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'We Listen, We Learn, We Shine'



December Newsletter

As we come to the end of a very busy term at Overdale, we are sure like us, that you are all looking forward to a well-deserved rest and relaxation as well as the festivities ahead! It is hard to believe that we have completed one term of the year already!

Once again we have to thank you for your overwhelming support at the Christmas Fayre – we will put the money raised towards learning experiences outside of the classroom for all children next year. We were delighted to welcome so many of you into school for the KS1 and EYFS productions, we were incredibly proud of all of the children, as we know you will have been.

On behalf of all the staff we would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful start to 2019. As always, thank you for your support in all we do. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 8th January, for another action packed and fun filled year! Have a wonderful holiday!

We look forward to working with you all in the New Year Mrs Logan and Mrs Stabler

Dojos:
EMERALD house

KS2 enjoyed an ice skating trip to York and KS1/EYFS will visit Mini Monsterz this week to celebrate winning this term's Dojos. Furthermore, we hope to make our Dojo accounts more interactive in the near future, so that as parents you receive messages and photographs of children's work.



IMPORTANT NOTICE



As you are aware last week we were inspected by Ofsted, the team spent two days observing teaching and learning, speaking to children, staff and parents and holding discussions with the senior leadership team and Governing body.

Thank you to all those parents/carers who made positive comments either through the online survey or to the inspectors directly.

The official report will come out in the New Year, we look forward to it arriving and we will send out a copy when it arrives.

Staff news:



We will be saying goodbye to a number of staff, who will be leaving us at the end of this term – we thank all of them for their hard work during their time at Overdale and wish them all the best for the future.

- Mrs Hardaker is leaving, she has a new administrator role at a local charity in Scarborough.
- Mrs Talbot is relocating with her family to Harrogate.
- Mrs Elliott is leaving, she has a new job as a peripatetic teacher for children and young people who have hearing issues.
- Mrs Hemingway will be in school for the first week back but will then be on maternity leave.



Welcome
Glad you're here!

Mr Bowman is joining us from Airy Hill School in Whitby where he has worked for several years, Mr Bowman will join us in the role of Assistant Headteacher and will teach across school starting with teaching Year 3 during Mrs Kershaw's absence.

Mrs Taylor will join the school in the office, she has previous experience of working in an administrative role and this will support the school well.

From January, Mr Watson will take on the role of SENCo in school and Mrs Stabler will cover Mrs Hemingway's maternity role in Year 4 two days a week. Miss Quinn will be in Nursery for the full five mornings.

Mr Hewitt will teach swimming during Mrs Hemingway's maternity leave, he is a qualified swimming coach and will work alongside Mr Lawton and Mrs Harvey.

Diary dates:



Monday 7th January – TEACHER TRAINING DAY
Tuesday 8th January – Children return to school
Monday 14th January – Faith Week in school
Thursday 17th January – Westway church Open Book assembly
Thursday 24th January – Beauty and the beast production in school for all children
Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February – parents in class week
Thursday 21st February - Westway church Open Book assembly
Friday 22nd February – Break up from school.
Monday 4th March – TEACHER TRAINING DAY
Tuesday 5th March – Children return to school and Secret Garden production in school for all children
Wednesday 20th – Thursday 21st March – Parents evening

Attendance:

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Congratulations to all the children who received their 100% certificates in assembly this week - being at school every day during the 2nd half of the autumn term!

Extra special congratulations to those children who have been in school 100% over the whole term! What an achievement. Photographs of these children will be on the website shortly.

Thank you for your effort and keep it up in 2019 ☺



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.



After School Clubs

These will start again in the New Year and we will update you when we return.

Sumdog:



We have been amazed by the children's response to our new online homework system – Sumdog. The children are incredibly keen to play the games and learn online, in fact they have been queuing to get into the lunchtime club! We are delighted that the children are enjoying spending time after school continuing their learning. From January Homework club will be available Thursday 3 – 3.45pm. The Department for Education recommends that Key Stage 1 children do an hour of homework each week, rising to half an hour per night in Key Stage 2.

If you are having difficulties with logins please don't hesitate to speak to a member of staff or bring the device in for us to look at. All children have logged in at school and know how to use the app.

New school update:

As you may have heard on the radio or have read about in the paper we are delighted to let you know that planning permission has been granted for the new school building. This is a huge step forward, we look forward to meeting with the development team in the New Year and hope that building work starts around April/May 2019.



Reading:



Reading continues to be one of our school development priorities.

This term we have introduced new initiatives into school such as Reading Gladiators for KS2 and Reading Inference across the whole school, we look forward to these supporting improvements in reading for all our children in 2019.

Please remember reading with your child is incredibly important and therefore we ask you to do so as often as possible and record it in their reading record/log.

Even if they can read fluently it is still good to spend time reading and discussing books together, this will only help your child to progress further.