



Overstone Combined School

Newsletter 23rd September 2019

We have had a brilliant first few weeks back at school, with so many different things going on across the school and such a range of learning happening. I hope that the children have been coming home and sharing all of this with you.

Thank you to those who were able to join us at the "Meet the Teacher" event, we hope that it was useful. If you were not able to attend the key messages from this meeting with the Senior Leadership Team are included within this newsletter and the powerpoint is now uploaded onto the website.

Mrs Mercer, Acting Headteacher

Communication

We are aware of how important communication with parents is, and are eager to ensure that parents can get in touch with the appropriate person as soon as possible.

If you need to speak about something regarding your child the first point of call should be the class teacher- speak to them at the end of the day if possible to arrange a time to talk. If you can't then send in an email or a note for the attention of the appropriate teacher.

If you have spoken to the class teacher and feel you still need to discuss anything further then please speak to the appropriate member of the Senior Leadership Team:

Mr Bradman- KS1 Lead Mrs Bendall- EYFS lead, SENCo, DSL, Acting Deputy Head

Mrs Willett – KS2 Lead Mrs Mercer – Acting Head



Key Dates:

Thursday 26 th September, 2.00pm	House Cross Country Event (details below- note timings)
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

- The main door is closed at 8.45 am to allow staff to begin their day. Please ensure children arrive before this door closes. If you are later than this then please take children in to the main reception where staff will take them to their classroom- please do not take them through yourself without speaking to a member of staff.
- 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.
- Remember that lunches need to be ordered by the Wednesday of the previous week using Parentpay. The supplier is AIP and their contact number is 07805696164 in case of problems.
- 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.

Cross Country

Our first house event will take place on Thursday. This will be a great opportunity to enjoy a sporting activity with the opportunity to earn points for your house. Parents are encouraged to come and support their children from the playground as they run around the cross country track around the field. This event will still take place in light rain (as forecast) but in the event of torrential rain we may have to postpone until Friday (a parentmail will be sent out).

Timings:

2:00pm	Reception	2:45pm	5 and 6
2:15pm	1 and 2	3:00pm	All children in class
2:30pm	3 and 4	3:15pm	Children leave normally

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.

Reminder!

House Teams

You should have received a note home confirming your child's new house. These were restructured as they had become very unbalanced which would have caused issues with fair points being totalled. If you have not had this message please contact your child's class teacher.

Ascott

Mr Winyard

Mentmore

Mr Bradman

Rothschild

Mrs Bendall

Waddesdon

Mrs Willett

Behaviour Policy

Our new behaviour policy is now available on the school website. This focuses upon positive behaviour management and we will share more details of it with you through these newsletters.

One of the key aspects is our new four rules which we hope your children have started mentioning at home.

- We are kind
- We show respect
- We try our hardest
- We listen



After School Clubs

Letters regarding clubs have gone out to children in the relevant year groups. Those available currently are:

- Zumba (Y 1/2 Monday)
- Netball (Y5/6 Tuesday)
- Hockey (Y3/4 Wednesday)
- Craft Club (Y4/5 Thursday) and Football (Y5/6 Thursday)

Photos to come soon!

We would love to include photos in these newsletters of the wonderful aspects of school life that your children have been enjoying but we still have a large number of permission forms not returned making this near to impossible!

If you have not yet returned your Parent/Carer consent form for this year, please return it as soon as possible. If you have misplaced it then come in and let staff know who will be able to find you copies.

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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.