

Dear parents and carers,

We have enjoyed the cooler weather this week and it has been wonderful to see the children engaging in learning and working hard. During my daily walks this week I have had the pleasure of observing a variety of different lessons, behaviour around school is positive and the children are able to answer questions about their learning.

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September Mrs Coplin led our Speak Out. Stay Safe. Assembly. The children listened really well during the assembly and were reminded of the importance of keeping safe and sharing any worries and concerns with trusted adults. We were also fortunate to have another assembly on Wednesday, this was led by our Safer Streets team who talked to the children about idling and the importance of turning car engines off to protect the environment.

### **Communication**

We have worked hard over a number of years to improve our communication with parents, we have listened and responded to feedback and have made several changes to the way we communicate with parents. However, we still feel this is an area that we can improve. Over the next few weeks, we will be rolling out a new communication system called Class Dojo, this is an app that parents can download. This app is already in use at the Junior School and we hope that will allow us to share information with parents quickly and effectively. More information on Class Dojo will be shared next week.

### **Reminders**

- The gates to the playground will close at 8:55am each morning. Please make sure children arrive at 8:45 before the bell rings at 8:50 to ensure we can start lessons promptly.
- If you are attending a reading session or open session all parents will need to exit the site via the gate in the Reception playground.
- We are a nut free school. Please make sure packed lunches and birthday sweets are nut free.
- If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, please ensure that they stay off school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for 48 hours as advised by the NHS. This year we have a number of children who are Immuno-suppressed and can have significant health complications if they are in contact with sickness and diarrhoea.

### **Online Safety**

The online world is constantly changing and it is hard to keep up to date with the latest apps and websites. Each month we upload our online safety newsletter to our website. The newsletter contains some really useful information about how to keep children safe online and this month there is some really useful information about Roblox and Threads.

[Online Safety Newsletter - September 2023](#)

## Fantastic Friday

This week we will begin to share photos of our week in school on social media. There will be a Fantastic Friday post for each year group. Please make sure you are following our social media pages so you can see the learning that has taken place this week.

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[Overdale Infant School \(@OverdaleInfant\) / X \(twitter.com\)](#)

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## Donation Request

Our Nurture Group will be getting underway next week and we are currently in the process of making a space we have identified as 'The Nest' into a more welcoming and comfortable area. If any of our families or local community have any sofas or armchairs they would be willing to donate we would be very grateful. Please contact the main reception to discuss this.

## Dates for your diary

Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Individual School Photos
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Reception</b> Phonics Evening 6pm – Information to follow
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Macmillan Coffee Morning – Meet our Senior Leadership team. More information coming soon
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Routes to Resilience Open Session – More information coming soon
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Wear Yellow Day – World Mental Health Day – Children to wear something yellow. Parents' Evening – More information coming soon
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening – More information coming soon
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	School closes for half term.

Take Care,

Mrs Holmes