

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been full of emotions as we have enjoyed watching our Year 2 children perform in their end of year concert. It was an incredible show and the children made us laugh and cry throughout with some impressive singing and dancing. I would also like to thank our staff for their hard work in producing the performance.

We have had a brilliant year and the children have worked so hard. We aim to finish the year strong with a balance of activities thinking about moving on and celebrating the year the children have had together as a class:

- On Monday you will receive a copy of your child's report, we have used a new format this year which is the same as Overdale Juniors. I hope you will find the new format easy to read and more informative. Reception and Year 1 parents will also find out what class their child is in next year. The children will then meet their new class teacher on Tuesday 11th July. Children will begin and end the day in their usual class but will spend the majority of the day with their new teacher. Time will be spent getting to know each other and part of the day will involve creating artwork for a display that will be up in the classroom on their first day back in the Autumn term.
- On Wednesday 13th July we have our 'Under the sea' themed day. Children can come to school dressed as a pirate/mermaid or sea creature. We hope that this will provide the children with an enjoyable day engaging in themed activities.
- On Friday 14th July we have our whole school picnic on the playground, please can the children bring in a small snack (crisps, biscuit and/or fruit) in a named plastic box. We will sit together as a school chatting about our highlights of the year, there will be music, dancing and bubbles.
- We have had a high number of children off in the last week with sickness and/or diarrhoea. Can we remind parents that the school policy is not to return with 48 hours after the last episode of sickness and/or diarrhoea. This will ensure that we all have a greater chance of having an enjoyable beginning to the summer holidays.

Staffing Updates

We have appointed two teachers to join our Key Stage One team, both teachers demonstrated an understanding of clear expectations and modelled effective teaching and learning strategies.

I am looking forward to welcoming Miss Golongol and Miss Baldwin to our team.

Miss O will be leaving Overdale Infant School and Overdale Junior school at the end of term. Miss O is moving to a therapeutic school. I would like to thank Miss O for her hard work in shaping the role of Pastoral Support Worker across both sites.

We have our Year 2 sleepover this evening, although I am not sure staff will be getting any sleep, we hope the children have a great time. Look out on social media for updates on how the evening is progressing!

Take care,

Mrs Holmes