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Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been lovely to welcome children back into school after the Christmas break. They have made a really positive return to their learning and have coped brilliantly with the chilly conditions outdoors.

I have this week undertaken the final reception tours for September intake 2025 and I am incredibly proud of the positive feedback I have had from visiting parents throughout the process.

Please see attached some important dates to note for the term ahead. There may be additional dates added as the weeks progress, but these are what we have booked in currently. Assembly dates have been added up until half term.

Smart Watches

A number of children have returned from the Christmas break with some very impressive and hi-tech smart watches. These are valuable items and the children are very lucky to have them but they are, unfortunately, not permitted in school. I have provided a quote from our uniform policy below for your information:

Jewellery

Only small stud earrings and watches are acceptable. No other jewellery is permitted. Simple step counting (Fitbit style) watches are allowed. However, smart watches that connect to the internet or have the ability to take photos or films, receive or send messages or connect to smart phones must not be worn at any time due to safeguarding. School is not responsible for any loss or damage to jewellery or watches.

For a number of reasons including value, risk of loss or damage and obvious picture sharing and messaging safeguarding concerns, our governors have concluded that these items are safer at home. We do not have the time (or in my own case the technical know-how !!) to check each individual watch to see if it is or can be connected to the internet and/or a mobile device nearby and therefore the governors have tried to be as clear as possible.

We appreciate that this may mean some children are unable to wear some recent gifts but I hope that, in the interests of safety, you can understand why this is the case.

A few reminders:

Year 3 Swimming

Year 3 are now swimming on a Tuesday morning - please remember to send in all the required kit.



HEADTEACHER: MR S CASEY



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Mobile phones

Children who have permission to walk, in Years 5 and 6, may bring a phone in to school which must be switched off and handed in at the office at the start of the day and collected before the end of the day.

Vehicle gate access

Please can I ask that this is reserved for vehicle access only and not pedestrian access. We would like to avoid any accidents and cars are moving in and out of this gate up to the time it closes at 8.30am each morning. They are not expecting pedestrians to appear from this entrance.

Absences

Please use the reporting tab (see PARENTS then ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL FORM) on the school website to report any future planned absences. We are unable to authorise any holidays within term time. The local authority is now monitoring school attendance much more closely than in previous years and collecting the school information. They will then decide whether to contact parents directly if they intend to issue warnings or penalty notices.

Kind regards

Stephen Casey
Headteacher
Overstone Primary School