

Dear parents and carers,

Our thoughts are with the people of Turkey and Syria following the devastating events this week. We understand that members of our community will be directly affected and want to share ways we can help. Sharing news with children can be very upsetting and difficult for them to understand, I have attached some information that may be useful for you to share with children if you wish to. We have also shared this information with class teachers to support any children asking questions. We have been advised that the best way to help those affected by the earthquakes is to [donate to the DEC Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal](#)

This week we have been focussing on enhancing our curriculum. Mrs Coplin our curriculum lead has met with subject leads to review our curriculum offer and review our progress in sequencing all areas of the curriculum. We have also been completing phonics screening checks for all children in Year 1 and Year 2. Teachers will share more information on your child's phonics screening check during your parents' evening meeting. We are very pleased with the progress the children have made. Our Year 1 children have also participated in a National Writing task called No More Marking, the results have been analysed and our results are in line with the national average. We are thrilled with these results and are very proud of all of our children and staff for their hard work.

Thank you to all of our Year 2 parents who attended the SATs meeting. I hope you found the information useful.

Happy Lunchtimes

We have noticed an increase in incidents of negative behaviour at lunchtime, in response to this on Monday the playground will be zoned with different equipment in each area, only two classes will be able to play football each day. We hope that this will have a number of benefits:

- Increase the children's physical activities
- Reduce incidents of negative behaviour
- Support friendship difficulties

Our Senior Leadership Team will be supporting our lunchtime supervisors during lunchtime to monitor the impact of the initiative.

To help resource our lunchtime provision we need your help, if you are able to donate any of the following items, we would be very grateful:

- Old pots, pans and kitchen utensils for a mud kitchen.
- Wood pallets or large pieces of wood suitable for den building.

- Simple cause and effect toys suitable for our youngest children.

If you wish to donate any of these items either bring them in to the main reception or for larger items please email support@overdale-inf.leicester.sch.uk and we can arrange collection.

Dates for your diary

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
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day – Children to come dressed as their favourite book character
Friday 3 rd March	Rainbow 3 assembly – 9:20
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.
Friday 17 th March	Red Nose Day – Funny Fancy Dress (Non-uniform) R2 Class Assembly – 9:20
Wednesday 29 th March	Violet and Blue Spring Assembly – 9:20
Thursday 30 th March	Green and Indigo Spring Assembly – 9:20

Reminders

- Please can parents and carers leave the school site by 3:30 at the end of the day. Members of staff may ask you to leave the playground after this time.
- Please can children not ride bikes or scooters on the playground in the mornings.

Take Care,

Mrs Holmes