

Dear parents and carers,

I would like to thank parents and carers for attending the Reception Phonics meeting this week. Feedback from the meeting was very positive and staff were praised for delivering a useful and informative session. I would also like to thank Mrs Coplin, Miss Francis and the Reception team for staying late to lead the session.

It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers attend our Macmillan Coffee morning this morning, thank you to all those who attended and donated cakes to raise money for Macmillan Cancer. It was a great opportunity for the senior leadership team to get to know families a little better and to listen to your thoughts on what the school does well and any areas for improvement. We will be hosting coffee mornings once a term this year and we are already looking forward to the next one.

In assembly this week we have been thinking about our school values:

- Respect
- Resilience
- Responsibility

This week we talked about taking responsibility for our behaviour and looking after the Happy Lunchtime equipment. Mrs Coplin explained the different lunchtime zones and demonstrated how to use the equipment.

Site Safety

This week I wanted to update you on the agreed actions following our site safety review:

- We are in the process of sourcing repairs for the pedestrian gate for the entrance to Eastcourt Road and will be purchasing a metal gate for the Reception playground. Can parents please make sure the gate is closed and locked when they exit the site.
- A new metal fence will be installed outside the classroom used for Comets and Shooting Stars.
- At 9am each morning SLT will now close both gates near the Reception playground.
- Staff will check all gates are locked each time they enter the playground.
- New radios will be purchased to ensure that all staff are able to call for additional support as and when required and alert SLT of any incidents quickly.
- Regular reminders will be shared with parents to ensure that the playground is clear by 9am to allow us to secure the site. Please can we ask that parents do not open gates once they are closed.

We are currently working with suppliers and contractors to ensure the gates and fences can be repaired/installed as soon as possible.

Class Dojo

Thank you all so much for joining Class Dojo and for your patience and understanding as we learn how to use this new system. Mrs Fittock and Mrs Gosal have worked very hard to set this up and have added events to the calendar so you have plenty of notice about different events in school.



Hello

from the Mental Health Support team.



My name is Gosia I am the Educational Mental Health Practitioner for Overdale Junior and Infants School.

I am based in the school and offer one-to-one interventions for pupils with mild to moderate mental health difficulties. We also assist the school with the implementation of the Whole School Approach to Mental Health. This could include assemblies, group sessions for pupils and staff training.



If you would like more information about our team and what we offer please follow this link <https://www.leicspart.nhs.uk/service/mental-health-support-teams-in-schools-mhst/> or contact the Leicester City South Mental health support team by email lpt.mhstleicscitysouth@nhs.net

Look out for the Educational Mental Health Team around the School during the academic year as the service have some exciting things planned and feel free to come over to talk to us.

Move it Boom

Our school is once again supporting the Move it Boom physical activity competition for children organised by Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust. By taking part in physical activities children will get points for our school. All you need to do is join the Move it Boom website:



[Monster Hunt - Move It Boom 2023](#)

Please sign up online and help the school earn points which lead to great prizes.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 3 rd October	Routes to Resilience Open Session –8:50am – 10:00am
Tuesday 10 th October	Wear Yellow Day – World Mental Health Day – Children to wear something yellow. Parents' Evening – Have your booked your appointment?
Thursday 12 th October	Parents' Evening – Have your booked your appointment?
Friday 13 th October	School closes for half term.
Monday 23 rd October	School closed to children – Training day for staff

Take Care,

Mrs Holmes