

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week started with our Holi celebrations, the children worked over two days learning about the core religious beliefs, stories and how people celebrate Holi. Children from Pre-school to Year 6 created some amazing pieces that reflected their learning and the exhibition in the dining hall was incredible. Thank you to so many of you who came to support this event. Thank you to Miss Quick and the team for their hard work in ensuring the event was a success. Our week in school ended with the snowy weather, it was wonderful to see the children outside enjoying the snow. I hope the children have enjoyed playing in the snow today!

I had a very positive meeting with our school Governors this week, they have been visiting the school recently meeting with our curriculum leads. Governors have acknowledged the progress we have made with the curriculum and the hard work carried out by curriculum leads in sequencing the curriculum.

Red Nose Day

On Friday 17th March we will be having a non-uniform day for Red Nose Day. Please note we will not be collecting cash for this event but instead would encourage parents to donate via Just Giving. Please follow the link to our page.



https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rednoseday23-overdale-infant-school?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=rednoseday23-overdale-infant-school&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=b64965de1e594cd185779f9514dff3bd

Strike Action

We are planning on remaining open for all classes on Wednesday 15th and 16th March. Please see the attached letter for more information about the industrial strike action. Please note the reading session will be cancelled on Wednesday 15th March.

Reading Incentive

We are thrilled with the success of our reading incentive. We have reviewed the reading incentive as we are finding that children are reaching the milestones very quickly. From now on we would like the children to colour in a circle on the tracker when they have read each day this would need to be for around 10 minutes. Only one circle can be coloured in each day and staff will be checking reading journals for parent and carer comments to correlate with these. We hope this will help ensure all children can access the reading incentive.

Looking ahead

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| Tuesday 14 th March | Rainbow 4 and Gold Class parents' evening |
| Thursday 16 th March | Rainbow 4, Red Class and Gold Class parents' evening |
| Friday 17 th March | Rainbow 2 Assembly – 9:20am Red Nose Day – Non-uniform |
| Wednesday 22 nd March | Class Photos |
| Friday 24 th March | Rainbow 4 Assembly – 9:20am Non –uniform day in aid of Turkey and Syria |
| Wednesday 29 th March | Spring Assembly – Violet Class and Blue Class – 9:20am |
| Thursday 30 th March | Spring Assembly – Green Class and Indigo Class – 9:20am |
| Friday 31 st March | End of term |

Poppy Playtime

We have recently been made aware of a number of children talking about Huggy Wuggy. Please find some information below that you may find useful.

Have you heard of Poppy Playtime? Whilst the name and characters suggest a playful game, **it is a survival horror game with graphics that may not be suitable for your child.** It includes characters such as 'Kissy Wissy' and 'Huggy Wuggy.' **Please view this game before allowing your child to play it as it may not be appropriate for them – particularly young children.**

Children may be playing the game or just watching videos of it on sites such as YouTube or playing replicated versions on Roblox for example.

Further information

The INEQUE Safeguarding Group have produced this informative briefing for parents and carers:

<https://saferschoolsni.co.uk/huggy-wuggy-online-safety-review/>

Take Care,

Mrs Holmes