



Overdale C.P Primary School

November - Newsletter 2023 'Respect, Responsibility, Resilience'

Anti-Bullying week

Anti-Bullying week focused on pupils understanding of what bullying is and also how we can report any incidents in school to ensure that action is taken. We launched the week by wearing odd socks and continued to look at how we celebrate our differences. We held an assembly on the British Values of tolerance and individual liberty. Here, the children learnt about their protected characteristics and how we can respect those and take pride in who we are. Children have been working hard to create a bullying poster and a slogan that focuses on how we report bullying if we have witnessed or feel we have been a victim of bullying in school. Staff and leaders of Overdale have looked at how we deal with such issues and ensuring that they are properly investigated, with sanctions in place if necessary and contact made with parents.



Diary Dates

See our exciting term information for important dates

Inset Days

Mon 8th Jan 2024
Mon 8th Apr 2024
Monday 22nd July

Term dates

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

Xmas Dates

EYFS and KS1
phonics workshop -
Tuesday 28th
November

EYFS Xmas Performance

14th December 2023 –
More information to follow

KS1 Xmas performance

19th December 2023 -
More information to follow

Christmas Dinner

20th December 2023 -
More information to follow

Christmas party and fair

Thursday 21st
December – EYFS 4-
5pm, KS1 – 5-6pm
KS2 – 6-7pm

Christmas Fair



We had our first Friends and Family meeting on 16/11/2023 where we discussed our upcoming Christmas Fayre on the 21st December. This is what was decided:

- Tickets for the Christmas Party will be free of charge.
- EYFS – parents and children - 4-5pm
KS1 – parents (optional) and children - 5-6pm
KS2 – parents (optional) and children - 6-7pm
- Community Hub will be open for parents to wait in after visiting the stalls.
- Overdale fundraising stalls will be in the studio where there will be a tombola, reindeer food, cakes and a number of games.
- A raffle will be in place where prizes will be donated by local businesses.
- Donations of Tombola prizes would be greatly appreciated from parents and family. Please donate these to the school office.
- A Santa's grotto will be available for children to visit.

Any profit from the event will go straight back into the school and will be used to help fund trips and visits after the new year.



Well done

We are currently at 94.8% for our attendance this term. This is a big improvement on where we were at this time last Year. This is down to our family following our new attendance policy and ensuring they are following the guidance. Keep your eyes peeled for more updates on our ClassDojo page for more guidance and information around attendance.

Inform school

Please inform school as soon as possible if your child is ill and is therefore going to be absent from school. This will allow us to place this on the register and not need to conduct a house visit if we have any concerns. We know that at this time of year there are lots of illnesses going around. 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.



2 year old provision

Our application to become a 2 year old provision is going well. We aim to have this open in January to allow us time to ensure we are adequately staffed and have a high quality setting to welcome this age group. Further updates will be coming soon in relation to places etc. I know some have put their children's names forward already. There are interviews in the next week where we hope to recruit candidates with the skills and experience to make our two-year-old provision an engaging and safe learning environment.

Buddy's first week



Buddy had a fantastic first week in school. He has had a tour around each class and all children have had opportunity to meet him. Buddy has had small sessions with children who have been able to stroke and play with him. As he continues to settle in school he will be built into the routine of more of our pupils to support them in school. On the 6th December, Dogs Trust will be visiting to deliver dog workshops. Buddy has had a fantastic effect on our pupils with a dog phobia. They have been able to stroke him and enjoy his company. Children have been told that puppies have to sleep often and also can have sharp puppy teeth that they like to explore with. This is to support them when they are walking past Buddy's gate in the corridor and when giving him a stroke.



Fundraising in School

A big thank you for your recent donations – we raised £166.57 for the royal British Legions Poppy Appeal in school and a huge £165.26 for Children in Need.

Farewell and Hello(s)

Overdale says a big farewell to a long-term member of its teaching staff, Mrs Kershaw. Mrs Kershaw left the following message: *'I wanted to say a big thank you for giving me the opportunity to teach your lovely children. I have really enjoyed spending my days with them and watching them grow and progress in their education. After 30 years of teaching including 6 years with Overdale, I have made a big decision to continue with part time work so I can spend more time with my family. I am looking forward to be moving into the next part of my journey and you may see me supply teaching at some time. Meanwhile, I wish you all the very best for the future and it has been a privilege to be part of your children's education and the Overdale family.'*

Replacing Mrs Kershaw in year 5 from January will be Mrs Pashby. A teacher from Gladstone Road with lots of experience. Mrs Hemingway and Ms Campbell will be continuing in their roles in other areas of the school and we are very thankful for them for teaching year 5 for the Autumn term.

KS1 teacher

Mrs Broughton will be our year 2 teacher alongside Mrs Broadbent. Nicol has over 10 years experience in year 2 and is a fantastic teacher. We are very excited with this appointment as it will allow our KS1 class structure to be two year 1 and two year 2 classes. Due to the low intake when these classes joined in reception, we are aware that they have had to endure lots of change. We are confident with this new appointment that the children can now be settled in their classes throughout their time at Overdale School.

Coming up.....

An advert has now gone live for a new reception teacher to join our fantastic early years team here at Overdale. We are hoping the new teacher to start with us in February.

Nurture award

We are incredibly pleased to say Overdale School has been successful in gaining The National Nurturing School Award. Nurture runs throughout everything we do here at Overdale, so it is great to see that this has shone through during our assessment for the award. The assessor has provided lots of fantastic feedback and I would like to share some of this with you below:

- Overdale Primary school has demonstrated that Nurture is both literally and metaphorically the fundamental building blocks of the school.
- One of the many strengths of the school is the staff's positive ethos and team spirit, this creates strong relationships for all of the Overdale family.
- The passion and commitment of all the staff and pupils shone through.
- There is a real sense of a collaborative approach to meeting pupil needs.
- The new school environment has been designed with both nurture and individuality in mind recognising that different children need different things at different times.
- When asked to provide one word to describe school, pupils replied: helping, safe, fantastic, friendly, happy, comfortable, caring and fascinating.
- There is a clear vision for nurture embedded within the future at Overdale Primary School.



Phonics

Phonics in our school

Phonics is the way we teach early reading and fluency to our pupils. There is so much that parents and families can do to support their children. We are hosting a parents' phonics evening to support EYFS and year one families to support them with teaching their children to read and to become future readers who are passionate about books. Mrs Vasconcelos and Mrs Stewart will be hosting the event and it will be running on 28th November 2023 from 16:30 – 17:30 in school. Please contact them on ClassDojo to confirm your attendance or ask any questions.

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.



Allergies in school.

If your child has a food allergy and a meeting has not been conducted previously, we will be contacting you to attend a meeting with Mrs Campbell (SENCO), and the catering services to review the food options and menu provisions we can offer in school. North Yorkshire County Caterers have reviewed their provision for children with allergies to ensure as many food options are made available to each child as is possible.



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

Overdale Community Primary School



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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