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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your families have all had an enjoyable summer break and have enjoyed some time to relax in the sunshine.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming the children back into school on Wednesday 4th September and would like to share some information prior to opening. You will shortly receive some updated information around school attendance that we have been asked to share by West Northants Council. New government attendance procedures came into effect as of 19/8/24.

In addition to this you will also shortly receive your class newsletters to help everyone get organised for the term ahead.

Here in school, we have been working to make sure everything is organised for a positive and productive start to term. One small change is that we are going to ask Year 5 and 6 children to enter the building alongside the Year 3 classroom instead of through the link corridor doors. Teachers will be there to direct them on Wednesday morning and a staff member will be available each morning if you need to share any information for children in Year 5 or 6. Additionally parents in Year 5 and 6 will shortly receive an email to allow permission for children to be released at the end of the day to walk home or to a designated meeting spot away from the school. Once children reach Year 5, parents are able to allow this permission to enable children to take on further responsibility and walk either to the family home or to a pre-arranged meeting point.

We know that many children may be experiencing 'back to school butterflies' but I am sure that they will all be fine once they are back into the rhythm of things. I know the class staff are looking forward to getting to know the children properly and will provide welcoming faces on Wednesday morning.

Can I ask that all children bring their PE kits in to school on Wednesday as Freestyle Sports will be running taster sessions for all classes throughout the day and they may need to wear PE kit for these.

Medication in school - following consultation with governors and other schools within the cluster, we are now only able to administer prescribed medication in school. This will need to be taken to the office who will check the details before agreeing to administer. For all other medication, we ask that children are given their medication prior to and after school as we will no longer be able to accommodate this in school.

Please see the assembly list for the first half term below. We will distribute a more detailed list of dates in the coming days. We will start this Friday with a home assembly so please send in any achievements that have been awarded over the summer break – I am very excited to hear what the children have been up to!



HEADTEACHER: MR S CASEY



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As ever, we are hoping that children will make a positive start to their new classes. However, we know that often with new classes and dynamics, there can occasionally be teething problems as children become used to their new surroundings and returning to the rhythm of school.

If there are any worries or concerns, please do speak to the class teacher in the first instance to share these and ask them to clarify information or let them know that your child is worried about something. It is almost always the class teacher who is best placed to clarify, resolve and reassure children and parents of any concerns.

On rare occasions, concerns may need to be escalated to our Deputy Headteacher, Miss Dawson, if the class teacher has been unable to find a resolution and finally to myself, if and when, both of these avenues have been explored. Staff will always endeavour to address concerns professionally and politely and I would ask all members of the school community to treat staff members in the same considerate way when communicating with staff.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that we will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning here in school on Friday 27th September. Please keep an eye out for further details in the coming weeks.

Assembly Dates:

Friday 6th September – Home Assembly

Friday 13th September – School Assembly

Friday 20th September -Home Assembly

Friday 27th September – McMillan Coffee Morning

Friday 4th October – Both Home and School Assembly

Friday 11th October – Year 6 Class Assembly

Friday 18th October – School Assembly

We look forward to seeing you all tomorrow.

Kind Regards

Stephen Casey

Headteacher
Overstone Primary School