



Overdale C.P Primary School

November 2022 – Newsletter 3 'Respect, Responsibility, Resilience'

Welcome back

The start to the second half term has been calm and settled, despite the first day being Halloween. A couple of requests from us: Please walk on the path to enter school KS1 and KS2 children and parents, we have had a lot of mud brought into school over the past 2 days. Also please support your child to have PE kit in school every week, on the first day back we had several classes where PE kits were not brought in and some classes are still not fully compliant with PE kits. Thank you to all those parent who bring children to school on time, collect them on time and ensure they have all the things they need for the day – we very much appreciate this.

Attendance

A HUGE THANK YOU to the children who attended school every day in the first half term and to their parents for supporting them with this.

Our school is being challenged by the LA as our attendance for the first half term was well below the expected 96% at **92.56%**. We will be sending letters to all parents where attendance has fallen below **93%** for the first half term, this is a **legal requirement** for schools to inform parents when pupil attendance is below expectations.

We will be sending out 46 letters this week, this is a clear indication of why our school is being targeted for improved attendance by the LA.

The impact of poor school attendance and lateness in school cannot be underestimated.

Children fall behind with their learning, they become confused and disengage with the learning sequence due to missing sections of the learning plan and trying to catch up with the missed lessons. This then impacts on self-esteem and attitude to school life, it can also impact on friendship groups as regular absence does not make for good friendships.

Diary Dates



INSET DAYS

Tuesday 3rd Jan
Monday 20th Feb
Monday 5th June
Monday 3rd July

School Photos

Monday 7th Nov

Christmas Dinner

Wed 14th Dec

Choir Performances

Festival of Carols

Sunday 11th Dec at
Methodist Church
In School – Monday
12th Dec

EYFS Nativity

Thurs 8th Dec –
9.30am

Yr 2 Nativity

Tues 13th Dec at
9.30am

Y6 SAT's

Mon 8 May to Thu 11
May 2023

Y2 SATs

Mon 22 May to Thu
15 June

Parent Consultation meetings

This was a successful event overall and this was confirmed by the parent surveys completed, despite only receiving 32 responses from 168 attended appointments.

We received 9 parent comments – 8 were positive, THANK YOU. We received one negative response with several points within it. Going forward we would like to clarify the key points raised:

- Parent consultations are for teachers to talk to parents, not parents and their children.
- The children's workbooks are shared at the mid-year parent consultations not the start of year consultations. The first consultation is about how children have settled into their learning journey and how parents can support that at home.
- We are not able to host consultations in classrooms as this makes it impossible for us to safeguard staff, parents and children across such a large building. In response to this request we are considering inviting parents into classes at another time so that they can see their child's classroom.

Below are the percentage of parents from each class that attended their child's consultation meeting.

Y6 – 78%

Y5 - 91%

Y4 – 92%

Y3HC - 91% / 3K - 90%

Y2 – 87%

Y1S - 100% / Y1B – 87%

Rec W - 100% / Rec M – 70.6%

Unfortunately, we had **17 booked appointments that were not attended**, please inform school if you do not intend to attend an appointment so that other parents can be offered those appointments.



Library

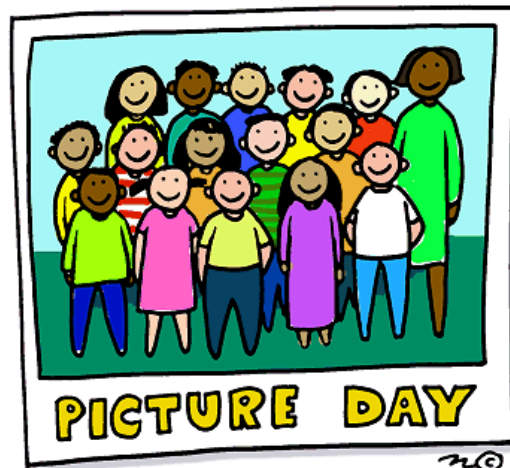
Our new school library is looking fantastic thanks to a generous donation from Lovell Later Living. They have kindly supplied the school with £1200 of funding towards our new Pie Corbett Reading Spine Books that the children in KS2 will be able to borrow from this week. We have chosen 6 school librarians who will be responsible for taking care of the area and ensuring all books are returned using our new library app.

A big thank you to the families that have donated books to school too – if you have any unwanted children's books at home we will gladly use them in our school library for KS2 or our 'Sharing a Story' book loan boxes in EYFS and KS1.

School photographs

These will be taken in the Studio (next to the hall), every child will have an individual picture taken and a picture with their sibling if requested. Please e-mail office@overdale.n-yorks.sch.uk to request a sibling photograph where children are in school in different classes and we will manage this.

If parents would like to have pictures taken with siblings not attending this school this can happen from 8am to 8.30am on a queue system, but parents must be responsible for their children during this time.



School meals

We are pleased to say that our school kitchen is now fully staffed and we welcome Michelle Woolstencroft to our staff team. Our menu will now expand in the near future and we will keep you informed of the new options.

We would also like to remind parents that ALL children in Reception classes, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a FREE school meal under the UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS programme so please try some of the new options.

Packed lunches

Please may we remind you that items such as chocolate bars and sweets **are not allowed** in packed lunches. We offer water and milk to all children and strongly advise that children choose these drinking options in the dining hall.

Christmas dinner

NYCC catering will be funding a free Christmas dinner for every child this year, previously this has been funded by the school budget, but this year this would not have been possible due to budget constraints. This meal will be served on Wednesday 14th December.

Our thanks go to NYCC catering services for this kindness.



Allergens

If your child has a food allergen, we will be contacting you to attend a meeting with Miss Campbell, and the catering services to review the food options and menu provisions we can offer in the new school. North Yorkshire County Caterers have reviewed their provision for children with allergies to ensure as many food options are made available to each child as is possible, our new kitchen supports this well.

School Funding Crisis

This is now a very serious concern for all schools, as I am sure you will have seen in the media. Overdale school has benefitted from a balanced budget for the past decade and this has enabled us to provide many enrichment opportunities within our curriculum for free or at a reduced cost. Going forward we will not be able to do this until this situation is addressed at Government level.

The Government have made well deserved pay awards to teachers and learning support staff and they have not put the money to pay for the increments into school budgets, hence by 2023 - 80% of schools across the country will face a deficient budget.

Here are some of the **possible** impacts for Overdale:

1. After school clubs will have a charge, where they involve staff that are not contracted to Overdale: music / sports etc.
2. Before and after school care provision will have a costings review and this may mean changes to costs.
3. School trips / visits will not be free or subsidised, the first one of these is the Christmas Panto which has been **free for every child** at Overdale for 7 years (except in covid times).
4. School swimming – the full cost of transport will be requested from parents and only non-swimmers / weak swimmers will attend.
5. Visitors into school will not happen – Magic Mike / Diwali Dance etc.
6. Dojo Team rewards will have to be within school and not incur costs.

Schools are also being asked to consider:

1. Larger class sizes
2. Reduced learning support, this would include our highly successful Speech and Language provision, NURTURE teaching, and our SEMH (social emotional, mental health) provision.

We believe this would have a serious detrimental impact on our learners in school, at a time when we have worked tirelessly to recover from the negative effects due to the pandemic on learning progress and the emotional resilience.

The joint UNIONS for all the workforce in school are in discussions with the Government, to address this serious lack of funding for schools and we await the outcome of these discussions. Until such a time **no changes to staffing provision will be made at Overdale** and we very much hope that this will remain the case in the future.

We will keep you informed of any impacts that will directly affect Overdale school as we are informed of them.

In School Childcare Services

Mon to Fri – Breakfast club – bookings only through the office email by **2pm Friday**; office@overdale.n-yorks.sch.uk This is **£3.00 per day**, and payments are needed weekly in advance. **Payment reviews will be implemented in Jan 2023.**

Mon to Thursday – WAC: (Wrap around care club) 3pm to 5.30pm. Book through the office email by **2pm Friday** office@overdale.n-yorks.sch.uk Mon to Thu **£25, or £7 per session**. Payments must be made via Parentpay weekly in advance and not in arrears.



Tues – Football Club (KS1 –Year 1 & 2) 3.00pm to 4.10pm – This club is full, however we can add your child to the reserve list if you request a permission slip from the school office. **There will be a charge for this club in Jan 2023.**

Wed – Homework club (KS2 –Year’s 3-6) 3.00pm – 4.00pm – please request a permission slip

If you have any worries or questions, please contact your new teacher via Dojo’s or telephone the school office,

With Best Wishes,

All Staff at Overdale School

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
Monday	Cheese Catherine Wheel Broccoli & Sweetcorn Homemade Garlic Bread or Baked Bean/ or Tuna Baked Jacket Potato Or Tuna Panini ~~ Strawberry Mousse	Cheese Catherine Wheel Seeded Bread & Wedges Carrot & Cucumber Sticks or Veg Bolognese Jacket Potato or Cheese Panini ~~ Oatie Cookie	Cheese Catherine Wheel Potato Wedges, Carrot & Cucumber Sticks, Herby Bread Or Baked bean/Tuna Jacket Potato Or Tuna Melt Panini ~~ Jam Sandwich & Custard
Tuesday	Chicken Burger in a bun Diced Potatoes Coleslaw & Sweetcorn Or Cheese & Vegetable Chilli Baked Jacket potato Or Ham & Tomato Panini ~~ Apple Crumble & Custard	Chicken & Tomato Wrap Rice, Carrots & Broccoli or Cheese or Chicken Mayo Jacket Potato or Chicken & Tomato Panini ~~ Jelly & Ice Cream	All Day Breakfast & Homemade bread or Cheesy Jacket Potato or Ham & Tomato Panini ~~ Chocolate Crispie
Wednesday	Roast Gammon & Baked baby potatoes, Carrots & Savoy Cabbage Crusty Bread & Gravy or Tuna or Chicken Mayo Jacket Potato or BBQ chicken Panini ~~ Flapjack	Roast Pork with apple sauce, Mashed Potato, Roasted Parsnips Wholemeal Bread or Baked Bean/Bolognese Jacket Potato or Vegetable Melt Panini ~~ Cheese & Crackers	Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes & Medley of Veg Wholemeal Bread or Tuna or Baked Bean Jacket Potato or Cheese & Tomato Panini ~~ Rice Pudding & Peaches
Thursday	Chicken Korma & Rice Peas & Sweetcorn, Naan Bread or Cheese or Bolognese Jacket Potato or Cheese & Tomato Panini ~~ Cheese & Biscuit	Meatballs & Pasta Green Beans & Cauliflower Homemade Garlic Bread or Cheese / Tuna Jacket Potato or Ham & Cheese Panini ~~ Muffin	Spaghetti Bolognese Peas & Sweetcorn Homemade Garlic Bread or Cheese or Chicken Mayo Jacket Potato or BBQ Chicken Panini ~~ Chocolate Berry Brownie
Friday	Fish Fingers with Ketchup Chips, Veggie sticks & Bread or Baked bean or cheese jacket potato or Vegetable Melt Panini ~~ Winter berry bake & Custard	Harry Ramsdens Fish & Chips Sweetcorn & Peas, Ketchup Or Chicken & Sweetcorn/Cheese Jacket Potato or Tuna Panini ~~ Chocolate Orange Sponge & Chocolate Sauce	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Chips & Winter Slaw or Baked Bean or Veg Chilli Jacket Potato or Cheese Panini ~~ Lemon Shortcake
Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt, Jacket Potatoes and a selection of sandwiches and salads available every day.			
	<u>Week 1</u> W/c Monday 5th September W/c Monday 26th September W/c Monday 17th October W/c Monday 14th November W/c Monday 5th December	<u>Week 2</u> W/c Monday 12th September W/c Monday 3rd October W/c Monday 31st October W/c Monday 21st November W/c Monday 12th December	<u>Week 3</u> W/c Monday 19th September W/c Monday 10th October W/c Monday 7th November W/c Monday 28th November

