



Overstone Combined School

Autumn Newsletter 5th September 2019

Welcome to the Autumn term at Overstone. We hope you all enjoyed your Summer break and the children are ready to return and eager to learn. There are a lot of wonderful events and topics planned for this term, which the teachers are keen to share with you. Please look out for key stage newsletters to uncover these.

We would like to welcome our new staff; we are excited by all the great experience and ideas they have to offer.

Mrs Mercer

Acting Headteacher

Meet the Teacher

On Wednesday 11th September we will be holding “meet the teacher” event at 2.30pm for parents of children in Years 1-6. This will begin with an initial meeting with Mrs Mercer and Mrs Bendall (Acting Head and Acting Deputy Head) to discuss whole school plans for the year, followed by a chance to see your child’s new class and meet their new teacher. You will also be able to ask any questions you have about your child’s new class. We hope to see as many of you there as possible but understand this may not fit for you and therefore any presentations will be shared on the school website.



Open Afternoon and Evening

We will be running our usual open evenings for prospective and existing families to come and look around the school on 30th September. In addition to this we will also be offering an open afternoon for families to come and visit on the same day. More details will follow about these.

Key Dates:

Wednesday 11 th September, 2.30pm	Meet the Teacher
Thursday 26 th September, 2.30pm	House Cross Country Event (details to follow)
Monday 30 th September, 1.30-3pm	Open afternoon
6-7.30pm	Open evening
Wednesday 16 th October	Year 5 and 6 trip
21 st and 23 rd October	Parents’ Evenings

Reminders

- Please remember to inform teachers of authorised pick up information for the next term/year in writing. This can be given to the class teacher or emailed to admin@overstone-wing.org. Please also inform in writing if any changes need to be made to these, in advance of the day concerned.
- Remember that lunches need to be ordered by the Wednesday of the previous week using ParentPay. New starters will be getting these details as soon as possible, please continue to provide a packed lunch until these are available. The supplier is AIP and their contact number is 07805696164 in case of problems.
- Can we please have completed parental consent forms returned to the office by Tuesday 10th September. It is vital that we have these for every child, as they contain such important information. Further copies available from the school office, if required.
- Please inform the school by 8.30am if your child will be absent due to illness. This can be done by ringing the school telephone or emailing absence@overstone-wing.org.
- Named PE kit needs to be kept in school at all times to ensure the children are able to take a full part in their PE lessons.



Forest schools

Forest School will begin on Friday 6th September. Kits need to be brought in on the relevant day for their class.

Monday – Cedar (Mr Bradman)

Tuesday – Ash (Mrs McGinty)

Wednesday – Elm (Miss Sedgwick)

Nursery

Thursday – Beech (Miss Booth)

Friday- Fir (Miss Callum and Ms Pascoe)

Volunteers

At Overstone we are proud of our school community including not only the children and staff, but also all of their families and the wider relationships.

We are aware of the valuable skills that many members of the community have and would very much like to maximise these within the school. We are therefore asking for any individuals who have a skill they feel they could bring to the school to let us know. This could be helping in the library, listening to children read, helping with gardening or decorating around the school. Equally if you feel that you have a skill you could share with the children in a club during the week we would be eager to hear from you.

If you are able to help, then please fill out the form attached to this newsletter and drop it into the school office and we will be in touch.

House Teams

This year we are hoping to make the most of our Houses throughout the school. This will help to continue to develop the community feel of the school. For those that are unsure, the school has 4 houses:

Ascott	Mr Winyard
Mentmore	Mr Bradman
Rothschild	Mrs Bendall
Waddesdon	Mrs Willett

This year we will be using these houses more throughout the school including:

- House Captains chosen from Year 6
- Children can gain points for their houses through challenging themselves in academic or other areas, showing kindness to others and other excellent behaviour
- Children can gain points through inter- house competitions. The first of these will be an inclusive cross country competition. Many aspects of school life, ranging from sport to reading, will be encompassed in these.
- Children will now line up in their houses and can earn points for their house.

At the end of each half term these points will be totalled and the nominated house captains will help to organise a prize for the winning team.

Opportunities

We have an opportunity for a new playground supervisor to come and join our team.

This is a wonderful position to become a valued part of our team. It involves working with the children, supervising them on the playground and liaising with staff.

If you are interested please visit:

<https://jobs.buckscc.gov.uk/job-search/details/100000143219/>

Goodbye

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to our school crossing patroller Ken. He spent many years helping children and their families reach the school safely, however he has made the difficult decision to retire. We would like to say thank you for the years of support he has given to all of our families and we are sure you will join us to wish him good luck in the future.

We have been informed that it is now policy not to replace patrollers who leave, so unfortunately we will not be gaining a new patroller.

With this in mind please ensure that you are careful in all areas around the school around pick up and drop off time to ensure the safety of all.

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Volunteer Form

Full Name:	Contact Tel No:
Email address:	Connection with the school (children, past connection, relative, neighbour, none):
Name of child(ren)	Class(es)

I would like to volunteer for:

	Please Tick
Regular volunteering (weekly) e.g. readers, library	
One off volunteering e.g. maintenance projects, development projects, one off tasks, events	

I am available:

	am	pm
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		

Other _____

I would prefer to work with:

	Please Tick
EYFS	
KS1	
KS2	

Please note all volunteers will be subject to a DBS check prior to starting.