

Weekly Update



Reading

Reading is a key life skill and is placed at the heart of our curriculum. Research shows that children's future academic and job prospects are directly related to their reading proficiency. To support children in reading we suggest that children read regularly at home as well as in school. We suggest reading at home with your child at least four times a week and to log this in their reading record with a comment on their reading. You could comment on at least one of the following each time you hear your child read:

Phonics – Were they able to blend the sounds together to read the words? Were there any particular sounds they needed help with.

Common Exception words/ Sight words – Words that are tricky to sound out. You could list some of the words your child read without sounding out.

List of common exception words – [download.asp \(overdale-inf.leicester.sch.uk\)](https://www.overdale-inf.leicester.sch.uk/download.asp)

Fluency – Is the reading fluent and is your child beginning to use expression in their reading?

Understanding – Ask your child to retell the story in their own words and comment on whether they could retell the main parts of the story. Could your child answer the questions in the back of the book?

Visit our website for more information on reading – [Overdale Infant School - Reading \(overdale-inf.leicester.sch.uk\)](https://www.overdale-inf.leicester.sch.uk)

Harvest Festival Foodbank Donation

We are delighted to be supporting the Leicester South foodbank with our Harvest collection once again this year.

The foodbank works tirelessly to support local people in crisis in and around the South Leicester area and rely on volunteers and donations. As many of you will be aware we are a foodbank referral agency and have helped many families with much needed essentials in the past. If you are able to donate a contribution to the foodbank for our Harvest collection, please send this into school by the end of the day on **Monday 7th October**. The list shows items the Foodbank are currently in need of.

Shopping list

Your donations help to provide three days of emergency food and support to local people in crisis

- UHT Fruit Juice
- UHT Milk
- Curry sauce
- Tinned soup
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned potatoes
- Tinned carrots
- Tinned sweetcorn
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned sponge puddings
- Custard
- Rice pudding
- Deodorant sprays
- Roll on deodorants
- Size 6 nappies





Move It Boom!

Our school is, once again, supporting the Move it Boom physical activity competition for children organised by Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust. By taking part in physical activities (anything from running and swimming to dancing, skipping, ball games or yoga), children will get points for our school, helping us to be in with a chance of winning some great prizes. The more activities they log online, the more points our school will get!

All you need to do to get involved is join the Move it Boom website on or after **Monday 7th October** via the link below:

[Move It Boom](#)

When you click join, select our school's name and an anonymised username, you will then be given a password. This will allow you and your child to access the Move it Boom website at home and log the activity they've been doing.

Let's enjoy getting active together and see if we can win big in the competition!

Staffing Update

Mrs Pinches has resigned from her role as Teaching Assistant and will be leaving school at the end of October. Mrs Pinches has worked across the school in a range of roles for over 20 years. We will miss her but wish her all the best for the future.



Action Required



- **Coolmilk** – If you would like to opt in and have not already done so, simply register your child at <https://www.coolmilk.com/register>. Your child(ren) will continue to receive free milk whilst under the age of 5 and Cool Milk will get in touch with further information by email shortly before their 5th birthday. For children who are already over 5, it's not too late – the scheme is flexible! As well as being able to register and make payment straight away, you can join and cancel the scheme at any time. They offer yearly, termly and half termly payment periods and a recurring payment option to give you one less thing to remember.
- **Parents' Evening** – Please remember to book an appointment via our school website. We are really looking forward to sharing information about your child in school.
[Overdale Infant School – Parents' Evening Bookings \(overdale-inf.leicester.sch.uk\)](https://www.overdale-inf.leicester.sch.uk)

Reminders

- Please make sure you are walking on the pavement when walking on Eastcourt Road. On Friday I observed a number of families walking with children on the road. Whilst the safer streets initiative has reduced the number of cars on the road there are still some vehicles on the road as local residents are able to access Eastcourt and Northfold Road.

Important Dates



Monday 7 th October	Harvest Festival Foodbank donations
Monday 7th October	Move It Boom Starts – see details above
Thursday 10 th October	Hello Yellow Day – Children to come to school in Yellow or brightly coloured clothes for World Mental Health day
Tuesday 15 th October	Parents' Evening – Please make an appointment via the booking link
Thursday 17 th October	Parents' Evening – Please make an appointment via the booking link
Friday 18 th October	School closes for half term.
Monday 28 th October	School Closed for staff training
Tuesday 29 th October	School reopens to children

New dates added