

Dear parents and carers,

This week we had an external safeguarding audit carried out by Judicium Education. The audit included discussions with children and staff, a tour of the school and a review of our recording system CPOMS. I am pleased to report that safeguarding was judged as being effective in our school, our recording of incidents for safeguarding and behaviour were praised highly and staff and children demonstrated a clear knowledge of safeguarding procedures.

Mrs Coplin and I also carried out a learning walk this week. A learning walk involves visiting each class to observe teaching and learning, time to talk to the children and an opportunity to look at their work. We observed children engaging positively in Science week activities, children demonstrated their knowledge around plants and could identify what plants needed to grow. Staff observed were clear in their instruction and modelled learning effectively.

Thank you for coming together today to support the earthquake appeal for Turkey and Syria. Your kind donations will be sent to the DEC Turkey and Syria Earthquake appeal.

[DEC Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal | Disasters Emergency Committee](#)

Behaviour

We have had several discussions with parents about support for behaviour at home. In school we use 1,2,3 Magic to manage behaviour and this can be adapted to be used at home. Please click on the link below for more information.

[Overdale Infant School - Behaviour \(overdale-inf.leicester.sch.uk\)](#)

If you need any additional advice or support, please email support@overdale-inf.leicester.sch.uk

Social Media

Are you following us on social media? Please click on the links below to make sure you can see our Fantastic Friday posts and reminders for key events.

[Overdale Infant School and Pre-School | Leicester | Facebook](#)

[\(2\) Overdale Infant School \(@OverdaleInfant\) / Twitter](#)

[Overdale Infant School \(@overdaleinfant\) • Instagram photos and videos](#)

Reading Sessions

Our reading sessions for the Summer term will be on Tuesdays at 8:50. Sessions will start promptly and will finish at 9:10

Looking ahead

Wednesday 29 th March	Spring Assembly – Violet Class and Blue Class – 9:20am
Thursday 30 th March	Spring Assembly – Green Class and Indigo Class – 9:20am Easter themed lunch – information attached
Friday 31 st March	End of term
Monday 17 th April	School opens
Thursday 4 th May	Polling Day – Pre-school closed
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday – School closed
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday – School closed for the coronation of King Charles III

Please note parents and carers will not be permitted to take photographs or video recordings during the Spring Assembly.

Summer Fete – we need your help!

Every year, the Overdale Parents Association, in collaboration with both schools, organises the annual Summer Fete for the whole school community. Last year, the event was visited by nearly 1,800 people and raised a fantastic £9,800 for the schools to put towards various projects, including reading schemes and playground improvements. Our core fete committee are excited to start planning for the event this year – due to be held on: Saturday 24th June 2023 – save the date!



We need volunteers urgently:

- to join our friendly fete committee in a support role to help plan and organise the event in advance. o We'll meet between now and the fete to plan the various activities to get the fete organised. It's helpful if you can attend on the day, but not essential – there's lots to do in the run up!
- to volunteer on the day, either setting up, working on a stall, or as part of the clear up. o These roles will be allocated nearer to the time, but please do help us get ahead by getting in touch if you'd like to be put on the contact list.

If you can assist - on the committee or on the day - or have any questions and would like to discuss further, please email us at overdalepa@gmail.com, with your name and phone number - we'd be really happy to hear from you. To reiterate, without a fuller committee and more day volunteers, the fete will not run.

Vacancies

Congratulations to Miss Quick and Mrs Giga who are both expecting their first babies in the Summer. They will be starting their maternity leave in the Summer holidays. We are looking for two teachers to start from the 24th August 2023. We are looking for candidates who have high expectations and are willing to work alongside our committed team. If you are interested in this role or know someone who would be interested please click and share the link below.

[Class Teacher – Eteach](#)

We are looking for an enthusiastic highly motivated lunchtime supervisor. If you are interested in this role please click on the link below

[Lunchtime Supervisor - Eteach](#)

Wishing Happy Ramadan to all of our staff and members of the community fasting for the next 30 days.

Take Care

Mrs Holmes