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Dear Parents,

### **World Book Day**

We really enjoyed celebrating World Book Day. The children looked wonderful and it was a great opportunity to encourage and enjoy reading. Children from different year groups read together and we all had an opportunity to admire each other's outfits during our afternoon parade. You can see some lovely photos on our school blog.

### **Assemblies**

Staff and pupils look forward to Friday assemblies as they are a great opportunity to celebrate pupils' achievements both in and outside school. For clarification, at home assemblies, we will continue to only celebrate home achievements. Please send your child's award for home assembly on the Thursday if possible.

Well Done, Owl Point and Headteachers' certificates will continue to be presented at school assemblies, as well as Behaviour Bugs. If your child is to be awarded a Headteachers' Award, you will receive an email on the Wednesday of that week to inform you of this. This will enable you to attend the Friday assembly should you wish to do so.

Birthdays will be celebrated at both assemblies.

Each class will perform a class assembly during the school year. The celebration assembly will not take place on these days; room in the hall will be needed for the parents of children in that class and many parents may not wish to watch class performances which do not involve their child. If we gave out awards throughout the school on class assembly days, it would also make those assemblies very long. Birthdays are still celebrated but if it is not your child's assembly and you would prefer them to have their card a week earlier or later, please let us know.

I hope this clarifies any misconceptions around Friday assemblies.

### **Communication**

Mrs Barker does not work on Thursdays or on Friday afternoons which means that if you send an email to our [admin@overstoneprimaryschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@overstoneprimaryschool.org.uk) address, it will not be actioned at these times. Therefore, if you are notifying school of alternative pick up arrangements on that day, please could you phone the school office rather than email, particularly if it is a Thursday or a Friday afternoon. All other emails will be dealt with as soon as Mrs Barker is back. Thank you.

### **Traffic**

You may have noticed that we have had a large police presence recently, both before and after school. This is to monitor the traffic situation in order to ensure the safety of our pupils and the rest of our school community. Thank you to those people who do not park on the zig zags; they are there to protect the children and it is important that they are left clear. It is also important to respect our neighbours by not blocking driveways.



HEADTEACHER: MRS J MARDELL



The vehicle gate leads to the staff car park and should not be used as a pedestrian access. This is important as when vehicles drive in and out, visibility is limited due to the hedges. We did have an incident recently when a car was driving in as an adult and a child were leaving after dropping a pupil off at breakfast club. Luckily, there was no collision as the car was driving extremely slowly but the driver couldn't see the pedestrians until the very last minute. Please use the green pedestrian gate when you collect your children, including when you collect them from before and after school clubs. We don't want pupils to get into the habit of using the vehicle gate as this would compromise their safety.

#### **ParentPay**

We have a few parents who have not yet registered on ParentPay. Could everyone please register as consent and payment for school trips will be given via this system. Thank you.

#### **Events**

Our Year 3,4 Development Gymnastics Team competed in the County Championships last week. They were representing the whole of Daventry and South Northants. There were originally 270 teams from around the county, 10 of which qualified for the finals and our team finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place. What a tremendous achievement! Well done to the gymnasts and a huge thank you to Mrs Barber who gave up so much of her time to train them for the competition.

We have a KS1 cricket festival, a year 5,6 swimming gala, the Year 3,4 Strictly competition, a year 5,6 netball tournament and the KS2 cross country event coming up in March so it is a busy month for sporting events here at Overstone!

We also have St John Ambulance First Aid training taking place for pupils in years 1 to 6 and a wellbeing workshop for pupils in class 4.

Kind Regards



Mrs Janice Mardell  
Head Teacher