

Overfields Primary School Autumn 2022
Newsletter 2
Dream, Believe, Achieve



We have now been back at school for 3 full weeks and the children have really impressed us with their enthusiasm for learning in their new years groups and with their attitudes and behaviour. We have welcomed XX new Reception children into Overfields this year and they have all settled in well with our routines and we are very proud of them. Well done everyone on a great start to the new year!



Today we introduced our new School Council members in assembly. 2 children from each class have been voted into the role by their classmates and will represent their year group in our School Council/ Eco council meetings. They will help school to make decisions on improving Overfields Primary and their community, as well as discussing and being proactive about wider world issues, such as energy use and recycling.

You will have now received information about our new approach to recording home reading using the Marvellous Me app/ This has been introduced from Reception to Year 6 (excluding the Language unit) and we hope that it makes things easier for parents to note when their child has read. It will also free up some of our teaching assistants valuable time so that they can support more directly in the classrooms. If you have any questions or problems with using the Marvellous Me app please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.



Class emails are now up and running and are an effective way of contacting your class teacher. Teachers check their class emails every day, and since COVID, they have been an effective and quick way to make contact. However please do not expect teachers to reply after 5.00pm at night when they will go home to their own families. Any emails after this time will be dealt with the following day. You will find a reminder of class email addresses overleaf.

Mrs Dales, a teaching assistant at Overfields Primary, has added to her role this year by supporting school with attendance and punctuality. She now has the added job title of Pastoral Support Assistant. If a child is not in school, and she is unable to make contact by phone, then she may come to the house to check on the reason for absence as part of our safeguarding procedures. She will also be able to offer families help with contacts with other professionals including Early Help and the School Nurse.

Dates for your Diary

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

19.10.22 School Photographs
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. The school year is on the website

We are currently looking for a Parent Governor to join our school Governing Body. If you are interested in being more directly involved in some of the decision making for our school, as a Governor then please call into the office for an application form. Mrs Watson and Mr Simpson, who is the Chair of the Governing Body and a parent of children at the school would be more than happy to answer any questions you have about the role.

There is also further information on our school website.

In the week beginning 3rd October we will be reintroducing a programme of After School activities. This is a little later in the term than usual but the disruption of the Bank Holiday and the PD day have set us back a little in our planning. Activities will run for an 8 week block.

This term we are only able to offer after school activities to key Stage 2 pupils.

Today, your KS2 child will have brought home a letter about our clubs which needs to be completed and returned by 28th September. Staff volunteer to run clubs for free over the school year, we do not charge for any of our clubs.

Please remember to consider if your child can commit fully to the club and that it doesn't clash with other activities outside of school. If pupils fail to attend a club then the place will be offered to another child as we often have waiting lists. Unfortunately we do not have the capacity for every child to attend every club they would like to and oversubscribed clubs will have names pulled from a hat.

CLASS EMAIL ADDRESSES		
Class	Teacher	Email address
Nursery	Miss Curtis	Classof2030@overfieldsprimary.org.uk
Reception	Mrs Wilson	Classof2029@overfieldsprimary.org.uk
Year 1	Mrs Spicer/Mrs Guilfoyle	Classof2028@overfieldsprimary.org.uk
Year 2	Miss Theaker	Classof2027@overfieldsprimary.org.uk
Year 3	Mr Walker	Classof2026@overfieldsprimary.org.uk
Year 4	Ms Aitchison	Classof2025@overfieldsprimary.org.uk
Year 5	Miss Bass	Classof2024@overfieldsprimary.org.uk
Year 6	Mr Carter	Classof2023@overfieldsprimary.org.uk
KS1 SLU	Mrs Henman/Mrs Smart	ks1slu@overfieldsprimary.org.uk
KS2 SLU	Mrs Gowland	ks2slu@overfieldsprimary.org.uk

This year for our **Harvest Festival**, we would like to ask each child to bring in one small item which will contribute towards a class hamper. This will then be collected by the local Salvation Army in a special assembly on the 20th October.



We would be very grateful for a donation of one item from the following list of dry food goods - tins, jars of sauces, cereals, rice, pasta, teabags, packet mixes, sugar - basically anything which is store cupboard food. Please ensure donations are unopened and in date.



Please send in your donation to your child's class by Friday 14th October.

Thank you so much for helping us to help our community. If every child brings in just 1 item them we will have over 200 donations and we will make a real difference to peoples' lives locally through supporting the Salvation Army food bank.