

Dear parents and carers,

We have had an eventful week this week and I was so impressed with how calm the children were during our emergency evacuation. The children remembered what to do and supported the Senior leadership team in their investigations by answering questions comprehensively.

Our Year 2 staff have been busy moderating work to inform their end of year assessments. We are in the process of finalising judgements but the results are looking promising and are roughly in line with our targets.

Our Phonics screening check week begins next week for Year 1 and those children in Year 2 who did not pass the check last year. It would be helpful if children could be in school on time every day next week as children will complete the check at different points in the week.

Transition

The end of the academic year is fast approaching and I am sure you and your children will be thinking about transition to the next year group. Over the years we have developed a strong transition programme that allows the children to move to their new class confidently. I have included some of the things we do to support the children's transition to the next year group.

Year 2

- Playtimes in the Junior playground
- Tour of the Junior School
- Mr Evans will be visiting each class to read a story
- There will be a Question-and-Answer session with current Year 3 children.
- Children will spend the day in their new classrooms on Tuesday 11th July.

Year 1 and Reception

- Children will spend the day in their new classrooms on Tuesday 11th July.
- Parents will be able to meet their child's new class teacher and visit the classroom at 3:30pm on Tuesday 11th July.
- Reception children will begin to play in the KS1 playground at playtimes over the next few weeks.
- Staff will begin to point out Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms to children as they walk around school.
- Children will write a letter/draw a picture to their new class teacher to help them get to know them.
- The initial three days of the new academic year will focus on building relationships between children and staff.
- Assemblies and circle time sessions will focus on what is the same and what is different about their new year group.

Pre-school

- Children will visit the Reception playground and classes over the next few weeks.
- New Starters meeting will be on Tuesday 13th June for parents to meet Reception staff.
- Children will visit their new classroom and meet their teacher on Tuesday 11th July.
- Staff will carry out home visits at the beginning of next academic, to begin to build relationships with children and parents.
- Time will be spent in the first few days getting to know the children and allowing them to familiarise themselves with the school environment.

You will be informed of your child's new class teacher when you receive your child's end of year report.

If you are worried about your child's transition to the next year group, please contact support@overdale-inf.leicester.sch.uk as we may be able to offer additional pastoral support.

Dates for your diary

Monday 12 th June – Wednesday 14 th June	Challenge Partners Review
Monday 12 th June – Friday 16 th June	Phonics Screening Check week
Thursday 22 nd June	R1/R2 West Lodge Farm Park
Tuesday 27th June *	KS1 Sports Day
Wednesday 28 th June	Year 1 Twycross Zoo
Thursday 29 th June	EYFS Sports Day
Thursday 6 th July	R3/R4 West Lodge Farm Park
Thursday 6 th July pm and Friday 7 th July am	Year 2 Concert – Times to be confirmed
Monday 10 th July	Reports sent home
Tuesday 11 th July	Children visit their new classes. Parents to visit Year 1 and Year 2 classes and meet the teacher at 3:30pm.

***This date has had to change due difficulty with transport for Yr 1 trip**

We are having issues with the Year 2 trip but details will follow as soon as we have them.

Next week we have our Challenge Partners Review, I am really looking forward to this process and I hope I will be able to share with you the progress we have made since our last inspection with you all very shortly.

Take care,

Mrs Holmes