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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have almost reached the end of a very busy and productive half term. Here in school, children have settled into their new year groups and have been working hard to take on new class rules and get to know their new class staff. It has been a long half term which has enabled us to fit an awful lot in. We have had visits from the Mental Health Support team, a Science expert, The Daylight Centre as well as a Macmillan Coffee morning and some amazing entries to our first ever Pumpkin Competition! On Friday we were treated to a day of skipping activities with Dan the Skipping man and so I am sure that by the end of this week we will all be ready for a hard-earned rest!

Sports

So far this term we have taken a team of 10 children to Daventry for a full day of football and this week 7 children attended the Dodgeball competition at Benham Sports Centre. All of our players on both days represented our school with pride and were brilliant examples of Overstone children. We even picked up a 'Star of the Tournament' award at the dodgeball – well done Aiden!

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Our Macmillan Coffee Morning hosted by Year 6 children was a great success and has enabled us to send a payment of £567.50 in total! Thank you to all of those families who baked, donated cakes or biscuits or came along on the day. The money raised will enable Macmillan to continue the amazing work they do supporting those with cancer.

FOOPS

Friends Of Overstone Primary School held their first event of the year on Thursday 17th October. They kicked off their year with two very spooky Halloween discos. Both discos were lots of fun and it was great to see all of the creative costumes the children arrived in. Thank you to FOOPS members for all of their efforts, I know that this was a great fundraiser and that the money raised will be a great benefit to the school. Mufti or Halloween costumes are allowed but please can I ask that you avoid masks and face paint as these can become distracting and uncomfortable throughout the day.



HEADTEACHER: MR S CASEY



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Behaviour and Rewards

Having updated our rewards last year I wanted to let parents know of a couple of changes for the year ahead that the children have already been told about. I have attached the rewards information to this email for our new reception parents but the main changes for this year are as follows:

Years R, 1 and 2 – When children complete their 6th card, they will now have a choice of three Overstone Teddies to collect.

Years 3 and 4 – When children complete their 6th card, they will earn a trip out of school for an afternoon of 'Picnic in the park'.

Years 5 and 6 – When children complete their 6th card, they will earn a trip out of school for 'Bowling and a Burger'.

These were announced to children during assembly and were met with great excitement. We hope that these rewards will further inspire children throughout the year. Please see attached information for a reminder on how our reward system works.

Parking and Road Safety

I am sad to report that we have had a recent incident of damage to vehicles due to inconsiderate driving. Thankfully, nobody was seriously hurt. A number of people were left shaken by this and one person will now find that they are likely to face police prosecution. We don't believe they are a member of the school community.

It is incredibly busy outside of school at peak times and there are a lot of children and adults moving around. Please can I urge all visitors to park with consideration, be patient when arriving and leaving and remain courteous to other road users and local residents. These are values we are trying to instil in children here in school and it is vital that all members of our community act as role models even when it is busy and even when people are in a hurry.

I continue to receive photos on a regular basis of cars parked obstructing access to driveways (2 this week!) and/or parked dangerously on corners as well as concerns around language, behaviour and the use of horns. For some people, convenience seems more important than good manners or safety. As a result, I will now consider publishing the photos I receive in newsletters if the same persistent offenders continue to cause danger to our children and families. I am very aware that this only applies to a very small number of people, and some of the issues are caused by those passing through and not members of the school community, but I would kindly ask everyone to take note – the last thing we would want is for someone to be hurt out there.

We are working with the police and West Northants Highways to increase safety, but we do need everyone to play their part.

Car Park

Just a reminder that parking is for staff cars only. When entering by foot, please use the pedestrian entrance as safety cannot be guaranteed if using the vehicle entrance. This also includes drop off and collection from breakfast and afterschool club.

Term Dates and Christmas Events

We will have an action-packed month of events when we reach December and it will come around very quickly. Please see an updated list of dates attached. Also attached are the times of Christmas performances. Once again these will be held across the two venues with a daytime performance and an evening option. Children are expected to perform at both. Years R, 1, 3 and 5 will perform in school and Years 2, 4 and 6 will perform at St Nicholas Church in Overstone. Further details will be issued at the time.

School Governors

We currently have vacancies for two parent governors. If you are the parent or guardian of a child within the school and would consider joining our dedicated team of governors, we would love to hear from you. Please make contact via admin@overstoneprimaryschool.org.uk for more information.

Attendance

Group	% Attend
Year R	97.9
Year 1	98.2
Year 2	96.4
Year 3	97.1
Year 4	96
Year 5	96.8
Year 6	94.6
Totals	96.7

Our attendance trophy winner this term is Year 1 with an incredible total of 98.2%. This will be announced in our final assembly of the year. I am very pleased to say our overall total is above the national figure of 95.7% and I am hopeful that this will continue. We know that children with high attendance have the best chance to succeed and we thank parents for their support with this.

Vaccinations

The school nursing team will be in school for flu vaccinations on Tuesday 5th November for those children who have been registered.

Kingswood Lunches

A reminder to book meals with Kingswood by Wednesday 30th October in order for them to be on the system ready for the start of the new term.

Training Day Reminder

School will be closed for a teacher training day on Friday 22nd November.

Secondary School Applications

Parents of children in Year 6 will need to apply for their child's secondary place by Thursday 31st October.

Pictures of our recent activities:



Cobblers Partnership

Pumpkin Challenge



Dodgeball Team

Football Team



Dan the Skipping Man*

*Actually called Joe



Science Assembly

Harvest

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all the generous families who were able to donate to the Wellingborough Food Bank for Harvest this year. On Thursday 24th, the school council delivered the food and helped to sort it into boxes ready to be made into food parcels for families across the Wellingborough district. Thank you very much, it will be very much appreciated.



I hope you all have a restful half term break, will see you all back here on Monday 4th November.

Mr Casey

Headteacher

Overstone Primary School