

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you enjoyed taking part in the coronation celebrations over the bank holiday weekend. This week I had the pleasure of being part of the Headteacher recruitment process for Manor High School and I enjoyed seeing former pupils working hard. Our Year 2 children have been preparing for their secret agent tests next week and we are already so proud of them for demonstrating resilience and perseverance.

Reading Incentive

We have been busy this week with children reading 100 times and visiting the vending machine, I have been looking at the impact of the vending machine by carrying out a reading record audit and I am pleased to report that this year children are reading at home significantly more than last year. Thank you for supporting us with this, it is so exciting to hear children talking positively about reading. Please can I remind you that children are only able to colour in one circle each day regardless of how much time they spend reading.

Penalty Notices

Unfortunately, I am not able to authorise holidays during term time for children over the age of 5. Fixed penalty notices for absence will be issued next year so we would encourage parents to look at the term dates on our website and consider this carefully when booking holidays for next academic year. I have included some information from Leicester City Council about fixed penalty notices.

[penalty-notices-2013updated.pdf \(leicester.gov.uk\)](#)

[Overdale Infant School - Term dates \(overdale-inf.leicester.sch.uk\)](#)

Reminders

- School starts at 8:50, children should be on the playground ready to enter the classrooms before the bell rings. We currently close the gate at 9am but will be starting to close the gate a little earlier over the next few weeks.
- Children and adults are not allowed to ride bikes and scooters on the playground. We have had a number of incidents where children and adults have been hurt. Please can parents and carers also ensure that children do not use the school bikes and scooters in the reception playground at the beginning and end of the day.

Dates for your diary

15 th May – 19 th May	Year 2 SATS Week
Friday 26 th May	End of term
12 th June – 16 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check week
Thursday 6 th July pm*	Year 2 Concert
Friday 7 th July am*	
Monday 10 th July*	Reports sent home
Tuesday 11 th July*	Children visiting new classes

*This date has changed from dates previously published.

Take Care,

Mrs Holmes