



Overdale C.P Primary School

January - Newsletter 2024 'Respect, Responsibility, Resilience'

Your school needs you

A short while ago we asked that parents applied for Pupil Premium, as we have a low number of children that have qualified for this particularly in our Early Years and Key stage one. This is largely down to parents often waiting until year 3 when free school meals become chargeable. We are currently offering the incentive of £5 free Amazon voucher and a free item of school uniform when anybody applies but it is also important that we inform you of the benefits to school. With each child that is eligible for Pupil Premium, the school receives over £1300 per pupil. With this, we can then spend money on improving the quality of teaching across school through the recruitment of additional staff, purchasing of resources and learning interventions. Any money that the school receives through Pupil Premium, has to be spent on supporting Pupil Premium children to help them academically, so it is really beneficial if parents apply. Please enquire at the office if you wish to check if you are eligible.



Diary Dates

See our exciting term information for important dates
INSET DAYS

Mon 8th Apr 2024
Monday 22nd July

Term dates

<https://overdalecps.co.uk/w3/termdates.php>

Continuing to improve our School Community

Last term we asked you and your children to fill out some surveys to help us to improve our school further. These have given us an insight into what parents, carers and children would like to see to improve their experience in school. Here are some of the improvements we have been able to implement:

- **More Clubs** – We have now organised more clubs such as baking, cheerleading, ukulele and golf. We are also in the process of applying for Junior Clubbercise sessions.
- **Adult learning** – You informed us that you would like some support in learning how to help your children with learning from school. North Yorkshire Adult Learning were in school yesterday during the Meet and Greet sessions and more information has been placed on our School Dojo.
- **Anti-Bullying** – Your feedback allowed us to write our new anti-bullying policy that has been placed onto the school website.
- **More school events** – We have held a Christmas fayre and are moving forwards with our plans to do an Easter Bingo event and a Summer Fayre.

Thank you to all that have completed surveys and for completing future surveys so that we can continue to make our school a fantastic place for our children to attend.

Attendance

Lets improve!

We are currently at 92% for our attendance this term. This has dropped significantly due to last term and now leaves us at 4% below the national average of 96%. We understand this is largely due to illness as the time of year where bugs are rife is upon us however, please do send your child into school where possible, giving Calpol where needed and be rest assured we will always send your child home if they are not well enough to be here. Please refer to the NHS guidance 'is my child too ill for school?' <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> if you have concerns as to whether your child is well enough to attend or not. If you are ever unsure whether to send your child in please call the office for guidance.

We must try and improve attendance and get this back to 96% as soon as possible. If your child's attendance dips below 90% you will be put on a monitoring tracker in order to see how we can support to improve this.

Inform school

Please follow school policy and call the office before 8.30am on a morning if your child is going to be absent from school. Please give information as to what the illness is as we have to have as much information as possible to log this correctly on the register.

If we do not have contact from you on a day where your child is absent we may have to conduct a home visit.

2 year old provision

2-year olds have landed at Overdale School! The children are settling in fantastically and we have received some amazing feedback from our parents. Mrs McGough and Miss Parkinson are doing an excellent job at settling the 2-year olds in and getting them used to the school environments. Please continue to spread the word or enquire about places if you have a child that is 2 or coming up to 2 years old.

Price increases

Due to a number of factors we have had to increase the costs of some of our services. These include:

School dinners – These will increase to £2.50 per school dinner after the half term.
Nursery – 2 year old provision will be £15 per session.

We have contacted a number of local primary schools to ensure that these prices are fair and reasonable as to what is being offered. These prices are still the same or cheaper than what is offered elsewhere.

Parents Evening

Parents Evening will be held on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st March. In this Parents Evening, teachers will be making all of your children's books available to view and will be passing on detailed information about where they are at with their learning, behaviour and social skills. Miss Cammish at the office will be setting up the booking system for this. When the booking system goes live if you have any problems using this please contact the office where Miss Cammish will be more than happy to help and also able to book for you if needed.

School uniform

We seem to have an increasing number of children wearing hoodies or jumpers that are not part of our school uniform. Please can we ensure that children are in the school uniform that is stated on the school website and relevant policy. If you are struggling with purchasing school uniform please let us know. We will soon be doing a school drive for parents to bring in any uniform that their children have outgrown etc and we also aim to have some reserves that your child can wear. To avoid items of uniform being lost within school please ensure your children's items are labelled clearly with their name.



Nurture award

Mrs McWilliams will soon be starting up the Nurture sessions again to support our children who have been assessed as being low in a number of key areas such as Attention and Listening, social difficulties and low emotional resilience. If your child has been identified as needing some support, you will receive a Dojo to inform you and be given an opportunity to talk to Mrs McWilliams about any concerns you may have.

Allergies in school.

Please ensure that school is up to date with any allergy concerns your child has been medically diagnosed with. We have a number of children with allergies, which our kitchen team do an excellent job to cater for. Please contact the office if your child has any dietary needs and we will meet you as soon as possible and talk you through the required paperwork to ensure your child is kept safe on school site.



Travel to school



I would encourage all parents and children to walk to school where possible. Where we are lucky to have a number of car parking spaces, these can soon be taken up. Our neighbours are Jazz Court and they have a car park but it states that it is a PRIVATE CAR PARK and for the use of JAZZ COURT STAFF and RESIDENTS ONLY. Please observe these requests as we have a positive relationship with the staff there and wish to continue this into the future. Please do not park on the yellow lines on the turning circle. This prevents children crossing the road from seeing oncoming traffic. SLT will be available to keep our children safe and remind parents of our requests around parking. With the wet weather, we have a number of parents now parking on the double yellows. Please park your car as close as possible and walk.



RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY RESILIENCE

Thinking of joining our amazing EYFS provision? Come and see our wonderful school and all we have to offer:

- £30 a day nursery provision for 2 year olds
- A fantastic reception provision
- A safe, nurturing and stimulating environment
- State of the art, new school with excellent outdoor provision
- Highly qualified and experienced staff
- Wrap around care from September 2024 for nursery

Please contact admin@overdale.n-yorks.sch.uk and attend our many stay and play sessions

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Are you concerned about a child at our school?

If you are worried about a pupil's wellbeing please share your concerns with a designated Safeguarding Office without delay



Mr R Bowman
DSL



Mrs M Livingstone
DDSL



Mrs A Campbell
DDSL



Mrs J Stewart
DDSL



Mr G Lawton
DDSL