

# Weekly Update

## School Choir



This week we had our first choir meeting with Year 2 children. The children will work with Mrs Pridmore, Mrs Adamson, Mrs Walker and Miss Shilton every Tuesday to learn a range of songs and work towards a Christmas performance.

## Operation Encompass

Operation Encompass aims to ensure all children experiencing domestic abuse receive timely support in their school. This means where the police are called to a domestic disturbance and the children are present the school will be notified before the start of the following school day.



At Overdale Infant School we are here to support both children and families all the time but particularly in times of need. We can provide a safe place for families to share concerns, and we can help to access further support services.

- Every morning the staff member in the playground is one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads. They are always available to discuss worries or concerns.
- When an Operation Encompass call is received it will always be a DSL trained in Operation Encompass who takes the call.
- We will not call the family to discuss the information, as this may put someone at further risk. Families can however, contact the school for support.
- When calling the school there is no need to give your name to the receptionist, just say **“I am calling about Operation Encompass please can I speak to a DSL?”** you will then be put through immediately to a Designated Safeguarding Lead. You could say this even if there has been no Operation Encompass call, and you would like support from the school for a similar matter.

- If you do not feel comfortable calling you can email via [safeguarding@overdale-inf.leicester.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@overdale-inf.leicester.sch.uk) only Designated Safeguarding Leads have access to this email address.

All information is dealt with confidentially within school and is only accessible to Designated Safeguarding Leads.

This week staff have received training on Operation Encompass and how it can support families.

## Arts Week

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November will be the start of our Arts Week. This will be the third year we have worked together as a school to produce art work to display in the hall. On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November we will be having a colour day to celebrate Arts Week. Each class will wear a particular colour. Please see the grid below for the colour we would like your child to wear

Red	Bumblebees Foxes
Orange	Hedgehogs Otters
Yellow	Owls Squirrels
Green	Butterflies Caterpillars
Blue	Starlings Dragonflies Badgers
Purple	Ladybirds Robins

The Art exhibition will take place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 3:30pm and will also be open on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 8:30am

## Reminders

- Please can parents and carers ensure only water is in the water bottles unless an adjustment needs to be made due to medical needs. We are not able to provide children with filtered water or warm water.
- Unfortunately we are not able to administer non-prescribed medication such as calpol to children.
- Please make sure all items of clothing are named especially children's coats.
- Parents are not allowed to drive on the school site to drop off their children unless they have had this agreed with the school.



## Important Dates

Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception Phonics Meeting 6pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need – Children to come to school in PJs
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Arts Week
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December at 3:30pm	Art Exhibition in school hall
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December from 8:30am	Art Exhibition in school hall
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Nativity performance pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Nativity performance am
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day Year 1 party
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Pre-school party
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception party
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Theatre trip
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 party
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Church visit