

Dear parents and carers,

I think we have had the busiest week to date, looking back on the week I have no idea how we managed to fit it all in!

This week we have had our Challenge Partners review, I am waiting for the final report but I am thrilled to share with you that the team of reviewers identified lessons in Phonics were consistent, routines for behaviour were established and well managed and scaffolds were in place to support children with additional needs. We are delighted and I have a wall in my office covered in post-it notes of all the things the reviewers found that is working well. I will be able to share more with you in the next few weeks.

We have also had our Phonics Screening check for Year 1 and Year 2 this week. We are waiting for the pass mark but we are incredibly pleased with the progress the children have made.

Clean Air Day also took place on Thursday 15th June, each class had a slot outside to enjoy the space and think about taking care of the environment. Children and staff really enjoyed this opportunity.

Staffing Updates

The end of the academic year often brings about a number of staffing changes. Decisions for staff moving on are varied some are leaving teaching and some are moving onto other schools for career progression.

- Mr Girt has resigned from his role as Assistant Headteacher.
- Mrs Sheikh has begun her maternity leave this week.

The following staff members are leaving at the end of the academic year:

- Mrs Marshall
- Miss Payne
- Mrs Walsh

Miss Quick and Mrs Giga will begin their maternity leave but will return to school towards the end of the next academic year.

Miss Knezevic has been appointed as Assistant Headteacher and will become a member of the Senior Leadership Team next academic year.

We have completed a rigorous recruitment process and have appointed three new teachers. All three teachers taught brilliant lessons and their values align with the school. We are really looking forward to them joining the team.

- Mr Veja (He is currently working in Rainbow 4)
- Miss Wheatley (Has worked in school as a supply teacher regularly)
- Miss Grimsley

Reception Updates

On Tuesday we had our new starters meeting. It was wonderful to see familiar faces and welcome new families to our community. Due to a dip in birth rates nationally, we will have 3 classes next year due to a reduction in numbers. Many schools locally are also experiencing the same.

Class teachers in Reception next year will be:

- Miss Meakin
- Miss Ashton
- Mrs Pridmore

Dates for your diary

Apologies for the confusion around dates recently, we have had some complications with trip bookings that has led to needing to change other events in school.

Thursday 22 nd June	West Lodge Farm Trip – Rainbow 1/Rainbow 2
Tuesday 27 th June	KSI Sports Day 9:15 -10:45 approx
Wednesday 28 th June	Year 1 Twycross Zoo
Thursday 29 th June	EYFS Sports Day 9:15 – 10:45 approx
Wednesday 5 th July	Year 2 trip to Conkers
Thursday 6 th July	West Lodge Farm Trip – Rainbow 3/Rainbow 4
Thursday 6 th July pm and Friday 7 th July am	Year 2 Concert Times to be confirmed shortly
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.

Reminders

- Children should continue to wear school uniform each day, please can we ask that children do not wear brightly coloured tops or character clothes when they are coming to school in PE kit. I understand parents will not want to buy new uniform at this time of year, please contact support@overdale-inf.leicester.sch.uk if you need any uniform or PE kit to help reach the end of the academic year.

- Parents should apply sun cream before school, children can bring sun cream to school and this will be applied at lunchtime.

We need your help

We do not have many donations for the class hampers, these are usually really popular on the day of the fete and raise a considerable amount of money. If you can help, please send in your donations as soon as possible.

Pre-School	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Pre-school items	Family treat	Baking	Crafts

Next week our Reception staff will be moderating as a team and finalising end of year assessment. We also have our first trip taking place as Rainbow 1 and Rainbow 2 visit the farm.

Dress Down Day

On Friday 23rd June we would like all children to come in their own clothes rather than school uniform and bring in a donation to the fete:

- Bottles (e.g. toiletries, soft drinks, cooking sauce, wine, beer)
- Soft toys for the soft toy tombola*
- Second hand toys or books*
- Plants
- Cakes (not biscuits) – homemade or bought
- Any remaining cup surprises

*Please ensure these are clean and in good saleable condition

Take care,

Mrs Holmes