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Dear Parents,

Learning Behaviours

We have been working to develop positive learning behaviours within our pupils here at Overstone and we would like to give you the opportunity to support and reinforce this at home. I have attached a learning behaviours chart to this email. It will enable you to record with your child occasions when they have demonstrated any of the learning behaviours represented by our learning superheroes. This will help the children to understand what these behaviours are and how they can help them in their everyday lives at home as well as at school. You may choose to use stickers, written explanations, dates or just ticks in the boxes. Whatever you choose to do, developing such qualities as independence and resilience will certainly have a positive impact for all our children and by working together, we can maximise this.

NSPCC

The children have enjoyed the NSPCC assemblies this week and they have enabled important messages to be delivered to the children in a fun, engaging way. In appreciation for the valuable input given by the NSPCC, we have agreed to invite pupils to take part in a sponsored spelling challenge to raise money for the charity. You have received information about this separately from this newsletter but I did want to just clarify that there is no obligation to donate. If you do wish to sponsor your child, this would of course be very much appreciated by the charity but is entirely optional.

SATs

We would like to say well done to all our year 6s who took their SATs tests last week. They all worked so hard. Post SAT celebrations included not just a lovely sharing lunch but a visit from a rather huge crane! The children were fascinated to catch glimpses of its activity throughout the day.

Rhythmic Gym

Over 20 of our pupils will be taking part in a Rhythmic Gymnastics competition in Wellingborough on Saturday. I am very excited to see the outcomes of all the hard work which has been put in by Mrs Barber and the children. We wish all our gymnasts the very best of luck. I am sure that every one of them will enjoy this fantastic opportunity to perform at such an event.

Strictly Photos

Our Strictly teams will both be competing in the grand final of the competition at the Derngate on Saturday June 24th. We have arranged for Tempest to take some photographs of our teams on the morning of **Thursday May 25th** here at school. Please could the girls who are in either team wear their hair in a bun on that day and could they also either wear or bring to school their black tights. Boys will need to wear black trousers and black socks.



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Building

The building programme remains on schedule and it has been very exciting to watch the new block grow. The crane caused much excitement and the project really has led to some great learning experiences for the children. They continue to enjoy lovely active playtimes on the MUGA so I am very pleased to say that the project has not had any negative impact on pupils at all.

Residential

Many of our key stage 2 pupils will travel to PGL for their 3 day residential visit next week. I know they will have a wonderful time. We wish them a great trip and we look forward to hearing all about their adventures on their return.

Everdon Visit

Our Reception children will be taking part in their own outdoor activities at Everdon Field Centre next Wednesday. We look forward to hearing all about their adventures too!

Reminders

Just a couple of reminders regarding dates for next half term;

Friday June 16th at 2pm – Rose Day

Friday June 30th at 1.30pm – Sports Day

School Trends Uniform shop

A leaflet regarding School Trends uniform shop in Wellingborough was sent home with the children last week. The shop, situated in Olympic Way Wellingborough, will hold our uniform range, alongside other generic school uniform items and you will be able to try on and order items. We will no longer hold samples in school. Orders placed either in shop or on-line via <https://www.uniformshopwellingborough.co.uk/> can be collected from the uniform shop or delivered direct to home or to school during term time. Caps, Book bags, PE bags and water bottles will continue to be available to purchase through the school office.

Coming Up!

We have some exciting activities planned for next half term. These include Ju jitsu and skateboarding taster sessions for all pupils. Being active is so important and we are always looking to extend the range of physical opportunities we provide for the children here at Overstone. These two seemed too good to miss!

Half Term Activities

I have attached some information from the Youth Theatre at the Royal and Derngate regarding activities for half term and for the summer holidays for anyone who may be interested.

School finishes for half term next Friday, May 26th. May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to wish you a lovely break with your children.

Kind Regards,



Mrs Janice Mardell
Head Teacher