

Dear parents and carers,

We have had a very colourful week this week, we have enjoyed celebrating Diwali and participating in raising money for Children in Need. The children have been learning about Diwali and how it is celebrated, they have been busy creating divas and music, movement and art inspired by Diwali. I hope those celebrating Diwali last weekend and throughout this week have had an enjoyable time.

We have also been participating in Anti-bullying week. The theme of this week was to make a noise about bullying. On Monday we explored what bullying is and talked about bullying being several times on purpose. The children identified who they could talk to about bullying and agreed to make the right choices and behave responsibly. We watched a short clip created by the Anti-Bullying alliance.



[Anti-Bullying Week 2023: Make A Noise - Official Primary School film - YouTube](#)

### Arts Week

Next week all of our children will be participating in Arts Week, this will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to take part in art, music and poetry activities. The inspiration for the week will be the book *The Dot* by Peter H Reynolds. The children will be using their skills and knowledge to create 3d paper sculptures, using dots and lines to respond to music imaginatively and they will create a class poem. We will then use all of the artwork to create a school art exhibition, this will be in the hall for parents and carers to view on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 3pm – 5pm. The children will also visit the exhibition as a class on Wednesday morning. We are really looking forward to getting creative next week!



### Overdale Experience Parent Forum – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 9am.

We have been working on an overview to enhance our enrichment opportunities across school. We would like to invite you to be part of our Overdale Experience Parent Forum. You will be able to take a look at the proposed enrichment overview and have your say on the experiences we will be offering. Please confirm your attendance to Miss Francis at [bfrancis@overdale-inf.leicester.sch.uk](mailto:bfrancis@overdale-inf.leicester.sch.uk) by Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November. We look forward to sharing this exciting project with you!

### Reminders

- At the end of the day please can parents who have children attending both Overdale Infant and Overdale Junior School collect children from the Infants first. As the children are younger, they become easily distressed once other children are collected and they have to wait for a longer period of time.

- The school gates will closed at 8:55 each morning, children should be on the playground at 8:45 before the bell goes. Overdale Junior School are also shutting the gates promptly and arriving after 8:55 could result in parents and carers not being able to exit the site using their preferred gate.

### Class Assemblies

This week Red Class participated in a brilliant assembly about Anti-Bullying. They shared some brilliant poems they had created and sang a beautiful song about kindness and how we all need a reminder to be kinder. Class assemblies will start promptly at 9:20 and may last around 30 minutes. Unfortunately photographs and video recordings will not be permitted during the assembly but there will be an opportunity for this at the end of the assembly.

Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Gold Class
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Green Class
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Indigo Class
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Violet Class
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Blue Class
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Rainbow 1
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Rainbow 2
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Rainbow 3



Does your child have problems with anxiety?

- Bedtime fears
- Being away from caregivers
- Phobias (e.g., spiders, dogs)
- School worries

OSI could help you. OSI (Online Support and Intervention) is an online platform designed to help parents and cares to learn tools and techniques to help their child (aged 5 to 12 years old) to overcome difficulties with anxiety.

Parents and carers can work through weekly online modules that contain videos, quizzes and interactive worksheets. Parents and carers are also supported by a weekly telephone/video call appointment with a clinician.

You can access OSI at a convenient time for you using any electronic device.

OSI is being delivered by Leicestershire Partnership NHS Mental Health support team in schools. For further information please contact Mr Lang who will be able to make a referral for you to access this service. You can contact Mr Lang via Reception or Class Dojo.

## Parent Survey

Your feedback is very important to us, it would be great to hear any positive comments about what we are doing well in and any areas of improvement. Please could you complete the survey by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Our Senior Leadership Team will then spend time looking at the results of the survey and discussing next steps.

[OAK Parent and Carer Survey \(surveyhero.com\)](https://surveyhero.com)

Next week, I will be participating in a Challenge Partners Review in London, this is an external review where I will evaluate the effectiveness of another school. I will work with a team of reviewers and will observe lessons, look at the curriculum and talk to groups of children. I am really looking forward to taking part and hope that I will be able to bring back some ideas that will be useful for our school. Mrs Coplin and the Senior Leadership team will be available in my absence if you need any support with anything and I will return to school on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

Take care,

Mrs Holmes

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Arts Week
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Art Exhibition in the hall – 3pm – 5pm
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Overdale Experience Parent Forum – 9am
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Flu vaccinations No reading session on this day.
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day – Children and staff to wear Christmas jumpers. Handmade/Pre-loved jumpers are encouraged.
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Nativity pm 1:45pm-2:45pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Nativity am 9:20am-10:20am
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 Party
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Pre-school party
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Party
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Trip to Pantomime
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Year 2 Party
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Church visit School closes for Christmas.

New dates added