



July 2021

Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers,

We have reached the end of a very busy and turbulent year. It has been a difficult year for so many reasons. However, the children have continued to feel happy and safe in school and have made progress. Staff in school have worked tirelessly to provide remote learning sessions during the year and I would also like to thank you for your support this year. I know many of you have played vital roles in our fight against Coronavirus and have juggled working at home and other commitments. We will still be contact tracing at the beginning of the summer holiday so please familiarise yourself with the procedure for a positive case included in this newsletter. At present the start of the new term is looking like it will be business as usual, but this is of course subject to change.

Good luck to our Year 2 children who are leaving for the Junior school in September. We will miss you.

I hope you can find some time to rest and recharge as a family. I look forward to welcoming the children back in the Autumn Term.

Mrs Holmes

Transition

Starting a new year group can be both exciting and worrying for both adults and children. To support the children with the transition, please can you share with them the transition booklets and staff fact files which can now be found on our website, under 'transition information'. Please can you also talk to them about all the things that will stay the same. Classes next year will be set up to closely replicate their current year group and activities will focus on children's social and emotional skills. We will also spend time becoming familiar with the environment and practising routines.

Autumn Term

We are currently expecting that in the Autumn term we will revert to our usual times of drop off at 9.05, pick up Reception - 3:15 and KS1 - 3:20. If restrictions should be put back in place, we will continue with our staggered times. To help the children gradually ease into this, we will have playtimes and assemblies in year groups. I will write to you on Monday 23rd August if anything changes.

Dates for your Diary

9th July - School closes

23rd/24th August - Teacher Days

25th August - Start of term for Yr1 and Yr2

25th Aug-1st Sept - Reception family visits

2nd/3rd September - Reception half days

6th Sept - Reception children start full time

Covid-19

A Message from Ivan Browne, Leicester Director of Public Health.

"It is important that we continue to take a cautious approach and make sensible judgements when restrictions are eased as part of the Governments roadmap and that still applies." Please continue to adhere to social distancing guidelines and follow the rule of two households or six people if meeting indoors."

We will continue to require all adults to wear face coverings when on the school site (unless they are exempt).

If your child tests positive for COVID-19, please email support@overdale-inf.leicester.sch.uk. This email address will be checked regularly. We will notify parents of a bubble closure via email.

500 Words Competition

Well done to all the Year 2 children who took part in the 500 words competition. The children wrote stories which were 500 words, and the finalists were chosen to take part in a virtual awards ceremony with schools from our Multi-Academy Trust. All the finalists' stories have been published in a book and some of the children were also given commendations for their stories! What a fantastic way to celebrate our amazing writers!

