

# Overleigh St Mary's CE Primary School

## MESSENGER

Monday 2nd September 2024



Dear Overleigh Family,

We hope that you have had an enjoyable break and we look forward to welcoming you back to school tomorrow to start the new term in your new year groups.

Our staff have been busy preparing their classrooms and planning out the children's work and experiences for the new academic year. This includes some excellent work by Mr Flynn and Mr Littlewood to enhance the school grounds and Forest School provision. We ask you, as ever, to please give your child a chance to settle in with their new teacher/s in the first few weeks. If there are any big issues then just let the class teacher know but otherwise please allow them time to settle in to their new surroundings.

As mentioned in the newsletter before the break, there will be no snack for sale at break times. Children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 will continue to be provided with a healthy fruit snack by school. Children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be allowed to bring an item of fruit with them as a break snack. Any snacks other than fruit will be sent home with the child at the end of the day. Could everyone check that their child (ren) is not stashing snack food, such as sweets and chocolate, in their school bags before school, as this occurred on a couple of occasions last year.

We would appreciate your support with a big push on school uniform. It is important that all children follow the uniform policy, including that children wear black shoes and definitely not trainers (including black trainers which look like shoes). Likewise, it is imperative that children bring their PE kit to school preferably in a drawstring bag. PE kit should remain in school each day so that children have access at all times. If children are not in the correct uniform, including PE kit, then school will find them appropriate clothing on the day to replace items that are not part of the uniform policy. PE kit is a white t-shirt and black shorts with pumps for inside, and appropriate outdoor sports shoes. Children can bring appropriate joggers and fleeces for outdoor PE in the colder weather but should still be wearing the white t-shirt beneath these. **All clothing needs to have your child's name on the inside somewhere, including footwear and coats.**

Children should only be wearing stud earrings for school and must be able to remove these themselves for PE activities. Year 6 will continue with swimming as one of their PE lessons in the Autumn Term. The resumption date for swimming will be given to them in the first week back. Forest School days will be shared with children in the first week back and will commence in the week beginning Monday 9th September.

Pencil cases and such equipment are not required, therefore please do not send stationery equipment in. The class teachers have adequate equipment that all the children can use.

Lastly, a reminder that school opens its doors at 8.40 am and that any child arriving after 8.50 am will be deemed to be late and a reason needs to be given at the main office by the adult accompanying them to school. Any children arriving after 9.00 am will be deemed as a half-day absence. Please bring medical notes/appointment details if your child has been to an appointment.

Thank you for your support with the above. Apologies for having to list the information again but it helps considerably with the smooth running of the school and with your child's engagement with learning if the above expectations can be followed.

There are a few important messages later in the newsletter, including some really important information about our school contact email.

It is only a brief newsletter to welcome you back to school. Hopefully, any new children and their families that join us today can be given the friendly and warm welcome that we would expect from the Overleigh community and can be helped to integrate happily and confidently into our school.

We look forward as ever to sharing information about your child's work throughout the academic year through our regular newsletters and to adding more dates and exciting opportunities/events into the calendar as the year progresses. Please see the current key dates on the following pages. Each year group will be updating their year group page on the website and also sharing the information about the new year group expectations and learning through the meet the teacher presentations in a few weeks time.

Our staff cannot wait to greet your children back into school on Tuesday 3rd September to begin what is hopefully a happy, healthy and successful year for everyone in our school.

In love and peace,  
Miss Emma Drew

# Important Message Regarding School Email

Due to an absence in the IT department (Local Authority) during the Summer holiday, the school email address has not yet been changed. We are expecting this to happen in time for next week.

Therefore, please continue to use the current email address to contact school until the change is confirmed:

[admin@overleightmarysce.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@overleightmarysce.cheshire.sch.uk)

## Other Parental Information:

The police safeguarding team have made us aware of suspicious use of this website by adults to contact children across the North West and the wider country. Please be aware if your child is accessing this site and make sure you know who they are speaking to.

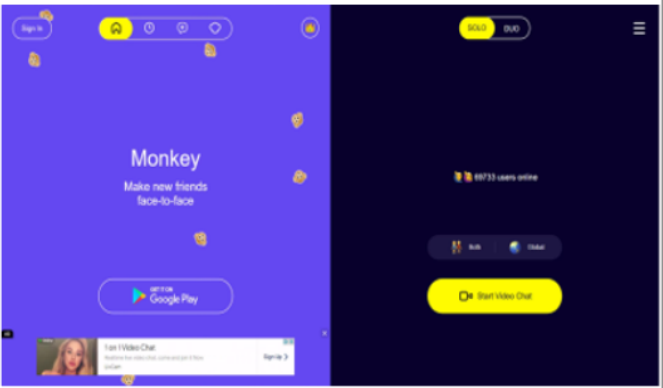
FORCE INTELLIGENCE BUREAU

## Monkey App/ Website



Date	N/A	Time	Unspecified	Location	Forcewide	Intel Ref Number	N/A
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Subject of Event	App/ website is being used by adults to speak to children
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Summary	Images
<p><b>What is it?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="http://www.monkey.app">www.monkey.app</a> is an online chat room with a video call feature which is for making friends.</li><li>• It is for individuals over 18 years old, but children are using it to speak to unknown older males.</li></ul> <p><b>Concerning features:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• On the home screen of the website, there is a pop-up ad for '1 on 1 video chat' with females.</li><li>• It claims to be for making friends, but the messaging tab shows love hearts, and you match with other people as you would on a dating site.</li></ul> <p><b>What the intel tells us:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This app may be used by adults to groom children and poses a risk in terms of producing, accessing and / or sharing indecent images.</li></ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This shows the home screen when you first click on the website</li></ul>

Further information from the police safeguarding team also includes:-

We have been made aware of an increase in young people sniffing aerosols as it is currently showing on Tik Tok with devastating consequences and death. We don't have any statistics in CW&C on young people attending A&E, GPs or seeking online support. I'm sure this will be an area covered as part of the curriculum but felt it was important to raise it for your awareness.

<b>Class Name 23-24</b>	<b>Year 24-25</b>	<b>Teacher(s) 24-25</b>	<b>Class Name 24-25</b>	<b>Entrance / Exit Door</b>
	YN	Mrs Dixon & Mrs Edwards	Story creators	YN Classroom
	YR	Miss Evans & Mrs Evans (Once returned from maternity leave)	Eric Carle	YR Classroom
	YR	Miss Burns	Nick Butterworth	YR Side door
Crotchet	Y1	Mrs Birchall & Mrs Barnes	Michael Bond	Y1 Classroom
Minim	Y1	Miss Noakes	Helen Nicoll	Y1 Classroom
Ballard	Y2	Miss Griffiths & Mrs K Jones	Emily Gravett	Classroom Door
High Note	Y2	Miss Morgan	David Mckee	Nursery Playground
Melody	Y3	Miss Hunter	Ted Hughes	Y3 Cloakroom Door
Glissando	Y3	Mr Mander	Daisy Meadows	Y3 Cloakroom Door
Harmony	Y4	Mr Skinner	Jeremy Strong	White side door (By the gym)
Maestro	Y4	Miss McFaul	Michael Morpurgo	White side door (By the gym)
Note	Y5	Ms Axam	Jane Austen	Y5 Cloakroom Door
Maestoso	Y5	Miss Holdstock	Anthony Horowitz	Y5 Cloakroom Door
Allegro	Y6	Mrs Dickson & Mrs McGoldrick	Malorie Blackman	Y6 Cloakroom Door
Pizzicato	Y6	Miss L Jones	Oliver Jeffers	Y6 Cloakroom Door

## Key Dates For 24-25

<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	<b>INSET Day for Staff</b>
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	<b>First Day of Autumn 1 Values Day: Christian Love</b>
<b>Wed 4<sup>th</sup>-Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>PSHE Themed Days Begin Again</b>
<b>Mon 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Y6 Residential at Barnstondale</b>
<b>Mon 14<sup>th</sup>-Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Zoom Parents Meetings</b>
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Last Day Autumn 1 3,20pm Finish</b>
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>INSET DAY SCH CLOSED</b>
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>INSET DAY SCH CLOSED</b>
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>First Day Autumn 2 Values Day: Hope</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> &amp; 15<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Anti-Bullying &amp; Anti-Harassment Focus Days</b>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Last Day Autumn 2 2.15pm Finish</b>
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>INSET Day for Staff</b>
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>First Day Spring 1 Values Day: Respect</b>
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Last Day Spring 1 3.20pm Finish</b>
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>First Day Spring 2 Values Day: Integrity</b>
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Last Day Spring 2 2.15pm Finish</b>
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>First Day Summer 1 Values Day: Service &amp; Stewardship</b>
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>Last Day Summer 1 3,20pm Finish</b>
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>First Day Summer 2 Values Day: Thankfulness</b>
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>Last Day Summer 2 2.15pm Finish</b>
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>INSET SCHOOL CLOSED</b>

Our school works in partnership with Operation Encompass. Here is the information below accompanied by a poster based on Operation Encompass:-



Dear Parent/Carer,

Our school is part of Operation Encompass which is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and police forces.

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced domestic abuse.

As a school we have ensured that a members of our staff, Emma Drew (Headteacher) & Sheila Edwards (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained in the Operation Encompass procedures allowing us to then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to support the child/ren in our care.

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 identifies children who experience domestic abuse as victims of domestic abuse in their own right.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

*Miss Emma Drew*

Head Teacher



# St. Mary's Church News:-



Sunday Afternoon from 3 to 4.30pm

Here are the dates and the themes for this truly inspiring part of your year. All children are welcome, whatever their age and, of course, their parents too. It is one and a half hours once a month on a Sunday afternoon. Why not give it a try with the children? And, of course, each event finishes with food!



15th September The Creation Story

20th October Noah's Ark

17th November Mary's Story

19th January Off to Egypt

16th February A wedding in Cana

16th March The calling of the fishermen

18th May Pentecost - wind, fire and languages

