

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for supporting our community and showing respect to members of the school team taking strike action this week. The decision to strike, or not, is not a decision taken lightly and we have supported each other regardless of the decisions we have made individually.

Communication

We are always working hard to improve our communication and recently we have encountered a number of issues with the way we currently communicate with parents. In an attempt to streamline communication, we will be uploading weekly emails and relevant attachments directly to the website. We will send the link out each week and hope this will make it easier for parents to access and refer back to. We are also looking at other providers to see if we can make further improvements to our communication systems.

Reading books

We have made some changes to the days reading books are collected in.

Pre-school	Changing choose books on a Monday
Reception and Year 1	Changing reading books on a Tuesday
Year 2	Changing reading books on a Friday
Reception and KS1	Changing choose books on a Friday

We will hear children read throughout the week so please can we ask children bring their reading book and reading record to school every day.

Reading sessions

Thank you for attending our reading sessions each week. Unfortunately, due to the planned strike action on March 1 and March 15 we will need to cancel the reading sessions on those dates. Please see below for the times of the reading sessions until the end of the year.

Spring term	Wednesdays at 2:50pm	All year groups
Summer term	Tuesdays at 8:50am	All year groups

Punctuality

There has been a noticeable improvement in children arriving on time in the morning and being on the playground when the bell rings at 8:50. Thank you very much for working with us and ensuring your child has a positive start to the day.

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 7th February is Safer Internet Day. We will be discussing with the children how to keep themselves safe online. Please find below a link to access a workshop for parents on online safety.

[Online Safety Advice for Parents - Safer Internet Day Tickets, Tue, Feb 7, 2023 at 7:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)



Website

As part of our work on online safety I wanted to share the Online Safety section on our website. This area includes a range of information that may be useful as well as our Online Safety Newsletter.

[Overdale Infant School - Online Safety \(overdale-inf.leicester.sch.uk\)](https://www.overdale-inf.leicester.sch.uk)

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 7 th February 3:30	Year 2 SATS Q+A session – please watch the video before attending SATS Information Video
Friday 10 th February	R1 Class Assembly – 9:30am
Tuesday 14 th February and Thursday 16 th February	Parents Evening – click the link https://www.overdale-inf.leicester.sch.uk/parentportal/parents-evening/
Friday 17 th February	End of term
Friday 10 th March	Inset day – School closed to children
Tuesday 14 th March and Thursday 16 th March	Rainbow 4 and Gold Class Parents Evening – booking information to be sent out nearer the time.

Year 1 Spring Assembly

Unfortunately, we are unable to have all 4 classes involved in the Spring assembly on the same day. Instead, Violet Class and Blue Class will perform on Wednesday 29th March and

Green Class and Indigo Class will perform on Thursday 30th March. Both performances will start at 9:20. I apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Strike Action

There is further planned strike action on Wednesday 1st March, Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March. I will share more information nearer the time on the implications this may have for our school. As before it would be useful to consider alternative childcare arrangements for those days in case of a class or school closure.

Lost Property

Our lost property boxes outside the classroom are very full. If you have misplaced any items please look through. Any items not collected by the end of half term will be donated to charity.

Take care,

Mrs Holmes