

# Overton CE Primary Newsletter



## Newsletter 4: March 2024

We have continued with our parent assemblies this term. They take place on a Tuesday morning at 9.00am and provide the opportunity to hear about the children's learning. Please can you walk around the building and enter the hall from the rear playground.

We offer parents a cup of tea or coffee and a drink and biscuit to the children too. There is time to talk to the children who love showing their work to you.

Please look out for your children's date.

Have a wonderful Easter!

### Highlights of the half term

- Dora, the therapy dog visits us most Monday afternoons and the sessions are much enjoyed
- Year 2 had a great visit to Manor Farm to support their learning of Victorian history
- Our Key Stage 2 children enjoyed a wonderful MFL Day and we had parents in to talk about their home language or second language
- Our Year 5 children performed their Shakespearean play *Midsummer Night's Dream* at the Haymarket Theatre and were truly outstanding
- Our school orchestra played to the whole school and their parents
- Rock Steady has been launched and an amazing 73 children are participating!
- We had a great Book Week and the children all worked together to learn a poem or story which they performed
- Year 3 and 4 girls football team played well in a local festival. Well played!
- We watched with delight our chicks hatch and see them grow. All classes had the opportunity to handle the chicks
- We supported Red Nose Day with biscuits, a competition and wearing red. We raised £675.43. Thank you for all your support and well done to the School Council for organising the day
- The OSA put on a Spring disco for all the children thanks to the support of an army of parent volunteers
- Year 4 performed the Easter story in St Mary's Church supported by the Year 3 children

Our Year 4 children performed a fantastic Easter production at St Mary's last night supported by our Year 3 children. They sang and acted with confidence and obvious enjoyment.



We were all very proud of their performance last night. Thank you to all the staff involved and to St Mary's for hosting us and providing refreshments afterwards.

Happy Easter everyone!

## Upcoming Events & Trips

16/04 Back to school after Easter  
23/04 Class 3 Parent Assembly 9.00am  
30/04 Class 10 Parent Assembly 9.00am  
07/05 Class 6 Parent Assembly 9.00am  
13-16/05 Year 6 SATs week  
13-17/05 Year 4 Stubington residential  
14/05 Y5 trip to Paulton's Park  
20/05 Maths Week  
20/05 Class photos  
21/05 Class 12 Parent Assembly 9.00am  
22/05 Year 3 Ancient Egypt workshop  
24/05 Last day of the half term

03/06 Back to school after half term  
03-21/05 Year 4 Multiplication test  
04/06 YR Hawk Conservancy trip  
06/06 Y4 Living Rainforest trip

### Attendance at school

There has been a lot of information in the press about attendance of children at school post COVID. The DfE see this as an issue in terms of enabling all children to make progress at school. Our attendance is improving and we are grateful for your support. Going forward:

#### What we need from parents:

Telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence

Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters

If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival

Have a backup plan for if you have a problem getting your child to school: call on a family member, neighbour or friend

If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help

#### What we will do:

Check your child's attendance every day

Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you

Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.

If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may arrange a home visit