



Overdale C.P Primary School

January 2022– Newsletter 7 ‘Respect, Responsibility, Resilience’



Welcome Back

It has been lovely to see almost all the children back in school for the start of 2022. The first couple of days have been amazing, the children are calm, positive and happy to be see their teachers and get on with learning. Well done!

Attendance

Our attendance currently stands at 94.20% for Term 1. This is since opening in September 2021. Considering the turbulent times we are very pleased with this. We will be awarding 100% attendance certificates on Tuesday 11th January 2022.

Christmas Performances

We are very grateful for your attendance at the performances and for accepting the Covid restrictions we had to enforce. THANK YOU.

Unfortunately, Christmas was not the social event we had planned as number of Covid cases has risen rapidly by Wednesday and we had to serve the meal in bubbles. Our catering team did an amazing job, providing a first class Christmas dinner despite the restrictions. We hope to have the Overdale Family service meal at Easter.

Diary Dates



Flu vaccinations

Catch up Clinic

Wed 26th January

INSET DAYS

Mon 28th Feb

Mon 2nd May

Mon 6th June

Mon 25th July

February Half Term

Monday 21st Feb-

Friday 25th February

Goodbye

Maureen Hudson

We were unable to say goodbye properly to Maureen due to overwhelming staff absence with the virus at the end of the last term. The school had to move to working in bubbles, which prevented the whole school assembly and presentation we had planned for Maureen.

We were thrilled to be able to host this event on Friday 7th January. We will miss Maureen, but she will always be welcome to visit and we know she will want to do this, cutting ties after 35 years will be a big challenge for her.

Look for the Scarborough News report on Maureen's retirement.



Afterschool Clubs

Music Clubs - In Term 2 we are offering Y5 and Y6 the option to join recorder club on Tuesday lunchtimes and Drumming club after school on Tuesday. This will change to Year 3 and Year 4 in Term 3. Please request an invite form from the school office if your child is interested in attending these clubs.

Golf Club - This club will be after school every Wednesday, starting 12th January, for Years 3-6. Please request a permission letter from the school office.

Homework Club

This continues every Wednesday for Key Stage 2 until 4pm with Miss Quinn and Mrs Meads. New members are welcome to join, please contact the school office and give permission of you would like your child to join.



PE kit

Children need to be bringing their kits into school every Monday and leaving them in school until Friday. PE and Games are essential teaching in our curriculum, children must have kits in school for these lessons.



Breakfast club

Breakfast club will be closed on the last day of term, Friday 8th April 2022.

Covid Update

We are back to a full staff team as we start 2022, which is excellent! This allows us to work more openly and not have bubbles in place. However, we are still limiting whole school gatherings. We will continue to observe the guidance as it is sent to us by North Yorkshire and the Government.

Presently we are:

Hand washing regularly, for children, staff and visitors into school.

Wearing masks in open areas around school and when going to the school gate at entry and exit times

Having key touch points and toilets cleaned at midday.

Working on 7 days isolation after virus infection

We thank you for supporting us with following the guidance when cases are identified to keep us all safe.

Going forward we hope to keep the school open as our number one priority. However, if staff becomes a challenge we will move to remote learning. This is not an option we want to consider and we would only do this if staff levels become so low that we are unable to Safeguard children. We have also been asked by North Yorkshire County Catering Services that if the staffing levels for school meal provision fall below manageable levels, they have a backup plan for 'pack up' meals to be sent to all schools. The meals are planned under the nutrition guidance that governs school meals, so they are a healthy provision. Again, this will only be actioned if absolutely necessary, and will inform you if we have to move to this option, but the notice may be short and this is beyond our control.



Staffing for January 2022

We have welcomed two new members of staff into school and one change of role for the start of 2022.

Miss Kirby is thrilled with our Year 2 children as they have worked hard, demonstrating respect for their new teacher.

Mr Donald is impressed with our Year 4 children, they have made him feel welcome and are keen to please him.

Mrs Davies will move into the role, Senior midday supervisor role at lunchtimes and our team of LSA's have moved around to support this change.



Parent Parking

We continue to speak with the Highways Department to lay the planned access paths to school and to complete the traffic management outside the school. This process is slow. We continue to wait for a fence that we were promised by the LA last term, along the Community Hub path which would enable us to open the lower car park for parents at entrance and exit times.

As a school, we are considering the positioning of a barrier at the entrance of the staff car park that would section off 13 parking spaces and improve Safeguarding access to the school. This would be funded by the school, so it will need the full support of all stakeholders and we will be working on this throughout this term and keep you updated with our progress.

Items brought into school.

Please only send your child's reading folder and PE kit into school. We are asking that you do not send in party invites, birthday treats etc. as we do not want to compromise our covid guidance.

We would also like to alert you to an incident when Christmas cards were given out containing a sweet treat, children with allergies are not always able to have these treats and can eat them before adults are aware of the content, such action can have very serious consequences so please refrain from doing this. It is a lovely thought but can have devastating consequences. Thank you for your support with this.



Swimming

Y6

The sessions for Y6 have moved to Monday mornings, leaving school at 9.15am and returning 11.15am approx. These sessions will start on Monday 17th January and run to the end of the year, covid permitting.

Y5

We hope to start taking Y5 swimming in Term 3. Parents will be sent an information sheet about their child's ability to swim in this term, to enable us to set groups. Please return the sheet with accurate information asap.



Wrap round care

We are considering opening a 'wrap around care' provision after school for working parents.

The provision would be Monday to and including Thursday's from 3pm to 5pm at a cost of £5 per session. We would be able to take a maximum of 12 children with staff team of two. Please contact the school office if you would be interested in the provision and if we have sufficient need for the provision we will action it after February half term.

Website

Our NEW website will soon be open! Apologies for the delay. We had hoped to have it up and running for the start of the year, but this was not possible due to many unexpected events in the schools plans for opening. Details of this will follow in due course.



Thank you for your ongoing support in the last term, despite the virus challenges we managed to stay open. We face Term 2 with a positive vision for being able to open our doors and see you inside our beautiful school.

All Staff at Overdale School

OVERDALE C P SCHOOL – MENU

	Week 1	Week 2
Monday	Pizza Diced Potatoes Peas & Sweetcorn ~~~ Chocolate Crunch	Tomato Pasta Bake Medley of Vegetables ~~~ Jam Sponge & Custard
Tuesday	Chicken Korma & Rice Green Beans & Carrots Naan Bread ~~~ Oat Cookie	Sausage Rolls Roast Potatoes Sweetcorn & Peas ~~~ Rice Pudding
Wednesday	Minced Beef in Gravy with Yorkshire Pudding Mash, Broccoli & Cauliflower ~~~ Sponge & Custard	Roast Chicken & Stuffing New Potatoes, Gravy Peas & Carrots ~~~ Fruit Salad
Thursday	Sausages Roast Potatoes, Peas & Sweetcorn ~~~ Chocolate Cake & Chocolate sauce	Pasta Bolognese Garlic Bread Sweetcorn & Green Beans ~~~ Ice Cream
Friday	Fish Fingers Chips, Peas & Baked Beans Bread ~~~ Flapjack	Fish & Chips Peas & Baked Beans Bread ~~~ Chocolate Crispy

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

<p>Week One W/c Wednesday 5th January W/c Monday 17th January W/c Monday 31st January W/c Monday 14th February</p>	<p>Week Two W/c Monday 10th January W/c Monday 24th January W/c Monday 7th February</p>
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