

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you had an enjoyable break and managed to find some time to recharge. We have enjoyed celebrating World Book Day this week. The costumes were brilliant and we enjoyed showing each other our costumes in our World Book Day parade. There was a real buzz around school focussed on reading and I enjoyed talking to the children about their favourite books.

In assembly this week we have been resetting behaviour expectations, encouraging the children to stop, think and make the right choice. Our focus for this half term is on lining up at the end of playtimes and keeping our cloakroom areas tidy.

RE day

On Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th March Overdale Infants, Juniors and Pre-school will be taking part in a joint RE day to celebrate the religious festival, Holi. Over the course of two days, children will learn about the core religious beliefs, stories and how people celebrate Holi. There will also be opportunities for children who celebrate Holi to share their own traditions and experiences. Each class will work to create a piece of learning to reflect the day. The results of this will then be displayed in a multi-sensory exhibition located in the dining hall for parents and carers to visit after school hours. On Tuesday 7th March, we would like to invite parents from all schools to visit the exhibition in the dining hall from 3.30 - 5.00pm

Support for Turkey and Syria

Following the devastating events in Turkey and Syria we would like to offer our support by raising money for the Turkey-Syria Earthquake appeal. We will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 24th March. Parents will be able to bring in cash donations directly to school or can donate directly following the link below. [donate to the DEC Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal](#)

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 7th March	RE Exhibition – Dining Hall 3:30pm–5:00pm Children to wear brightly coloured clothes to school for the day.
Wednesday 8th March	Reading open sessions begin – every Wednesday at 2:50pm Please note no reading sessions on 1 st March or 15 th March
Friday 10th March	School closed to children. Inset day for staff
Tuesday 14th March	Rainbow 4 and Gold Class parents' evening
Thursday 16th March	Rainbow 4, Red Class and Gold Class parents' evening
Friday 17th March	Rainbow 2 Assembly – 9:20am Red Nose Day - Non-uniform
Wednesday 22nd March	Class Photos – More information to follow If your child has PE on this day can they bring in a School Uniform Top/Jumper/Cardigan.
Friday 24th March	Rainbow 4 Assembly – 9:20am Non –uniform day in aid of Turkey and Syria
Wednesday 29th March	Spring Assembly – Violet Class and Blue Class – 9:20am
Thursday 30th March	Spring Assembly – Green Class and Indigo Class – 9:20am
Friday 31st March	End of term

Strike Action

Further strike action is planned on the 15th and 16th March. I will confirm plans on Monday 13th March. The reading session is cancelled on the 15th March.

Thank you

Thank you for your donations of toys and equipment to improve our outdoor area. We are very grateful and the children are enjoying exploring and playing with the new equipment.

Please remember that school is closed to children on Friday 10th March. Staff will be taking part in training with schools across our Trust.

Take care,

Mrs Holmes