



Overfields Primary School Autumn 2018

Newsletter 1

Dream, Believe, Achieve



Welcome back everyone to another exciting year at Overfields Primary School.

We hope everyone had a lovely summer break. All of our pupils have returned to school looking extremely smart in their Overfields uniform and ready to learn. We are looking forward to working with all our families in supporting their children with their learning this coming year. This year we welcome 23 new Reception children into full-time school and the majority of our classes (Year 1—Year 4) are now full.

Year groups will be sending out their own newsletters to let you know what is planned for the Autumn term. Remember also to follow school on Twitter @OverfieldsPri and to look out for Marvellous Me messages on your phone / tablet.

Our programme of after school activities will be starting week beginning 17.09.17 and a letter will be coming home with details soon.

SCHOOL MEALS Please remember that all pupils in Reception—Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal each day, This does not depend on if you are in receipt of benefits. However school do receive additional funding for children entitled to free school meals so please come to the office and complete the forms if you think you may be entitled to this. The cost of a school meal for Key Stage 2 pupils is £2.10 a day/ £10.50 per week. There is a copy of this terms menu attached for you to keep.

Packed lunches As a healthy school we encourage healthy packed lunches - this means that fizzy drinks and chocolate bars/ sweets / fruit winders are not permitted. Thank you.

For Health & Safety the playground equipment is not to be used by any children before or after school. (this includes the Trim trails, climbing frames and tyres) All of our pupils are aware of these rules.

Over the summer holidays school was very busy with building work and we are over the moon with our new school entrance. School are now completely separate from the Children's Centre and Rosedene Nursery and we have our own Reception desk with Miss Fuller as our School Receptionist and your first contact. All school phone numbers remain the same — Mrs Collishaw and Mrs Watson are also available as always. We have waited a long time for our own entrance (and for another member of staff in our office) and we are sure it will have a very positive impact for our families and visitors.

Early Dates for your Diary

- 20.09.18 School Council elections
- 25.09.18 Year 3 Stone Age visit to Danby
- 26.09.18 KS1 visit to Saltburn
- 03.10.18 Parents Open Evening

Friday 28th September & Monday 1st October are PD days and school will be closed.

29.10.18-02.11.18 Half term

- 28.11.18 Christmas Fayre
- 12.12.18 Y1—Y6 Pantomime visit
- 21.12.18 School breaks up for Christmas
- 07.01.19 Spring term starts

Can we please request that parents use the car parks (behind the Community Centre & near to the shops) when dropping off / collecting children. Daisy Lane can become very congested and we ask that our parents are mindful of the residents and their need to access their own drives. Parking officers do visit Daisy Lane, following complaints from residents, and may issue parking tickets .

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY



THE SCHOOL DAY

We expect children to be on their playground and lined up ready for the doors opening at 8.45am. Children should be in their classrooms for registration at 8.50am and class doors are closed once the class line has gone in. Late arrivals need to come through the main school office and be signed in by a parent at reception.

School gates will not open until 8.30am and for safety reasons pupils should not be on the premises unattended until this time. School take responsibility for pupils on site at 8.45am when the doors open unless they are inside the building supervised by an adult (i.e. a sports club or Breakfast club)

Good attendance and punctuality are rewarded both by individual classes and through our 'whole school attendance scheme. This year we are returning to our 'Presents For Presence' scheme which has been very successful in the past. Children qualify to trade or save their 100% weekly attendance stamp providing they have a register mark for all a.m. and p.m. sessions in a week. As they save their stamps through the weeks—the rewards get bigger and children who save all term are rewarded with a special headteachers prize. The children who achieved 100% attendance for the whole of last year all received a *Golden Ticket* and will shortly be taken out for a special treat. We will continue this incentive this year.

If your child has a medical appointment we suggest that you bring them to school for their mark and then collect them in time for the appointment. Please remember that all children need to be collected promptly at the end of the school day— 3.00pm (3.30pm Nursery). Only Year 5 & 6 may walk home unaccompanied by an adult. (*Please complete and return consent form*)

If your child is absent through illness please contact the school office as soon as possible to inform us so that we can authorise the absence in the register. Any unauthorised absence is followed up immediately by the school office. Please note that school have a target of at least 95% attendance for all pupils. If punctuality or attendance slip below 95% we may request a meeting to discuss ways school can support you or make a referral to our Education Welfare Team.

HOLIDAYS

School can no longer authorise any holidays in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. **Please note that parents who take their child out of school for an unauthorised holiday will receive a warning letter. For children who's attendance is below 95% , or who take their children out of school in September or during National Test times, a referral will be made to the Education Welfare Service and a fine will be issued. This is currently £60 per child per parent per week.**

