



## October Newsletter 2019

'We Listen, We Learn, We Shine'

As we close our first half term of the year, we are thrilled to report a successful start to learning for 2019/2020.

All staff are working on the schools development plans to improve reading and ensure ALL children achieve age related outcomes and make expected progress. We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents/carers for their continued support and suggestions for improvements; it was lovely to hear so many positive comments from you at parents evening last week.

It has also been a pleasure seeing so many of you at our Friday assembly when we celebrate the successes of our children, particularly this week for our swimming awards – we are proud of their achievements and the children enjoy sharing their successes.

Thank you for your ongoing support from all of us in school.



### Mr Lawton – Health and Well-being leader at Overdale school

#### PE kits in school

PE is an important part of the curriculum, which supports lifelong healthy lifestyles, which promote positive mental health. Again, we would **very much appreciate your support** with ensuring every child has a PE / games kit in school from Monday to Friday so that no PE lessons are missed.

#### Healthy school status

Overdale is a 'Healthy school' and to maintain this status, we ask that children with packed lunches have drinks provided in the dining hall, which is milk and water.

### Reading across school.

Reading is a target for improvement for our Ofsted in Dec 2018. We would **very much appreciate your support** with this and ask that you read at home with your child when you can and complete the reading record that is sent home with your child daily. School holidays are particularly important, as children are not reading at school at those times and reading progress can slow on returning to school.

Presently less than 50% (half) of our children return reading records completed by parents / carers who have read with their children at home. Our target for the next half term is 80%. Children receive dojos for reading at home as well as at school.

### Please note: Cold weather

It certainly has got a lot colder, wetter and darker over the last couple of weeks. Please ensure children have suitable coats and shoes and preferably something reflective to help keep them safe when walking home afterschool.

### School dinners

**We ask that all school dinners are paid for in advance of taking them, this enables the school to balance its finances. Parent Pay is the preferred option for any payments made to school. Thank you.**

### Diary Dates



#### INSET days for 2019/2020.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 2019

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020

#### October half term

Break up Friday 25<sup>th</sup>

October at 3pm.

Returning to school

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

#### School Photographs

11<sup>th</sup> November 2019

#### Children in Need Day

15<sup>th</sup> November

Information to follow first week back.

#### Early Years Xmas

##### Performance

17<sup>th</sup> December 2019

#### Box 2 Be Fit day

18<sup>th</sup> December

#### KS1 Xmas

##### Performance

10<sup>th</sup> December 2019

#### Christmas School

##### Dinner

19<sup>th</sup> December 2019

#### Christmas Jumper day & end of term

20<sup>th</sup> December 2019

### Macmillan Coffee

#### Morning

The Coffee Morning was a great success Thank you to everybody that supported us. We raised a fantastic **£210.00** for this important charity.

#### Harvest Festival

Thank you all who attended and donated to our Harvest event. We are sure you will agree that Y4 and Miss Hegarty did a first class job of leading the event.



#### Parent consultations:

A big thank you to all who attended – it was a joy to see so many of you engage with your child's learning:

87% of our families booked and attended a consultation, which is excellent.

<b>Nurse</b>	Next half term	<b>Y3</b>	74%
<b>Rec</b>	100%	<b>Y4</b>	87%
<b>Y1</b>	92%	<b>Y5/6L</b>	79%
<b>Y2</b>	83%	<b>Y5/6WB</b>	91%

Please remember that if you missed your appointment or did not book one you can do this after half term to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher. Ask in the office for an appointment.

### Holidays in Term Time

We have had a significant increase in the number of parents taking children out of school for holidays. Whilst we acknowledge the difficulties, statutory guidance means we are unable to authorise these absences in all but the most exceptional of circumstances.

*School teams: Well done to our Year 5/6 & Year 3/4 football teams who have recently taken part in several fixtures 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!*



#### Mondays

Gymnastics Club – Year 3 & 4 - until 4.00p.m

#### Tuesdays

Mark Barber's Football Club for KS1 and KS2 until 4.15pm

Children's University Club – until 3.45p.m

#### Wednesdays

Discipline – Martial Arts Club – KS2 until 4.15pm

#### Thursdays

Homework club for all children until 3.45pm with Miss Hegarty.

Reading Club for Y6 until 3.45pm.

**There are a number of clubs running on a lunchtime too. A huge thank you to all the staff!!**

Headteacher

Assistant Headteacher

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Vicki Logan (Mrs)

Andrew Watson (Mr)

Rob Bowman (Mr)