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Dear families,

It is with great excitement and pride that I welcome you all back to Over Hall Community School for the new academic year. As your new headteacher, I feel truly honoured to join this vibrant and caring school community. Over the past few days, I've thoroughly enjoyed meeting your wonderful children – their energy, curiosity, and warmth have made my start here incredibly special. Whether you are returning or joining us for the first time, I look forward to working together to ensure every child feels happy, safe, and inspired to learn. This year promises to be full of growth, discovery, and joyful learning and I am committed to building strong partnerships with families to support every child's success.

Meet teaching staff

We understand that the start of a new school year can feel a little daunting, with lots of new information to take in and routines to settle into. That's why we're inviting all families to join us for our *Meet the Teacher* sessions – an informal and friendly opportunity to visit your child's classroom, hear about the year ahead, and ask any questions you may have. These sessions are a great way to build strong connections between home and school, and we hope they'll help everyone feel more informed. Timely communication is very important to us, and we're committed to keeping you well-informed and involved throughout the year.

Meet the teacher sessions will begin at 2:30pm on the following days.

Reception	11/9/25	Year 2	9/9/25	Year 4	15/9/25	Year 6	17/9/25
Year 1	16/9/25	Year 3	10/9/25	Year 5	8/9/25		



Attendance

We've had an excellent start to the year with attendance – thank you for your support in getting children in, on time, and ready to learn. Good attendance really does make a difference, helping children feel settled, confident, and fully involved in school life. If you ever need support with attendance, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Our whole school attendance this week is 97.3%

Reception	99%	Year 3	99%
Year 1	99%	Year 5	97%
Year 2	96%	Year 6	90%

Year 4 have the highest attendance this week with:

100%

Some upcoming events- dates for your diary

12/9/25 1:30-3:00	HSA Family BBQ
26/9/25 8:40-9:15	Reception coffee morning and book fair
29/9/25 8:40-9:15	Y1/2 coffee morning and book fair
30/9/25 8:40-9:15	Y3/4 coffee morning and book fair
1/10/25 8:40-9:15	Y5/6 coffee morning and book fair
2/10/25	Y2 Library Visit
6/10/25	School photos- individual and sibling
7/10/25	Y4 Library Visit
9/10/25	Y5 Library Visit
13/10/25-15/10/25	PGL Residential
14/10/25	Y6 Library visit
21/10/25	Y3 Library Visit
21/10/25	HSA Spooky disco
Autumn Half term	27 th October – 1 st November
4/11/25 or 6/11/25	Parents' /carers' evenings
14/11/25	Children in Need – wear something spotty for the day
21/11/25	Y1 Library visit

Permissions

We would like to include photographs of children learning on our newsletter, class dojo, social media, website and in a news video we will be creating on a regular basis to keep you informed of all the wonderful opportunities your children are experiencing at Over Hall. We do have some outstanding permissions, so Ms Brown will be sending home a permissions letter. If you receive one, please complete and return to school at your earliest convenience.

Have a wonderful weekend and we will look forward to seeing you next week.

Kind regards,

Mrs Rachel Oakley

