



## Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank you all for your support and understanding as we as a school community are navigating our way through grief. Our staff and children have demonstrated compassion, resilience and kindness.

Staff and children have continued to work hard this term and our focus on routines and expectations has ensured that there is a positive climate for learning.

Thank you for your feedback this half term, it was great to hear so many positives and that Class Dojo has been well received. We are always keen to listen and respond to feedback and I will be working with the Senior Leadership Team to consider your ideas after half term. We will continue to ask for feedback throughout the year please look out for our feedback slips at different events.

I hope you have a restful half term and enjoy spending time with loved ones.

Take Care,  
Mrs Holmes

## Bereavement Support

Bereavement support for children, staff and parents will be ongoing. I would like to share with you some of the support available after half term.

- Mrs Coplin and Mr Lang will be working directly with children in Blue class.
- Each class has a worry monster, this is a place for children to share any worries and concerns with staff.
- Mrs Taylor provides meet and greet sessions for children who are struggling with the transition from home to school.
- We have a range of stories and activities we can use with children who are struggling with bereavement. (Please contact [support@overdale-inf.leicester.sch.uk](mailto:support@overdale-inf.leicester.sch.uk) if you feel your child would benefit from this)
- Staff have access to 1:1 and group counselling sessions.
- Gosia our mental health practitioner will be providing some sessions to support parents after half term.
- Staff training session from Child Bereavement UK.

## Reading Sessions

Weekly parent reading sessions will continue after half term. Parents of children in Pre-school and Reception will also be able to attend from the 27<sup>th</sup> October.

Autumn term	Fridays 8:50am	All year groups
Spring term	Wednesdays 2:50pm	All year groups
Summer term	Tuesdays 8:50am	All year groups



## Reading Volunteers

We need your help! We are looking to create a team of reading volunteers to support reading in school. Training will be provided on our reading scheme and we will share strategies to support children's reading. If you are willing to volunteer a few hours a week please contact [reception@overdale-inf.leicester.sch.uk](mailto:reception@overdale-inf.leicester.sch.uk) and ask for a volunteer application form.

## Class Assemblies

We would like to invite you to a class assembly. This is an opportunity for you to find out about what your child has been learning and see them perform in assembly. Assemblies will start at 9:20 and last around half an hour.

Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Orange Class
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Yellow Class
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Red Class
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Gold Class
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Green Class
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Indigo Class
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Violet Class
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Blue Class
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Rainbow 1
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Rainbow 2
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Rainbow 3

## Class Dojo

In response to feedback about informing parents of known staffing changes we will aim to share on Class Dojo the name of the member of staff or supply teacher covering with you.

We will also use the app to inform you of when the class pasta treat is taking place. We will aim to provide parents with at least two days notice for this but this may not be possible towards the end of any term.

**After half term communication via ParentPay will be limited.**

## Dates for your diary

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	School closed to children
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Reading sessions begin for all year groups – every Friday at 8:50am
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need – Children to wear brightly coloured clothes.
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Arts Week – more information to follow
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Flu vaccinations
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Reception</b> Nativity pm 1:45pm-2:45pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Reception</b> Nativity am 9:20am-10:20am
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Year 1</b> Party
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Pre-school party
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Party
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Trip to Pantomime
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Year 2 Party
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Church visit Schol closes for Christmas.

## Homework Heroes

Key Stage one homework is due to be handed in on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October. Classroom staff will look at each piece of homework and will stamp the homework to say they have seen it. One piece of homework will have a handwritten comment on it and may provide some feedback. A number of homework heroes will be selected each half term to acknowledge the children's efforts in completing their homework. Staff will be awarding homework heroes based on the children's creativity, independence, mastery of skills and their use of character muscles.