



SYWELL ROAD, OVERSTONE, NORTHAMPTON, NN6 OAG  
Tel: (01604) 493861 email: head@overstone.northants-ecl.gov.uk  
www.overstoneprimaryschool.org.uk

14<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents,

I have attached a list of dates for this term. As we are still being impacted by Covid, we are not yet able to invite mixed groups of adults into school for our Friday celebration assemblies but if your child is involved in a class assembly, we hope to be able to welcome you in to see their performance.

### **Sports News**

Some of our year 5 and 6 pupils travelled in the minibus to Guilsborough on Friday January 7<sup>th</sup> to take part in an orienteering competition. They all did an amazing job of using their mapping skills to locate the hidden letters. Well done to Maisie, Harriett, Isla and Lilah who worked brilliantly as a team and won the event, bringing home a medal each.

On Wednesday January 12<sup>th</sup>, 19 of our year 3 and 4 children travelled to Moulton Sports Complex to take part in a sportshall athletics competition. The children competed in a variety of track and field events and they finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place which was amazing. They all enjoyed taking part and cheering (very loudly!) for their team mates.

On Monday, our football team will travel to Redwell. This is following their success in the district competition. They will be representing Daventry and South Northants in the county finals. We wish them the very best of luck.

We have New Age Kurling, gymnastics and hockey events coming up before half term.

### **Magistrate's Visit**

On Tuesday January 11<sup>th</sup>, a serving Magistrate came to school to talk to our year 5 and 6 pupils. The aim of the visit was to make the pupils aware of local justice in the community. The theme of the presentation was "Right and Wrong". This had been developed to support and enrich the citizenship element of the curriculum. The session culminated in a mock trial encouraging pupils to participate in discussion, make and justify decisions, explore some key issues of right and wrong and identify consequences of breaking rules.

### **Ukuleles**

Following the success of the NMPAT First Access project, some of our year 3 pupils are continuing with ukulele lessons. We have 11 pupils who have chosen to continue which is excellent; the project has really inspired them to continue to learn to play. There are 12 spaces available in total so if there is a year 3 pupil who would like to take part but has not yet signed up, please contact the school office.

### **Covid Isolation Rules**

As many of you will know, the Covid isolation period is changing again. The following information is taken from the DfE guidance document.



HEADTEACHER: MRS J MARDELL



West  
Northamptonshire  
Council



From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

We do have pupils and staff who have Covid so it is really important that we all continue to test regularly. Thank you for your cooperation as we work together to keep everyone as safe as possible, both in our school community and beyond.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JMardell', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Janice Mardell

Head Teacher