

# Overfields Primary School Autumn 2022

## Newsletter 1

### *Dream, Believe, Achieve*



A warm welcome back, to all our pupils and families, as we start another exciting academic year. We hope everyone had a lovely summer break.

It was lovely to see all pupils back in school today, smart in their uniforms and ready to learn. Staff have lots already planned for the coming terms and will be sharing year group newsletters with you in the coming week. This year we are aiming to reintroduce lots of opportunities for you to come into school and support your child with their learning and celebrate their successes with events such as class assemblies, learning together sessions and a Christmas fayre. Watch this space!

Remember to follow school on Twitter @OverfieldsPri and to look out for Marvellous Me messages on your phone / tablet. We also have a school website which has lots of new and current information about our curriculum and life at Overfields—  
[www.overfields.ironstoneacademy.org.uk](http://www.overfields.ironstoneacademy.org.uk)



This year we are welcoming some new staff to our Overfields family—Mr Walker is our new Year 3 teacher and Mr Carter is in Year 6. We also welcome Mr Crowson as a new Teaching Assistant in the Year 3 / 4 team. Mrs McMenamin is a new addition to our lunchtime supervisors team.

**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, and given the current economic climate and cost of food—is a sensible and healthy option which may help with family finances.

School 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 £2.25 a day/ £11.25 per week.**

**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.

We have had quite a lot of building and decoration work completed in school over the holidays . Our internal courtyards are slowly being turned into working rooms— they now have a roof on and plastered walls and we hope to have then finished by October half term.

We have had a full refurbishment of pupil toilets and sinks ( not Reception yet ) which look fantastic and the children agree!

You may have noticed safety barriers at the entrance to the building, across the path, which will help to keep all pedestrians safe when crossing in front of the vehicle gates.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE SCHOOL DAY FOR RECEPTION—YEAR 6 NOW FINISHES AT 3.15pm**

#### ***Early Dates for your Diary***

19.10.22 School Photographs

**Friday 30th September is a PD days and school will be closed to pupils.**

**24.10.22-28.10.22 Half term**

08.11.22 KS 1 trip to Danby

18.11.22 Children In Need

30.11.22 Christmas Fayre

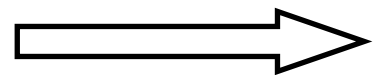
14.12.22 Y1—Y6 Pantomime visit

16.12.22 School breaks up for Christmas

03.01.23 Spring term starts

**We have further PD Days on 17.02.23 and 05.06.23.** Please look on the website for a calendar of the school year and holiday dates.

Please turn over for information about attendance and medicines in school.



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, tyres) Thank you for your support.

Can we please request that parents use the car parks ( behind the Community Centre & at the shops) when dropping off / collecting children. Daisy Lane can become very congested and we ask that our parents are mindful and considerate of the residents and their need to access their own drives. Parking officers do occasionally visit Daisy Lane to check on illegal and inconsiderate parking.

We also request that all visitors and pupils use the pavements when on site for safety.

## ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY.



### THE SCHOOL DAY

We expect children to be on their playground by 8.40am, ready for the doors opening at 8.45am. Children should be in their classrooms for registration at 8.50am and class doors are closed at 8.50am. Once the doors are closed, late arrivals need to come through the main school office and must 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)

If your child has a medical appointment, if possible, please bring them to school for their mark and then collect them in time for the appointment. We also request to see a copy of any medical / dental appointment paperwork. Please remember that all children need to be collected promptly at the end of the school day— now 3.15pm ( 3.30pm Nursery). Only Year 5 & 6 may walk home unaccompanied by an adult. ( Please complete and return consent form sent home today)

Please note that school have a target of at least 97% attendance for all pupils. Ironstone Academy Trust policy is that if punctuality or attendance slip below 96% you will receive a letter and we may request a meeting to discuss ways school can support you or make a referral to our Education Welfare Team.

This year a member of our staff—Mrs Dales, is changing part of her role so that she is working more closely with families . As well as working with pupils in the classroom, she will be supporting families with punctuality & attendance. Part of her role will be to undertake our first day safeguarding calls if a child is absent and we have not been notified of the reason. As her role develops, we hope to be able to offer parents support with other aspects of school life such as behaviour, helping your child with their learning and links with other agencies.

### HOLIDAYS

School cannot authorise any holidays in term time. This is a decision which has been taken by the DFE. Please refer to our attendance policy on our website for further information. All holiday absences are now referred to the Local Authority Education Welfare Team who may take the decision to issue a fine. **For children who's attendance is below 95%, or who take their children out of school in September or during National Test times, or for any child who has had a holiday in the preceeding 12 months, a fine will be issued. This is currently £60 per child per parent per week.**

School have a Breakfast Club which supports our families. If you would like further information about our Breakfast club, which opens at 7.45 am every morning, please ask at the office.

### MEDICAL INFORMATION

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 on the same day as part of our safeguarding policy.

Please ensure you inform us of any updates or changes to your child's medical or dietary needs.

Any inhalers need to be brought to the school office so that a form can be signed. Asthmatic children need to have a copy of their asthma plan in school which can be obtained from your GP.

School can only administer medicine which is prescribed for 4 times a day.