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Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been a very busy and festive end to the term here in school and I am sure that the children and staff will be in need of a well earned rest when the Christmas break comes around next week.

We all hope that you have enjoyed coming in to school or the church to see your children perform in their class play or carol concert and that you were able to experience a little bit of festive magic along the way. We were incredibly proud of how well the children performed in each of the 12 performances and we could tell by the smiles in the audience that you were too. You have some very talented children and they should all be very proud of the way they performed.

Sports

Throughout the term we have been able to attend a number of sports fixtures around the county including football, rugby, dodgeball, hockey and Winter Olympics to name a few. Children in each group have represented our school with pride and energy displaying determination and commitment. They also managed to bring a few extra trophies home with them which was very impressive.

Huge congratulations to our year 5,6 Strictly team who took part in Dancing Schools UK at the Derngate theatre on Saturday 25th November. They all worked so hard over the previous weeks to learn their Jive and Tango routines and they danced brilliantly, finishing in 3rd place! (Another glitterball trophy for the cabinet!) The Overstone supporters were amazing as always, cheering the children on and making sure they had a fun and memorable experience on the day. The team has now qualified for the regional finals in June and we wish them the very best of luck. Thanks go to Mrs Mardell who continues to support us with this and to Mrs Stevens who has also been helping out with all of the rehearsal sessions.

On Wednesday 22nd November, our school Choir performed at the Castle Theatre in Wellingborough. They had spent a lot of time preparing and I am very pleased to say that it all paid off and they performed brilliantly on the night. Very well done to all of those children involved and a thank you to Mrs Bellamy and the staff that have helped out along the way to ensure this experience was possible.

Events

We have had a selection of events in school that have needed parent/carer participation and would like to thank you for your support and generosity with these. Our final event of the year will be the FOOPS Christmas Cracker Fair after school today. Children will be released from school at the usual time. There will be a short period of waiting whilst FOOPS prepare some of the classrooms and then doors will open to allow everyone back in to enjoy the stalls and activities. Please bring along change if you can as it speeds up transactions.

Well-Being and Mental Health

We are currently liaising with the well-being and mental health support team from the NHS in West Northants who have been created to offer early intervention around wellbeing to support children in school. To initiate this support, we need to collect some useful information from children, staff and parents to help tailor support moving forward. Children will complete a short questionnaire here in school and we would like parents to also share your views using the link below. Your views will be vitally important in helping to shape the support that we are offered.



HEADTEACHER: MR S CASEY



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Parent questionnaires.

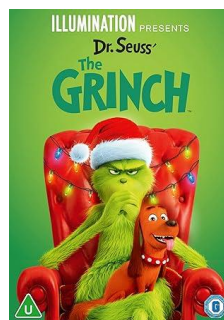
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Christmas Events

We have had a very busy build up to Christmas and would like to thank everyone who has been able to come to support our events.

On Tuesday we have our shared lunch and Christmas parties in the afternoon and on Wednesday we will be watching a Christmas Movie and spending some time playing games. School uniform must be worn.

The movies that have been selected are:



For Reception and KS1 this will be Dr Seuss' The Grinch.



In KS2 the children will watch The Christmas Chronicles.

If you do not want your child to watch the movie, please talk to their class teacher.

Attendance

Our overall attendance is 95.5%

Our target is 96% overall so we are very close to achieving this figure so far this year. Please remember that absences are now reported through the interactive link on the website rather than on paper forms. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

FOOPS

We would like to thank FOOPS for all their ongoing hard work and the events that they have put on this term. The children had a fantastic time at the disco and have enjoyed the various other activities throughout the term. FOOPS continue to be hugely important for us in school as they provide a vital contribution towards our school minibus, school trips, travelling panto and have also recently helped us to purchase 30 new tablets to update our computing resources. These contributions enable us to offer as much as we possibly can for the children and we are very appreciative of everything they do. I know that they are always

keen to add more volunteers to the group so if you think you might be able to offer some time or expertise please contact them on foops123@googlemail.com.

Communication

If you need to speak to a class teacher or have a concern or worry to discuss, please try to catch teachers at the start or end of the school day. If this is not possible, please send a message to admin@overstoneprimaryschool.org.uk with 'FAO - Teacher Name' in the subject box and a brief summary of the concern/information in the main body of the message. This will be forwarded to the teacher within school hours and whenever possible responded to within 24hours or the next working school day. Direct staff emails should not be used.

In any instance where you feel a concern may need further discussion, please email admin@overstoneprimaryschool.org.uk with 'FAO - Miss Dawson' (Deputy Headteacher) with a short explanation of the concern and the conversation already held with the class teacher. Miss Dawson will then be able to assist you further. Class teachers should always be the first port of call as they are most likely to have the information you need to reassure you and your child. We thank you with your support in this.

Governor positions

There are currently two positions available to join the governing body. These are as a co-opted (community governor) or as a parent governor. All parents are eligible to apply to be a parent governor and parents and/or family members or other people with links to the school or local area are welcome to apply to be considered as a co-opted governor. Please email admin@overstoneprimaryschool.org.uk if you would like to register your interest. Previous applicants are welcome to register again.

Happy Christmas

As the year draws to a close, we wish you all a very happy Christmas from everyone here at Overstone Primary School. We will look forward to seeing you all back at school on Thursday 4th January. Have a great break and a happy new year!

Please see a snapshot of some of the action from the Autumn Term below:





Christmas



Pantomime in school

Winter Olympics



Indoor athletics



Strictly at the Dengegate Theatre



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OPS at the Cobblers

Kind Regards

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 Overstone Primary School