It is the dedication and commitment of the adults and children at OJS that makes it the vibrant and exciting place to be.

As another year draws to an end, we hope that everyone can look back on their personal achievements. It's a time when we say our farewells to our year 6 children as they take the big next step into secondary school. Four years has gone so fast. We have seen them grow and learn together and excel in so many things. We wish them all the best and look forward to hearing about their future successes.

We extend our best wishes to everyone and thank you for all your support throughout the year. We know that when we work together as a school community we can achieve great things.

Have a lovely summer!

Mrs Hart

Staffing updates

Firstly many congratulations to Miss Dighton and Mrs Malkin on their new bundles of joy. And with sadness we say farewell to both Miss Sultana and Miss Pinnock and wish them all the best in their new schools. But we are delighted to be welcoming three new members of staff Mrs Sands, Mr Wallace and Miss Neal who had the opportunity to meet their classes last week. We look forward to welcoming them fully next term.

Welcomes and goodbyes

We cannot wait to welcome our new Yr 3 children properly in August and look forward to a fabulous year of learning with them. Thank you to all staff from Overdale Infants and Overdale Juniors who have been involved in the many activities to help the transition process.

And it's that time of year again when we have to bid farewell to our amazing year 6s! We are extremely proud of the way they have conducted themselves this year. They have worked with enthusiasm and creativity to meet the demands of the new curriculum. Their end of year leavers performance showcases how they have grown in confidence during their time at Overdale. We wish them all the best in Secondary School. They will be missed!

Healthy Together Programme

We are delighted to be able to announce the start of parent drop-in sessions that will be run by the Healthy Child Programme Nurse as part of the 'Healthy Together' programme. These will start on Thursday 28th September in the new term and will run thereafter on the last Thursday of each month. Look out for further information at the start of next term.

Powerful Words....

Congratulations to 4EB who, following a series of poetry writing workshops, took part in a 'poetry slam' with three other schools and came away with the winning trophy! The workshops were delivered as part of the Spark Arts for Children and supported the class to explore creative writing and performing. They also received an Arts Award qualification. Further congratulations to Thomas Wilson who was awarded the position of Overdale Poet Laureate!

E-Safety!

Thank you to all those that attended the e-safety sessions provided this term. It was a great opportunity for us to share information on the range of e-safety resources available to you and provided an ideal forum to discuss your experiences with other parents. If you would like an information booklet that was provided on the day it is available at the school office.

Clean Air Day – June 15th

Polluted air is known to seriously affect health and children are most at risk. The activities on this day helped highlight this and encouraged solutions. It was great to see the children embracing the day by coming along to school on foot, scooters and bikes. 'Dr Bike' was extremely popular and checked and serviced in excess of 60 bikes. Thank you to all that joined us after school. We hope that you found it informative and useful.

De Montfort Hall Brass Concert!

The whole of year 4 have yet again enjoyed the opportunity of having weekly brass lessons culminating in a performance at De Montfort Hall. It was a great opportunity for the children to experience performing live in a large concert hall alongside a number of other schools and also enjoy the inspiring performances of older, more experienced musicians. Thank you to all parents and carers for supporting the children with their practising and for joining them on the night! Well done to all involved.

Farmers Market & Charity Week

Many thanks to everyone for supporting the children with their efforts in both the Farmers Market back in May and our charity days. The children always come up with the most imaginative stalls to raise money and these events were no exception. As well as the many lessons learned the Farmers Market raised a handsome £640 which will help promote the cooking and growing activities in school. Our total for the charity days was an amazing £1,193.18 which is to be shared between the RSPCA, Rainbows and Water Aid.

SATS Results

We are very proud of the hard work and progress that our year 6's have achieved, but this is only one element of their success!

All pupils	Expected standard and above		High Standard		Average Scores	
	School	National	School	National	School	National
Reading	86%	71%	28%	No data yet	106.1	104
Writing	92%	76%	23%	No data yet		
Maths	82%	75%	21%	No data yet	105.4	104
RWM	77%	61%	TBC	No data yet		
GPS	92%	77%	30%	No data yet	106.9	106

Notices & Reminders...

Fete Results...

A spectacular **8.5k** was raised at the school fete this year, which the children will benefit from greatly. Thank you to all involved in organising it and all who supported it in whatever way.



Lost Property

As always we have an ever-increasing pile of lost property. If you are missing any items please take the time to check at the Browett entrance before the end of term.



Lunch Boxes

Please remember to collect your lunch box at the end of the day, especially before the end of term!

Thank you.



Helping in the Garden!

From September, could you help, or do you know of anyone in the community who would be willing to spend time tending the school fruit and vegetable garden? We are looking to create a team of volunteers to help tend and maintain this delightful area, so that it remains a wonderful feature and educational resource throughout the next academic year.

If you are able to help in any way, please contact Mrs Stevens through the school office.

Thank you.