



Overdale C.P Primary School

November 2021– Newsletter 4 ‘Respect, Responsibility, Resilience’

Attendance

Our attendance currently stands at **95.32%** since opening in September 2021. Considering the turbulent times, we are very pleased with this.

We will be awarding 100% attendance certificates in our final assembly for the term on 17th Dec. We have very much appreciated your communications about the virus and the actions you have taken to protect staff and children in school. **THANK YOU!**

Parking outside school

We now have yellow lines informing drivers that the circle is not a place to park, and that there is only one way to travel around it. We very much hope that you will respect these markings and park away from the turning circle / school entrances or walk to school so that we can **KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE.**

Children in Need

We had an excellent day, our first ‘theme’ day since opening, we look forward to many more of these, as restrictions allow. We are very lucky to have our beautiful new school to learn and work in every day. This day gave the children time to learn that not all children are as fortunate as Overdale children are.

We raised a fantastic **£170.12.**

Thank you for your kind donations.



Diary Dates

Flu vaccinations

Catch up Clinic

Thurs 16th Dec

Christmas performances

Subject to NYCC guidance confirmation

EYFS –

Friday 10th Dec
10.30am

KS1 –

Monday 13th Dec
10.30am

Carol concert for parents of the choir

Tues 14th Dec 2pm

INSET DAYS

Tues 4th Jan
Mon 28th Feb
Mon 2nd May
Mon 6th June
Mon 25th July

Christmas Lunch

Wed 15th Dec

Spa Trip

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs Panto

Wed 8th Dec



Christmas Performances

We are still considering if it is safe / appropriate to have 'live' performances from our Year 2 and Early Years classes. If we were to go ahead with them, then there would be a number of restrictions and school staff would need to be 100% confident that the school expectation would be followed.

We are very much aware that the majority of parents will accept the restrictions and value the opportunity to watch their child in the performance. Unfortunately, we also have a very small minority of parents who we know will not follow the expectations and will look to be obstructive.

For a live performance parents would have to agree to:

- **Lateral flow test on the morning of the performance**
- **Parking away from school, so as not to obstruct deliveries to school**
- **Enter / exit into the hall through the hall door**
- **Wear a mask for the performance**
- **Only two adult can 'view' the performance for each child**
- **Pushchairs / younger siblings would not be able to attend**
- **Be seated on a chair in a socially distanced position and not move the chair**
- **Remain seated during the performance and until the children have left the hall**
- **We would not have parent participation e.g. singing as we have done in previous years**
- **Return a signed sheet with all the above ticked and agreed by both adults.**

Please know that our reasons for doing this are reasonable, we want to protect our staff and children from the virus prior to the Christmas holidays. School staff have worked tirelessly to keep the school open throughout the first term in our new school, they need their Christmas break to rest with their family and friends and be refreshed for Term 2.

Alongside this, as a school we must follow the NYCC guidance, which clearly prioritises video links for all parents to reduce the infection risk, or strict guidelines which must be implemented.

P.E

This is an essential part of the curriculum and a valuable part of the curriculum in terms of wellbeing. We continue to have a number of children who repeatedly do not have kit to take part in PE lessons. Please support your child to, pack and manage their own kit, so that they know what items are in the bag and can take more responsibility for their own kit.

Jewellery

Please remove your child's earrings on PE days. We are not allowed to do this for children and we are not allowed to put plasters or tape over them, even with parent permission. If earrings cannot be removed, children are not able to take part in PE / games lessons or swimming activities (Year 6 only).

Staffing for January 2022

We will be making changes to our staff provision in (Term 2) January 2022. We have appointed Miss Kirk to teach Y2, the present class has 34 children. The class will be split into two classes of 17 children from January. The classes will continue to work very closely together to ensure effective transition during the class divide. The children (and parents) will be told which class they in for Jan 2022 on Thursday 16th December. This class split will allow the children to close learning gaps and be Key Stage 2 ready in Sept 2022.

Miss Kirk is an experienced Key Stage 1 teacher, moving from Hinderwell School and we look forward to welcoming her to the Overdale team.

We have also appointed Mr Donald who will work alongside Mr Watson in year 4, initially covering the maternity leave for Mrs Mills, but longer term teaching a class as the school is expanding rapidly towards becoming a two form entry. Mr Donald has worked in both Key Stage 1 and 2, he is moving from Pickering Junior School and we look forward to welcoming him into the Overdale team.

These additional appointments will enable our school to offer a nurture provision in the future. Many of our children will benefit from this provision in our lockdown recovery plans.



Nurture groups

We have reviewed the emotional health of every class and introduced Nurture groups. We have introduced this teaching as many of our children are struggling with their emotions post Lockdown and we want to help them with this so that they can learn to the best of their ability.

The groups are taught by Mrs McWilliams, who is a specialist in this area of learning development. The children are enjoying the sessions and we hope to see the impact from the sessions in learning successes going forward.

Well-being

Maintaining good wellbeing over the Christmas holidays will support your child to have a positive start to the New Year 2022. We can do many things to support our own wellbeing and that of our family, here a few suggestions we promote in school that can be incorporated into your holiday plans easily:

- Eat a healthy diet
- Drink lots of water / fluids
- Exercise daily
- Spend time outdoors daily, even if it is cold or raining!
- Make time to talk to family and friends
- Think positively about every day,
- Smile

We will be speaking to Santa and ordering snow for you to enjoy too!

Allergens in school.

If your child develops a food allergen, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can protect them in school.



Packed lunches.

We are a 'nut aware' school and ask that nut products are not sent into school in packed lunches. We have removed the waste food bins from the dining hall, as they were often full of uneaten food. Children who bring packed lunches are asked to return all uneaten food home in their lunch boxes, so that parents can 'see' what their child has eaten and make judgements about what to send in lunch boxes on following days.

Covid19 Update

We will continue with all our hygiene practices to the end of the school year, despite some expectations being relaxed, many are not with regards to schools. We must also be mindful of the impact of the first half term when a number of staff contracted the virus and **we were very close to closing a number of classes, and going to remote learning – we want to avoid this being necessary going forward.**

Parent Consultation meetings

We have been advised by NYCC to have these as telephone calls, to limit the risk of increased cases of the virus before or after Christmas. We very much hope to return to face to face meetings in the spring time. In the New Year, we also hope to allow parents to come into our new school and look around. We have managed this for EYFS parents and a small group of 'mixed' Year group parents very early after we opened, then we sustained a number of staff cases of the virus and had to stop all non-essential visits to site.



Panto

Years 1 to 6 will be going to Scarborough Spa to see the Christmas pantomime 'Snow White' on **Wednesday 8th December**. We will be travelling by coach at 9am for the performance and we will be returning to school for lunch as normal but at a slightly later time. All children will receive a free ice-cream/lolly or juice snack during the half time interval. We are happy to announce that this will be **FREE** to all children. All children must wear school uniform.

Staffing for January 2022

Class	Teacher	Learning support
Nursery	Mrs Vasconcelos	Mrs Thomas
Reception 1	Mrs Stewart	Mr Hewitt & Mrs O'Malley
Reception 2	Miss Wilson	Mrs Harvey
Year 1	Mrs Marshall	Mrs Wood
Year 2HB	Mrs Heming way / Mr Bowman	Mrs Bateman
Year 2K	Miss Kirk	Miss Lester
Year 3	Mrs Kershaw	Mrs Grant
Year 4	Mr Donald / Mr Watson	Miss Popowitsch
Year 5	Miss Bonnett	Mrs Meads, Mrs Varley & Miss Campbell
Year 6	Mr Lawton	Mrs Lawton

Our school is increasing in size almost every week. We look forward to welcoming Miss Kirk and Mr Donald on their visit days into school before the end of the year.

Winning Dojo trip

We have been thrilled to be able to re-introduce 'off site visits' for children this term. The winning dojo team (not yet known) will be going to The Secret Realm Scarborough (Mini Monsters) on **Thursday 9th December** during the school morning session and they will be back in school for lunch. So keep working hard and earning those Dojo's, best of luck to all teams: **Diamonds**, **Sapphire**, **Emerald** and **Rubies**.

Bike Shed

Our bike shed is now open for use, please ensure your child has a bike helmet to and from school.



If you have any worries, please contact your new teacher or Senior Leader via Dojo's or telephone the school office, the number has not changed 582360.

*Best Wishes,
All Staff at Overdale School*

	Week 1	Week 2
Monday	Beef burger in a bun Diced Potatoes Peas & Carrots ~~ Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Diced Potatoes Sweetcorn & Green Beans ~~ Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt
Tuesday	Chicken Korma & Rice Broccoli & Cauliflower Naan Bread ~~ Oat Cookie	Pasta Bolognaise Garlic Bread Sweetcorn & Coleslaw ~~ Shortcake
Wednesday	Roast loin of Pork Creamy Mash, Gravy Carrots & Green Beans ~~ Fresh fruit/Yoghurt	Roast Chicken & Stuffing New Potatoes, Gravy Carrots & Broccoli ~~ Treacle Sponge and Custard
Thursday	Minced Beef & Dumplings Roast Potatoes, Peas & Sweetcorn ~~ Chocolate Cake & Custard	Sausage, & Yorkshire Pudding Creamy Mash ,Medley of Vegetables ~~~ Fresh fruit/Yoghurt
Friday	Harry Ramsdens Battered Fish & Chips Beans & Sweetcorn Homemade Bread ~~ Chocolate Crispy	Fish Fingers Chips, Peas & Baked Beans Bread ~~ Flapjack

Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt, Jacket Potatoes and a selection of sandwiches and salads available every day.

<p>Week One W/c Monday 8th November W/c Monday 22nd November W/c Monday 6th December</p>	<p>Week Two W/c Tuesday 2nd November W/c Monday 15th November W/c Monday 29th November Monday 13th December</p>
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