



Value of the term – Wisdom

Christian Values

One of the Overbury school aims (as part of our vision) is that we inspire our children and community to see learning as a joy. This is where our Christian value of the term, *wisdom*, has come from.

If you see your child showing any of our Christian values at home, please write it down or email in so we can celebrate it with them.

Our values are as follows: wisdom, courage, joy, love, friendship, generosity, respect, dignity, compassion, responsibility, forgiveness and service.

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a restful summer and the children are ready and keen to be back at school. It's great to see our new children settling in so well.

This is a busy term with a lot going on, so please keep an eye on the diary dates as events are often added in throughout the term.

Over the next week, the teachers will be sending home topic letters that will give you information about what the children will be learning across the curriculum this term, so please do look out for them. You will see that there is both a child friendly fact sheet to share with your child, and a more detailed topic plan for parents.

Also next week, each teacher will be giving a class presentation specifically for parents/carers in their classrooms – the dates/ times are different for each class, so please double check the diary date. At these meetings you can learn what is expected of your child in their new year group; including academic standards, routines and homework. This is to ensure that you are fully informed and are aware of how we need to work together to ensure the success of your children. Please come.

If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please come and see me.

Kind Regards
Emma Ross

Wellington Boots

Please could all Tower Class children have their wellies in school each day. (Just leave them, in a wellie-bag, on their peg.) It is also recommended that Sundial and Sheldon Class have their wellies for outdoor learning.

Car Park

Just a quick reminder about safety in the Car Park – please remember to drive very slowly and reverse park into one of the allocated spaces. Please refrain from parking in-front of gates or on any grassy area. Thank you.

Overbury School Vision

“Discover, nurture & share God’s gifts”

‘God has given each of you gifts from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.’ Peter 4:10

Dates for your Diary

- 10.9.19 Sheldon Class Parent Presentation: 3.00pm (please come to the front entrance)
- 11.9.19 Tower Class Parent Presentation: 2.45pm (please come to the front entrance)
- 11.9.19 Sundial Class Parent Presentation: 3.00pm (please come to the front entrance)
- 12.9.19 St Faith’s service for the children
- 13.9.19 McMillan coffee morning: 9.30 → 10.30am
- 19.9.19 Swimming commences: Years 2→5
- 7.10.19 Open Parent sharing: 3.00pm
- 8.10.19 Whole School visit to Gloucester Mosque and Gloucester Cathedral – more details will follow closer to the time.
- 15.10.19 Parents evening: starts 3.30pm
- 16.10.19 Parents evening: starts 4.00pm
- 25.10.19 TED day: no children in school

Please keep an eye on these dates as we continually add new ones as and when events are confirmed.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

The list has been sent out with respect to the clubs that are on offer for this half term. The sign-up sheets are available in the school hall for sign up if you have not already done so.

Please remember:

Andy Tucker Football club: If your child wishes to attend Tuesday evening’s football club, please remember to sign up online directly with Andy Tucker. If enough people haven’t signed up, this fantastic club will be cancelled.

Multi Skills: If you would like your child to attend Multi Skills with KITS Academy on a Thursday, please sign up with KITS Academy directly on line **TODAY:**

www.kitsacademy.com/after-school-clubs (Scroll down the page and select **Tewkesbury** under the **OUR LOCATIONS** heading). This club will only go ahead if we have **at least 15 children attending**. If we do not reach this number, we will notify you accordingly to confirm if it is going ahead or not.

Art club: Thank you to everyone that has shown an interest in this exciting new club and has written their name on the poster in school. However, to secure your place please sign up and book online direct with Kite Studios at: www.kitestudios.org [Kite Studios are an external provider]. **Kite Studios are aware of some difficulties being experienced and are looking into this – the link should be available by Monday morning latest.**

Pupil Achievement

Our weekly achievement awards will start again next week, once all of the children have settled in to their new classes. For our new families this is a celebration of success in the following categories:-

- Readers of the Week
- Writers of the Week
- Mathematician of the Week
- Friend of the Week
- Speller of the term
- Christian value model for the term
- Artists of the term

Celebration Assemblies will recommence on Friday 13th September, which parents are welcome to attend, especially if your child has received one of the awards. If your child is going to receive an award, you will receive advance notification on Thursday by text (but please do not tell them as they will be unaware). They are also mentioned on the entrance PowerPoint the following week.

Any achievements from out of school that your child would like to share, please do email or telephone with the details.

Dates for your Diary

Class Parental Presentations:

What are the expectations in my child’s new year group?

Everyone is asked to attend this meeting for all parents/carers. Your child’s teacher will explain the expectations and standards for your child’s new year group and class. In turn, this will support you in understanding how we can work together to support your child’s success. Increasingly this is essential!

Swimming (Yr 2 – 5)

The first session of this academic year will be on Thursday 19th September and continue weekly until Easter. Please make sure your child has their costume on under their tracksuit bottoms and t-shirt (no shirts, ties, or skirts for ease of dressing). Girls must wear a swim hat and one piece costume. Boys must wear trunks not long swim shorts. Long hair on boys must be tied back as it encumbers their swimming. Everyone should have a towel and underwear in their bag. Goggles help swimming but you must give permission for your child to wear these (please see the office or your child will NOT be allowed to wear them). No earrings are allowed (we are unable to remove these). Please note that school pays for the swimming pool hire but we do ask parents to pay for the transport, which is put onto school money.

McMillan Coffee morning

We are holding our coffee morning on Friday, 13th September starting straight after the Celebration Assembly (9:30am). Please do come in for some light refreshments and cake – Sundial will be on-hand to help out and it would be really great to see you all there!

Open Parent Sharing

This is a wonderful opportunity for you to come in and view your child’s work; be it something special they have worked on that week, or their subject books to look at their progress. The children really do thrive from your adulation. Please inform your class teacher if you plan on partaking in this event, so that they may get all of your child’s books prepared.

Job Opportunity

Grasshoppers Nursery are looking for staff to work in their after school provision from 3.15 – 6.00pm Monday to Thursday and 3.15 – 5.00pm on a Friday, term time only. If you are interested in this, and are able to work some or all of the hours above, please contact Sally on 01386 725755.

Classroom Swap

I’m sure your children have already told you but in case they haven’t, Sheldon and Sundial have swapped classrooms due to the number of pupils in the classes.

Gate at the bottom of the playground

Please be aware that we have taken the decision to padlock the gate at the bottom of the playground during the school day. It will be locked shortly after registration and will be unlocked just after 3pm ready for pick up. Thank you.

Safeguarding and Pupil Attendance

I would like to remind everybody how important it is that your children have good attendance at school and that they are punctual. I attach our school attendance leaflet that explains why good attendance is vital to your child’s success. Our attendance and admissions policy can be found on our website but I am happy to provide a hard copy if you so require.

Safeguarding is a major statutory requirement for all schools and it is obviously of paramount importance. Part of this is our legal/statutory obligation (under safeguarding including Keeping Children Safe in Education 2019) to know who is in school and if they are not in school where they are. In our school, this means that we ask you to contact us **every day** to ensure that we know why your child is not in and we also do the register in the playground. The register in the playground may seem strange but our school does not have a double front door system as you will see in other schools; this means that, previously if a child was late, their parent did not always sign them in & the office could be unaware that they were in if registers had closed and they slipped by. This causes confusion, possible distress (if a parent was called up about a missing child who was not missing) and wasted staff time.