



Overdale Junior School  
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# Overdale Junior School Newsletter

## October 2018

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### Upcoming events

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> October**  
School closed for ½ Term

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November**  
Photographs Day

**12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> November**  
Anti-bullying Week

**Wed 14<sup>th</sup> November**  
National Roast Dinner Day

**Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> November**  
Shakespeare Schools  
Festival, Romeo & Juliet  
performance

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December**  
Peter Pan – M&M  
Productions

### PA events

Thank you to all those that  
attended the first two  
meetings of the year!

Please look out for a  
separate PA Newsletter to  
be circulated shortly with  
details of your new  
committee members and a  
full year calendar of events!



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### **Message from Mrs Hart**

Well here we are at the end of our first very busy half term. I am delighted to see how quickly children have settled in to their new classes and their high levels of involvement in all areas of school life. As ever we had a huge turnout for parents evening and it has been great to share news on each child's progress and achievements both inside and outside of school. This year as a school we are giving a big focus to children becoming really confident writers. They are writing for lots of different purposes and in response to our school themes. We really appreciate all the support that you give the school in helping us to achieve our goals. Have a great half term holiday and we look forward to seeing you after the break!

### **Remembrance Theme**

Thank you to our Remembrance Planning Team who co-ordinated a most enjoyable two weeks of learning and reflection. Thanks also to all those who supported us during the two week mini theme by joining us in the classroom and sharing your stories. As you know the two weeks concluded with the children dressing up and enjoying their street party so thank you also for the effort clearly made on their outfits and the party treats you sent in!

We look forward to unveiling our new Remembrance Garden including the amazing commemorative stones painted by the children.

### **Shakespeare Schools Festival – Curve Theatre**

We are delighted to be taking part again in the Shakespeare Schools Festival held at Curve Leicester during the week of 26th to 29th November - supported by the Shakespeare Schools Foundation (SSF).

Following a series of training workshops run by the SSF our Overdale team will be performing Romeo & Juliet on the evening of 29th November.

Tickets are available to purchase directly from the Curve Theatre website. It would be great to see you there! Please note Mrs Weston has secured a block of seats so that Overdale families can sit together. Please quote 665802 when booking if you wish to be in this block.

## **House Points**

House points are earned by pupils demonstrating terrific learning attitudes as described in our Overdale values. Congratulations to the whole of Willow house who earned the most points and a well-deserved non-school uniform on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

It is great that we can celebrate the team's achievements in this way!

## **OJS Get Active!**

Our 2018/19 events have kicked off in great spirits yet again with our annual entrance into the World 5k Relay Challenge. The children displayed their sporting talent as always with each team completing their 5k with ease.

The cross-country season has also begun and we enjoyed great success in the first event at Knighton Park last week. Well done to all of our runners.

Please continue to catch updates on sporting events on our Twitter account @ojsSport.

## **Are you a TT Rockstar?**

Timetables rock stars continues to be a hit with the children. With many enjoying becoming TTRockstar legends we continue to see positive results. Each child has their own user-name and password so it would be great if you could encourage them to have a go at home too on either the free downloadable app or by visiting the website TTRockstars.

## **Are you a litter picking hero?**

Would you like to volunteer one lunchtime a week to run a litter picking club? Litter Picking Heroes allows the children to use litter pickers and collect from around the school. The litter is then weighed so we can see how effective we are being.

We would love a parent, carer or grandparent volunteer to come and help run this club, with support from Mrs Scott.

Please let us know at the school office if you think could help.

Many thanks.

## **A Few Reminders...**

### **Lunch Boxes**

Please remember to collect your lunch box at the end of the day especially on Friday as food is going off in the lunch bags. Also remember those healthy choices please, no sweets, chocolate or fizzy drinks, Thank you!



### **Parking!**

Please remember to park considerately when dropping and picking your children up. DO NOT park on the marked area directly outside school where our Lollipop lady is guiding families across the road. This causes great danger. Please also be mindful of local residents' driveways. There have been incidents of driveways being blocked reported. Thank you!



### **Drop off/Pick Up**

Please remind children of the rules before and after school. When children are brought by their parents/carers/before school to the playground they must stay on the flat ready to line up when the whistle blows so that all adults know where they are. And at the end of the day when children are collected, they are to stay with their teacher until they are handed over to their grown-up. They must not go off with anybody else that has not been pre-arranged. It is important that parents and teachers know that they have arrived and gone home safely.



**Have a great break over Half-Term whatever you're up to!**

## Careers Week Success!

During Careers Week, we welcomed a number of visitors into school to talk about their jobs. We invited a number of professionals with a wide variety of expertise and experience to speak to our pupils including; premier league referee, BBC sports journalist, doctor, voice over artist, engineering business owner, London Underground track designer, accountant, scientist, land registry, St Johns Ambulance and the Lord Mayor of Leicester.

The main aim was to inspire our pupils by making them aware of a few of the career options they could take and to hopefully inspire them to work harder and aspire to great things. The week was a huge success as it certainly caught the pupil's interest and there was a buzz about the school.

We will hopefully be able to follow up the week with taking some of our pupils to some of the workplaces to see the jobs in action.

We would like to thank all of the visitors that came in to inspire us. Thank you!

