



Overdale C.P Primary School

February 2022– Newsletter 8 ‘Respect, Responsibility, Resilience’

Term 2

It has been a more stable half term so far. The virus impact has been relatively low for us and we are grateful for this, but we do have a number of staff cases this week. Hence, we continue to be vigilant in our practices to avoid the spread of the virus.

Attendance

We have awarded 41 pupils achieving 100% attendance certificates this week, well done to those who achieved this in such challenging times.

Look out for their pictures on Dojo’s this Friday.

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
8 pupils	3 pupils	0 pupils	5 pupils	14 pupils	11 pupils

Covid absence has not been included.

After school provision

We have a few places left in our after school provision which will start after half term. The sessions will start on **Tuesday 1st March** and will run **Monday to Thursday** each week **3pm to 5pm**. The sessions will need to be booked one week in advance so that we can ensure we have the correct staff ratios for the sessions. The cost of the sessions is **£5 per day** and payment needs to be made on Parentpay, before attending the session.

The class will not have more than 15 children in the first half term with 2 staff responsible for the provision, if the sessions need to expand this will happen after Easter

Diary Dates



INSET DAYS

Mon 28th Feb
Mon 2nd May
Mon 6th June
Mon 25th July

February Half Term

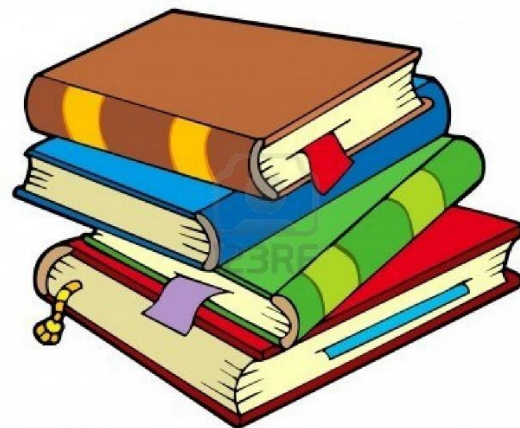
Monday 21st Feb-
Friday 25th February

School re-opens

Tuesday 1st March
after the INSET day.

Homework Club

This continues every Wednesday 3pm to 4pm for Key Stage 2 children, with Miss Quinn and Mrs Meads. New members are welcome to join, please contact the school office and give permission if you would like your child to join.



Breakfast club

Advanced notice

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

PE kit

We have an increasing number of children missing PE and Games lessons due to not having kit in school. Children need to be bringing their kits into school every Monday and leaving them in school until Friday, please support your child to do this. PE and Games are essential teaching in our curriculum, which supports healthy lifestyles and wellbeing.

Healthy schools status.

As a healthy school may we remind you that we do not accept sweets on school site. If you would like to send in something to recognise your child's birthday we recommend that you choose a book and sign it inside the cover with a reference to who donated it and the birthday date and child's age.

All children (and staff!) are expected to attend school on their birthdays, a birthday in school is a day children will enjoy sharing with their peers, please set appropriate lifelong expectations with your child and send them to school on their birthday.

Birthday absence is an unauthorised absence and this appears on your child's end of year report.



Healthy Schools
North Yorkshire

Covid Update.

We are now experiencing a number of staff cases of covid this half term, presently we are allowed to continue to work more openly and not have bubbles in place. However, we are still limiting whole school gatherings, but we will be opening up more after half term if we continue as we have been doing since the start of the year. This will include parent visits to the school to see our beautiful building and your child's classroom. We will offer a number of dates and if we stay low with virus infection rates this will hopefully go ahead.

Parent visits to school site virus permitting. Provisional dates:

Friday 4th March 2.30pm - Year 5 and Year 6 parent/carers tour.

Monday 7th March 2.30pm - Year 1 and Year 2 parent/carers tour

Friday 11th 3rd March 2.30pm - Year 3 and Year 4 parent/carers tour.

We will continue to observe the guidance as it is sent to us by North Yorkshire and the Government.

Presently we are continuing to :

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

Having key touch points and toilets cleaned at midday.

Working on 5 days isolation after virus infection with 2 negative consecutive LFT result on day 5 and day 6.

Wiping down class tables when groups change activity.

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 staffing 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, that 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 after half term

We will welcome Mrs Parkinson to join our school as Meals Supervisory Assistant (MSA) and Learning Support Assistant (LSA).

We are pleased that Mrs Davies has agreed to move into the role of Senior MSA and hence we now have a full team in the dining hall to support the rise in pupil numbers attending our school.

Parent Parking.

You will have noticed that the work on the planned access paths to school has begun which is excellent news. We are thrilled that the path will be completed and ready for use after Easter. We have taken a step closer to getting a fence that we were promised by the LA. The workforce has been onto site to measure the length of fence needed and will begin the work in half term. This would enable us to open the lower car park for parent parking at entrance and exit times.

As a school we are still 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. We will now put this on hold until the fence is actioned and review the parking situation again.

Our neighbours in Jazz Court are reporting that our children are disrespecting their site. The children are kicking the pebbles off the garden displays and this makes walking difficult for residents with sticks and especially those in wheelchairs. The police are going to support the school and Jazz Court with illegal parking in Jazz Court car park and on the road outside school as this creates a risk for ambulance access and a risk to child safety.

Please DO NOT PARK illegally in the Jazz Court Car park, or on double yellow lines.

Website

Our exciting NEW website is now live.
Please visit
<https://overdalecps.co.uk/w3/index.php>
to have a look and keep up to date with all the latest information.



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

All Staff at Overdale School

