



Overdale C.P Primary School

October - Newsletter 2024 'Respect, Responsibility, Resilience'

New and Exciting News

Overdale School has started planning and developing its '50 things to do before 11 3/4.' Here at Overdale we have three priorities. We want our children to be safe, to be educated and to make memories. The initiative will look at giving our children experiences that they will always remember. Some of the activities involve a trip to London, surfing lessons, residential trips, meet an Olympian, toast marshmallows on a campfire, teddy bear's picnic etc. Lots more information will be coming out about the activities we have planned but please watch this space...

Healthy School

As a healthy school, we ensure that all our school dinners, whether it be a hot dinner option or a café, are healthy and nutritious to our children, to help support their growth and development. If a child brings in a packed lunch, it is essential that they are again eating a healthy balanced diet. We have recently seen a decline in the overall quality of packed lunches and whilst we do not want to 'control' what your child brings in to school there have been some alarming finds in terms of the volume of chocolate or biscuits that are in children's packed lunches. I will be posting on Dojo this week, the North Yorkshire guidance for what should be included in your child's packed lunches. *Also please remember we are a NUT FREE school due to having several children on site with allergies.*



The Time has finally come

Buddy our Therapy dog has now turned one and this means he is due to start his accredited therapy dog training. We have partnered up with Canine Assisted Learning and we are very much looking forward to starting our work with them. In the meantime, Buddy will be supported by our school handlers to ensure that he is ready to start in his role. We will be giving regular updates on Class Dojo and on our social media account.



Diary Dates



See our term information for important dates

INSET DAYS

Monday 6th January
Tuesday 22nd April

Term dates

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

Residential / London

Year 4 residential -
25th – 27th June

Year 6 Trip to London
- 1st – 4th April

Running Late?

Please try to stick to our school times for bringing your child to school on a morning. This includes our bagel breakfast club. If your children are late and have not had breakfast, school cannot be expected to regularly source them a breakfast meal. We offer the bagel option, to ensure that all our children are here on time and have food to provide them with the energy for their morning work. Although our official start time is 08:40, the school gate remains open until 08:50. We place our morning phonics sessions at 08:50am. Children that arrive after this time are missing out on a vital activity that teaches our children to read.

Jay's Cycling

We are very excited to announce that we have teamed up with Jay's Cycling club to run an after-school club for our children to learn to ride their bikes and improve their current skills and abilities. The club begins on the week beginning the 7th October and will be on a Tuesday after school. This will be open to year 1 and year 2 children to begin with and will then rotate across the different age groups, including Early Years. Mr Lawton will be sending out more information with regards to this closer to the time.



Residentials

We have had a rethink! With year 6 going on their residential to London in April, we will be preparing our current year 5 children to go on their residential in the Autumn term of 2024. Although this will be when they are in year 6 and in October time, this will allow for payment plans to be set up this year for Bewerley Park, so that then focus can be shifted onto next year's London trip. In the meantime, we are aware that this will mean our current year 6's won't be attending a residential other than London, but we will be setting up a series of post SATs activities, such as Wykeham Lakes, Surfing etc to make up for that. Payment plans for all residentials will be set up in the next week or so.

Our year current year 4 students will also have the opportunity of a residential this school year on 25th – 27th June to East Barnby. More information and payment plans will be sent out soon.



Music Club



Our Glee Club and Instrumental club seem to be a hit for Key stage 2 children. Mrs Leggatt has settled into our school really well and the clubs are fantastic. Children can attend if they wish to play recorders, ukulele or glockenspiels on a Thursday or if they want to be a part of singing some modern songs in Glee Club on a Tuesday. There is still plenty of room so please enquire at the office if you would like your child to be a part of the music offer.

School office

We seem to have a number of children entering school through our front doors at the moment which is causing a backlog at our school office. The office is extremely busy on a morning and needs to be kept clear to allow our office manager to take calls and speak with any parents that have any urgent issues. Those using the front entrance must do so after seeking approval from school.

Dogs on Site

Please can I remind you that there are no dogs allowed on site. We have children with allergies and also with anxiety around dogs.



Collecting your child from school

The Autumn term is always a time of adjustment for picking up children from school. Please may I remind parents/ carers that if your child is in year 1 and year 2, parents are asked to be outside their classroom promptly at 3:05pm in order to collect their child, who will be let out the classroom between 3:05pm – 3:10pm. May I please ask that parents/ carers are not on their mobile phones on collection and are readily available to accept their child who is being let out by the class teacher.

Also, a note to year 3 parents/ carers. Teachers have asked that if your child is not able to walk home alone then they must also be collected from outside the classroom. It has proved too difficult to hand over children at the school gate as it is extremely busy at the end of the day. If you are not outside the classroom, children are being instructed to walk down to the gate to see if their adult is there and if not they have been asked to return to their teacher.

Parking

Please can I remind you again not to park on our double yellow lines outside the school gates. This is a crossing point for a large number of our parents and it blocks the view of approaching cars for children to safely cross the road. We have a number of parking spaces available and we would encourage you to start to walk where possible. We will soon be asking our Community Support Officer to support with this. Also please be mindful when parkin on surrounding streets such as Overdale as we have received several complaints from residents where their driveways have been blocked.

Christmas party

The Parents and Friends of Overdale School group will be meeting shortly to begin preparations for our annual Christmas party event. We are hoping to run another raffle with fantastic prizes, a Tombola and a disco again. Money raised will go towards our new '50 things to do before 11 ¾ initiative.' Please keep your eyes peeled for any more news.

