



### ATTENDANCE

Our attendance for the last term did not show any improvement from Term 1 and the Local Authority have asked the school to work closely with all families to raise this by the close of the year. Unfortunately, we have been subject to some viruses and also several holidays in term time.

The final term of the year is going to be very busy as we complete our end of year assessments and prepare children for transition into Secondary learning, new Key Stage learning and new class teacher provision for July.

### HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

We will not be able to authorise holidays, if you take a holiday in term time please ensure that you complete a holiday form so that we know your child is safe and we do not need to make a home visit/welfare check. Also please understand that holidays in term time have an impact on your child’s learning and social interactions with their peers.



### DOJO REWARDS

Our Ruby ‘Glow in the Dark Disco’ was a success with children and parents reporting that the session was enjoyed by the children. A great event! At the end of term, we will announce the winning team for term 2 and the School Council will agree the winning team event. A glow in the dark disco will not be an option due to the lighter nights, it would be too late for primary children.

### Diary Dates



#### INSET DAYS

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

#### Red Nose Day

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> March

#### Parent Consultations

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> March & Wed  
22<sup>nd</sup> March

#### FREE -Easter Lunch

Wed 29<sup>th</sup> March

#### Easter Half Term

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Friday  
17<sup>th</sup> April

#### BANK HOLIDAY

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May

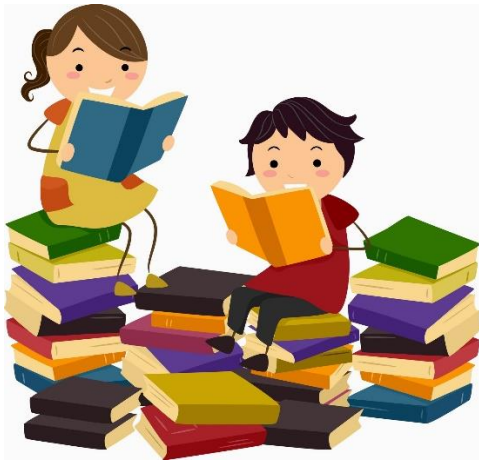
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May

#### Y6 SAT’s

Tues 9<sup>th</sup> May to Fri  
12<sup>th</sup> May 2023

#### Y2 SATs

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May to  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June



## WORLD BOOK DAY

We have selected our winning stones:

**Y5/6 Kadie-Leigh with 'The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe'.**

**Y3/4 – Hollie with 'Alanna of Trebond'**

**KS1 – Deacon with 'The Dinosaur that Pooped a Pirate'**

**EYFS – Betsey-Lou with 'The Rainbow Unicorn'**

The winners will have the opportunity to choose a book from Amazon and it will be purchased for them to keep. The books their stones are from will also be purchased and the stones and the books will be displayed in the library until World Book Day 2024. Every child that made a World Book Day stone will receive 10 Dojos for taking part in the event. The stones will be varnished and displayed in the library area for children to enjoy. In the final week of term, the children will take their stones up into the quiet area at the right hand corner of the field and display them for everyone to enjoy when visiting this area. I will also be planting a tree with every class along the fence of this area to make a more peaceful and relaxing area. This will also stand as a reference to the old school which had a line of trees along the front.

## PARENT CONSULTATION MEETINGS

These will be on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March and Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>, the booking system is now open. Please contact the school office if you are struggling to book a session or if the sessions you want are not available please contact your class teacher for an alternative appointment.

### **Year 2**

Parent consultation for this class have been CANCELLED. Mrs Broadbent has taken over Year 2 earlier than expected and hence she will move the consultation back to ensure she is able to talk about the children with a deeper knowledge of them. As an introduction, Mrs Broadbent would like to invite parents to an informal 'drop in' where parents can visit the classroom and see their child's books alongside their child. These will happen on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2.45pm to 3.15pm and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> 8.45am to 9.15am, no booking is required, just 'drop in'. A more formal consultation will be held in the first week of May – further details of

appointments will follow after the Easter break.

Parents  
Evening

## SPEECH AND LANGUAGE

We will be hosting some Easter school SALT classes in school. We are very fortunate to have these classes funded and hence there will not be a cost to parents. If your child is offered a class, please make every effort to accept the offer and ensure your child attends all four days to have the most benefit from the sessions.



## INDIVIDUAL PROGRESS MAPS (IPM)

Thank you to all parents who have supported the IPM meetings. We look forward to your support to enable your child to accelerate progress in the final term of the year and going forward.

These meetings are required to happen if the school is to meet the demands of the SEND code of practice.

## AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION – WRAP AROUND CARE

The sessions are 3pm to 5.30pm and the cost will be £25 for 4 days Mon to Thu or £7 for a single session. The sessions need to be booked one week in advance so that we can staff the sessions in line with Safeguarding guidance. **Bookings can only be made via the [office@overdale.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:office@overdale.n-yorks.sch.uk) email account.** The class will not have more than 20 children in, with 2 staff responsible for the provision and a senior teacher on site throughout all sessions.

## BREAKFAST CLUB

This is now a popular provision and numbers vary daily which makes staff a challenge. **Please ensure you book your child's place through the school office email so that we can staff the provision safely.** We can only accept children into the provision who are booked and have paid for the session in advance: £3 per day and £1.50 for children who receive free school meals (pupil premium) into the provision.

### **Advanced notice**

**Breakfast club will be closed on the first day of term, Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.**

## SPORTS DAY

A provisional date for this event is Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July. Please be mindful that if the weather is not favourable, this date will move forward. A plan of the day's events will follow after May half term.



## OFFICE MANAGER

We have now recruited for this post and we are awaiting the completion of the formal processes, we look forward to welcoming the successful candidate into the Overdale Team on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April. We ask for your patience throughout the final two weeks of the term as we wait for notice periods to be completed.

## CLEANERS

Mrs Bean and Mrs Bean retire from their service to Overdale at the end of term, we will miss them very much, but we wish them a happy and healthy retirement.

We have appointed two new members of staff into the team and they will join us after the Easter holidays.

## HEADTEACHER

I will be working with the Governors and the Local Authority throughout the appointment process for a new Headteacher, this process will be completed by the end of April and children, staff and parents will be informed of the outcome of the process then. The newly appointed Headteacher will then have several opportunities to work alongside me in the final term of the year to ensure a smooth transition into September 2023.

## TWO YEAR OLDS

We have applied to change the age range for the school from 3yrs to 11yrs to 2yrs to 11 yrs. This provision is now more likely to start in October 2023. The consultation is in progress and we will keep you informed of the outcome as we go forward.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

The school council have supported the process of choosing the new Anti-bullying slogan and poster, the winning class was the Year 6 poster design with the Year 1S slogan. These posters can be seen around school. Step up so that others don't get stepped on is our slogan, we are encouraging children to have voice of they see something that is not acceptable – we ask them to take 'RESPONSIBILITY' to stop bullying as well as reporting it if they are victims of it.

## LUNCHTIMES

We continue to be one member of staff down in the kitchen, but the provision is almost back to normal.

**Grapes** - whilst we welcome this 'healthy option' in packed lunches we are also conscious of the NHS guidance regarding this fruit. A grape is approximately the size of a small child's airway and they can cause choking if not chewed sufficiently. The guidance recommends that grapes are cut in half from the stalk to the base of the grape to reduce the chances of choking. We have a member of staff in the hall with every class, but that staff member is serving milk/water, cutting up food and opening packaging (packed lunches) they are not able to watch children on an individual basis. Please support us to abide by this guidance.



## EASTER DINNER

This will be on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March, it will be a roast dinner with an Easter basket style dessert. The meal will be FREE of charge to all Overdale children.

## NEU STRIKE ACTION

We hope for a solution to the dispute soon. We have not been notified of any additional dates going forward, if we receive any notification they will be passed to parents at our earliest convenience.

## WEBSITE

Please visit our website regularly as it has lots of up to date information about the school and all the Newsletters that have been sent out since Sept 2021.

**Thank you for your ongoing support.  
We very much look forward to a healthy final term that  
builds on our successes since September.**

**All Staff at Overdale School**