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'We Listen, We Learn, We Shine'



November Newsletter

After the warm months of September and October, coming back after half term has seen a change in the weather. Could you please ensure that children have their coats on to come to school as it can get very cold or damp during lunchtime or play times.

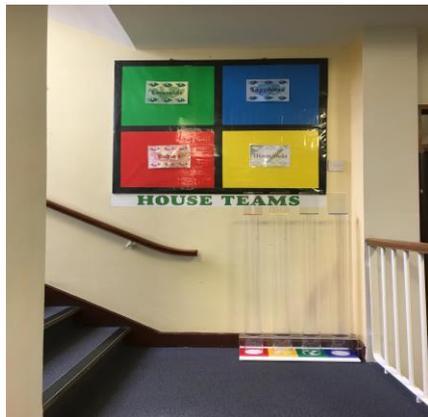
Many thanks for all of your generous donations for our Harvest Appeal. Mary from Westway Church took a loaded car to the food bank and all of your kind gifts of food were **very much** appreciated!



We will be celebrating Children in Need again this year on the 16th November with the option for children to pay £1 for charity and come to school dressed in spotty clothes as well as wearing odd socks for Antibullying week.

Thank you for your ongoing support Mrs Logan and Mrs Stabler

Dojos:



We have recently launched our new dojo awards – each child will have their own dojo account and their tokens will be added to the class total each week. Each half term classes will set a target to achieve and will be rewarded once they reach this total. We will celebrate winning house totals once a term.



Facebook

We have launched our very own Facebook page it is called Overdale CP School. We hope it is another way to keep you up to date with events and happenings in school. We welcome your positive feedback and communication on the page, but politely remind you about your home/school agreement.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please be aware that we cannot allow dinner money arrears. If you have a debt your child will have to bring a packed lunch until the debt is paid off. This is because we have to pay the catering company money to provide dinners and we cannot afford to pay these debts. Any money that is owed to school is money that cannot be spent on resources for all children.

Parents in school:

A big thank you to all who attended parents evening before half term – it was so pleasing to see so many of you engage with your child's learning, 91% of families. There were many positive feedback comments, you thought the school was good and that your children were happy in school and you thought joining us for celebration assembly on a Friday was a great idea.

Feedback for further improvement such as identifying which child specific texts from school are for, we will do our best to achieve.

Please remember it is parents in class next week 😊

PE Kit:

Please remember that children need to have their PE kits in school every day. KS2 need to have a games kit too, they need tracksuit bottoms/leggings, coloured house t-shirt, jumper and a change of shoes. Mr Lawton will be checking over the next few weeks and rewarding children with dojos for correct kits.

Attendance:

Congratulations to all the children who received their 100% certificates in assembly this week - being at school every day during the 1st half of the autumn term! Thank you for your effort and keep it up this term 😊 Remember every day counts.



Diary dates:

- 12th November** – photograph day
- 12th – 16th November** – parents invited into classrooms
- 13th – 20th November** – book fair arrives in school ☺
- 16th November** – Children In Need and Antibullying Week celebration – odd socks and spots
- 19th November** – Zoolab visiting school and flu vaccination
- 20th November** – Year 3 and 4 visiting SJT as part of National film week
- 4th December** – Den day
- 7th December** – KS1 Christmas performance
- 9th December** – Festival of Carols for KS2
- 10th December** – Christmas fayre
- 11th December** – Whole school visit to Westway Church for a carol service
- 13th December** – Christmas dinner
- 14th December** – Christmas maths day – parents invited.
- 20th December** - KS2 to Spa for the pantomime
- 21st December** – Christmas jumper day, EYFS performance and last day of term – BREAK UP AT 3PM.



After School Clubs

- Monday– Table tennis and cooking club
- Tuesday – Mark Barber's football and gardening club
- Wednesday – Stephen Joseph Theatre for Year 4, 5,6
- Thursday – Homework and Year 2/3 computing club



School teams:

Well done to our Year 3/4 football team who have recently taken part in a fixture against other local schools. Mr Lawton commented on how you were great ambassadors for our school and how hard you worked on the pitch. Well done boys.



Governor section:

We have a new Local Authority Governor – Mrs Jackie Laybourn. Mrs Laybourn brings a wealth of experience to our Governing body having been a chair of governors in several schools in Bradford. We look forward to her championing the children of Overdale.

Today, Mr Henderson came in dressed as a soldier from WW1 to show the children what the uniform was like, the children were interested to find out what it felt like to wear it.



Staff news:

We are pleased to inform you that we have appointed Mr Thomas Hewitt as the learning support assistant for Year 5.

He has already started work with Mr Lawton and the children in Year 5 – he has had a wonderful week getting to know the daily routines and expectations at Overdale.

Mr Hewitt enjoys music, swimming and sport and hopes to use these in his role.



Welcome
Glad you're here!

1914 – 1918



Least We Forget

Across school this week we have been learning about WW1 in preparation for the 100th anniversary of the end of the war. Each child has made a poppy, learning about the meaning behind the symbol for Remembrance Day – some of the poppies are on display at Westway Church, others are displayed in our corridor. I think you will agree they look amazing and we are very proud of everyone's efforts to commemorate this important event in history.

