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Dear families,

It's been another busy few weeks in school. Thank you for the way you continue to support our children, our staff, and our wider community.

Coffee Morning and Scholastic Book Fair: community at its best and reading for pleasure

Our coffee morning was a huge success thanks to your support and the organisation of our fantastic HSA. The hall was buzzing, children were excited to discover new books and it was lovely to hear more about how your children have settled in at Over Hall. Reading is the gateway to every subject, and our Scholastic Book Fair gave children the chance to discover new favourites. For every book purchased, the school receives rewards to spend on books for classrooms and the library – so your support directly boosts our reading corners.



Staffing news

Following our return after the summer holidays, Mr Furmedge, our school caretaker, has made the decision to leave Over Hall Community School. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Furmedge for all he has done at Over Hall over the last 15 years and wish him all the very best for the future.

Social Media information

Cheshire Police have recently put together a very helpful information guide to support families with social media use. The guide, at the end of this letter, includes practical advice on how to help children stay safe online, set healthy boundaries, and know what to do if problems arise. It also contains links to lots of useful websites that can help with creating secure passwords, monitoring social media use, and supporting children to develop safe online habits. We encourage you to take a look, as it offers valuable tips and resources to help keep your child safe online.

Year 2 library visit

Our Year 2 library visit was a great success! The children represented the school brilliantly with their excellent behaviour, enthusiasm, and curiosity. They enjoyed exploring the books and listening to stories. There were lots of tired children when we arrived back to school, but we all enjoyed the autumnal walk into town.



Attendance- This week in assembly, we have been talking with the children about the importance of good attendance and how every day in school makes a real difference. Regular attendance not only helps children to keep up with their learning, but also builds resilience and good habits for the future. Of course, some days children may feel too poorly to come in, but in many cases being at school with their friends quickly helps them feel much better. Being part of the class community lifts their spirits, keeps them connected, and supports their learning. We encourage families to support their child in attending whenever possible, as showing this kind of resilience helps them develop important life skills as well as making the most of their education.

Our whole school attendance this week is 92.7%

Reception	94.5%	Year 3	90%
Year 1	93%	Year 5	93%
Year 2	94.9%	Year 6	93%

Year 2 have the highest attendance again this week with:

94.9%

Some upcoming events- dates for your diary- please note the library visits have been postponed and we will inform you of the new date when it has been confirmed.

6/10/25	School photos- individual and sibling (Families 8:30am-9:00am)
7/10/25 - 2:45pm	PGL residential information workshop for parents
Date for this will be confirmed	Y4 Library Visit
Date for this will be confirmed	Y5 Library Visit
10/10/25	World Mental Health Day- wear something yellow
13/10/25-15/10/25	PGL Residential
Date for this will be confirmed	Y6 Library visit
21/10/25	Y3 Library Visit
21/10/25	Optional (age-appropriate) Halloween fancy dress for the day
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

Have a wonderful weekend everyone and we will look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Kind regards,

Mrs Rachel Oakley



Websites and further social media information:

1. A great site to help you lock your social media setting is:

WWW.INTERNETMATTERS.ORG

There is a Social Media section on their page which provides a 'step by step' guide on how set the security setting for each site.

2. Protect your online world with good strong passwords. 'Three Random Words'
<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/collection/top-tips-for-staying-secure-online/three-random-words>
3. Family Link <https://familylink.google.com> If you have a Goole account you can monitor individual devices in the home and turn off internet access to individual devices.
4. ReThink [ReThink - Before the Damage is Done](#) – A great app to download onto a child's mobile phone to help monitor the content of messages being written.
5. [Report Remove | Childline](#) – Help having indecent images removed from some Social Media servers.

1. [Smartphone Free Childhood](#) – Support for parents.

2. If you receive a suspicious text message forward it to **7726**
3. If you receive a suspicious email, forward them to report@phishing.gov.uk
4. You can check to see if your data has been lost by checking your email address or phone number at: <https://haveibeenpwned.com>
5. Use this free password checker to see if your current password is any good! <https://www.security.org/how-secure-is-my-password>
6. <https://www.truecall.co.uk/> Reducing unwanted incoming calls.
7. By dialling **159** will automatically connect you to your bank's fraud prevention service. If you suspect someone is trying to trick you into handing over money or personal details, hang up and call 159 to speak directly to your bank!
8. Family Link <https://familylink.google.com> If you have a Goole account you can monitor individual devices in the home and turn off internet access to individual devices.
9. Check your credit score with sites such as Experian. This is a **multinational consumer credit reporting agency** (CRA) based in Dublin, Ireland. [Experian | Credit Scores, Reports & Credit Comparison](#)

Always report any suspicious activity online particularly if you are concerned with content your child has seen or if someone has been speaking to your child you do not know.

All Social Media Sites contain adult material, so negotiating Social Media can be difficult for a child.

Further information and support can be found on:

<https://www.iwf.org.uk/>

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

