



Overdale C.P Primary School

December 2022– Newsletter 4 ‘Respect, Responsibility, Resilience’

Attendance

As always - a **HUGE THANK YOU** to the children who attend school every day since September and to their parents for supporting them with this.

It is a legal requirement for ALL schools to inform parents when pupil attendance is below the 90% attendance target. We sent out 46 letters at the start of the half term, and the attendance of those pupils will be reviewed again at the end of the term. The Department for Education has requested the school engage in a review of the PERSISTENT ABSENTEE pupils and progress these concerns through their systems and we have engaged with this plan.

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.

School Events out of hours

Our EYFS hosted a Bonfire evening on Wednesday 2 Nov at 5pm, and this was a great success with pupils and parents. We hope to host more of these events going forward into the New Year for every class, as requested through our parent voice questionnaire.

We also hope to resume inviting parents to our celebration assemblies every Friday if their child is receiving an award, this will begin on Friday 20th January 2023. Dojo messages will be sent out on Thurs afternoon, we know this is short notice but they cannot be decided in any less time.

Diary Dates



INSET DAYS

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

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 –
2.00pm

Yr 2 Nativity

Tues 13th Dec at
2.00pm

Y6 SAT's

Mon 8 May to Thu 11
May 2023

Y2 SATs

Mon 22 May to Thu
15 June

Safeguarding

On Friday last week our school received a SAFEGUARDING visit from the Schools Education Advisory Service. The advisor spoke to; children, parents and staff as well as checking policies, practices and routines around school. Under the heading of pupil voice the advisor reported that all children indicated that they felt safe in school.

The report also states that pupils represented themselves and the school extremely well. Pupils described the school as; fun, respectful, safe, the best school ever, inspiring, beautiful, awesome and welcoming.

The section under parent voice states that parents felt their children were safe and happy in school. A sample of the views expressed were: 'I can't fault the school, the school is great and they did a brilliant job in lockdown, the school deals with concerns immediately'. A BIG THANK YOU to all the parents and children who spoke to the advisor, we very much appreciated the support.



YEAR 1 Christmas Stories with Santa

Friday 9th December – Santa will be visiting Year 1 on this day and parents are invited into school to share this special event. Santa will share some Christmas stories with the children. This will be in the school day, and more details will be posted on Class Dojo.

Staff wellbeing

The Dojo system will only operate between 6.30am and 6.30pm as of Monday 5 December. It is important that staff can rest and relax in the evenings to be able to be at their best during the teaching day. If parents message after 6.30pm, please be aware that the teacher will not receive it until 6.30am the following morning.

Please also understand that if you message within the teaching day, it is not possible to have a reply until after 3pm.

We hope you understand and support this change to provision for the wellbeing of the staff team.

Breakfast Club

Please note there is no breakfast club on Friday 16th December, apologies for any inconvenience.



Christmas performance - Year 2

This will take place on Tuesday 13th December at 2pm. The tickets are **FREE** but it is essential seats are booked so that we can ensure everyone has a seat in compliance with the **FIRE** regulations. A maximum of 4 seats can be booked in each child's name using the office@overdale.n-yorks.sch.uk email.

After the performance (approx. 2.45pm) all children will be returned to their class and collected at the end of the day by the usual routines.

Apologies that these dates went out with a 9.30am start. We are putting dates on the Dojo to give parent advance notice to book time off work, but the system states all events are FULL DAYS and start at 9.30am, going forward we will be mindful of this.

Christmas performance - Reception classes.

This will take place on Thursday 8th December at 2pm. The tickets are **FREE** but it is essential seats are booked so that we can ensure everyone has a seat in compliance with the **FIRE** regulations. A maximum of 4 seats can be booked in each child's name using the office@overdale.n-yorks.sch.uk email.

After the performance (approx. 2.45pm) all children will be returned to their classes and collected at the end of the day by the usual routines.

Y1 / EYFS – Christmas Party

This will be during the school day on Friday 9th December and the children are invited to wear their best party clothes. More details to follow on Class Dojo.



Christmas Carol afternoon – Overdale Choir

This will take place on Monday 12th December at 2pm. The tickets are **FREE** but it is essential seats are booked so that we can ensure everyone has a seat in compliance with the **FIRE** regulations. A maximum of 4 seats can be booked in each child's name using the office@overdale.n-yorks.sch.uk email.

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Music offer in the Brunswick Centre for Overdale children.

Our music teacher Miss Dew has asked us to make the offer below available for OVERDALE children.

Please come to a free family workshop led by Sarah Dew: play a Christmas song on ukulele or handbells.

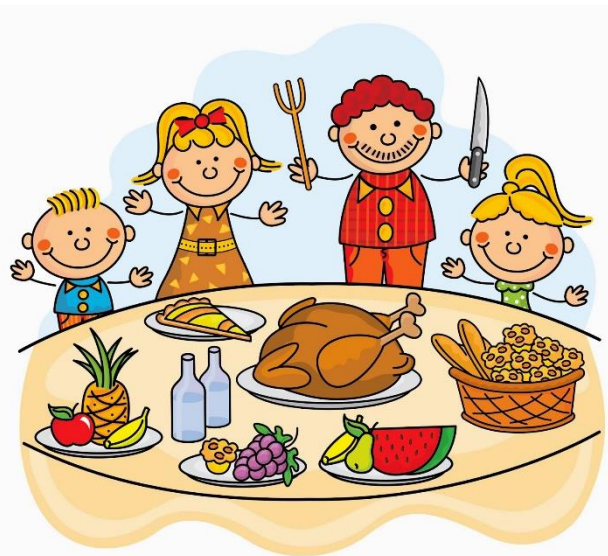
Date: Saturday 10th December, 2-3pm, Brunswick Centre. There are limited places, so arrive in good time if you want to take part. There will be other crafting workshops to get involved with if places are taken. Anyone bringing their own tuned ukulele is guaranteed a place! We hope children can attend the workshop and enjoy a musical hour with Miss Dew.

School meals

We would 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. The new menu from January is below.

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 advice 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.

Breakfast Club changes – Term 2

We will have to make some changes to our breakfast club provision from January 2023. These changes are necessary due to reduced budget for schools and hence we can no longer fund this provision from school the budget. It must become financially viable if it is to continue and we **very much want the provision to continue.**

The following amendments will be put in place for January 2023.

Paid breakfast club = £3 daily, **no change**.

Pupil premium breakfast club = £1.50 daily, which is **half price**, previously free.

Pupil premium for services children breakfast club = £1.50, which is **half price**, previously free.

We do not want to make a profit from the Breakfast Club but we are no longer able to support the funding of this provision from the school budget.

However, any family in crisis can come and talk to us and we will do our best to support individual cases as best we are able to. We are lucky to have some parents who have offered to sponsor a breakfast for a child every week and this reflects the generous nature of many of our parents.

We know these charges have not come at a good time when the cost of living is rising for all households, but we are no longer able to make this essential provision without charging.

We look forward to your support with this necessary change.



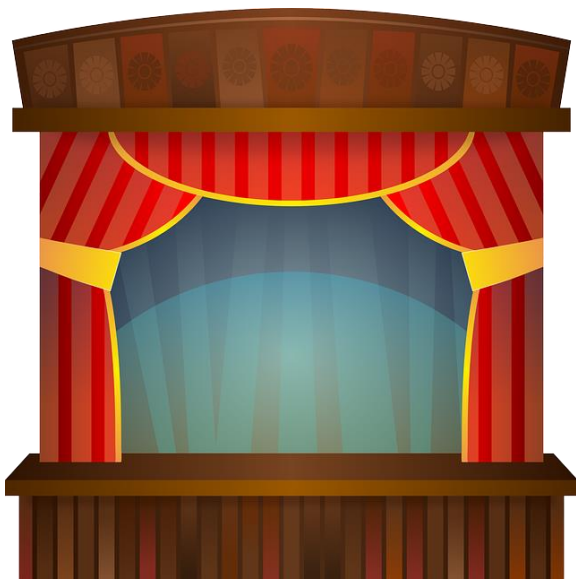
After school football

The final session for KS1 children will be next week **Tuesday 6th December**, this session will be half outside and then come inside for the final half. The children have enjoyed the sessions and they will be offered another half term of sessions after Easter. In the New Year starting **Tuesday 10th January** the sessions will be for Y5 and Y6, after February half term the sessions will be offered to Y3 and y4.

School Funding Crisis Update

This continues to be a very serious concern for all schools but we are thrilled that the Government are going to put more money into schools across the next 2 years. However, there will still be a drastic shortfall going forward. 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 FULLY addressed at Government level.

See Nov Newsletter for details of the possible impacts at Overdale.



Panto at Scarborough Spa.

We are pleased to say the Panto is on! We have been overwhelmed with the kindness of parents who not only paid for their own child but also paid for additional seats to ensure EVERY child can attend the Panto. The charity NO LIMITS donated £200 to the fund and this will be used to pay for ice-creams at the performance. The school will cover the transport costs

A **BIG THANK YOU** to the parents who have gone the extra mile to support our children, you are amazing and we very much appreciate your support.

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	Pasta Parcels in a homemade tomato sauce, Cauliflower & Green Beans Homemade Garlic Bread or Cheese or Tuna Baked Jacket Potato ~~ Apple Crumble & Custard	Pizza Diced Potatoes Pease & Sweetcorn or Cheese or Tuna Baked Jacket Potato ~~ Krispie Cereal Bar	Farmhouse Mac & Cheese Garlic Bread Broccoli & Carrots Or Cheese or Tuna Baked Jacket Potato ~~ Jam Roly Poly & Custard
Tuesday	Crispy Chicken Bites Baked Baby Potatoes Peas & Sweetcorn Or Cheese or Tuna Baked Jacket Potato ~~ Orange Shortbread	Pasta Bolognese Cauliflower & Green Beans Garlic Bread or Cheese or Tuna Baked Jacket Potato ~~ Chocolate Orange Sponge & Custard	Cheeseburger Baked Potato Wedges Spring Coleslaw & Cucumber Sticks or Cheese or Tuna Baked Jacket Potato ~~ Banana Brownie
Wednesday	Roast Turkey & Stuffing Roast Potatoes, Medley of Vegetables, Homemade 50/50 bread & Gravy or Cheese or Tuna Baked Jacket Potato ~~ Artic Roll & Fruit	Sausages & Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potato, Medley of Vegetables & Wholemeal Bread or Cheese or Tuna Baked Jacket Potato ~~ Cheese & Crackers	Minced Beef & Dumplings Baked Baby Potatoes Medley of Seasonal Vegetables Wholemeal Bread or Cheese or Tuna Baked Jacket Potato ~~ Marble Sponge & Custard
Thursday	Chilli Con Carne & Naan Bread 50/50 Rice & Broccoli & Carrots or Cheese or Tuna Baked Jacket Potato ~~ Cheese & Biscuit	Chicken Wrap Vegetable Rice Broccoli & Carrots or Cheese or Tuna Baked Jacket Potato ~~ Apple Flapjack	Chicken Korma & Rice Cauliflower & Green Beans Naan Bread or Cheese or Tuna Baked Jacket Potato ~~ Oatie Biscuit & Cheese
Friday	Fishwich Chips & Veggie sticks or Cheese or Tuna Baked Jacket Potato ~~ Chocolate Berry Mousse Cake	Fish Fingers & Chips Baked Beans & Peas Crusty Bread Or Cheese or Tuna Baked Jacket Potato ~~ Lemon Drizzle Muffin	Battered Fish Chips & Crusty Bread Peas & Sweetcorn or Cheese or Tuna Baked Jacket Potato ~~ Lemon & Sultana Iced Finger
Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt, Jacket Potatoes and a selection of sandwiches and salads available every day.			
<u>Week 1</u> W/c Wednesday 4th January W/c Monday 23rd January W/c Tuesday 21st February W/c Monday 13th March		<u>Week 2</u> W/c Monday 9th January W/c Monday 30th January W/c Monday 27th February W/c Monday 20th March	
		<u>Week 3</u> W/c Monday 16th January W/c Monday 6th February W/c Monday 6th March W/c Monday 27th March	

