

Happy new year to parents, carers, teachers, staff and volunteers.

## FUNDRAISING SUCCESSES

### CHRISTMAS DISCO 🧑🏻‍🎤🌐❄️

Our Christmas disco was on Thursday 12 December. The children sang, visited the tuck shop, blinged themselves up with glitter tattoos, chilled in the craft area and shone on the dance floor with amazing dancing, or just hanging out with friends. This year the children also got to enjoy a wonderful Winter Wonderland experience! There was a festive arch to walk through, and snow was even falling from one of the windows, thanks to our snow machine! The children loved it and we did too! A BIG thank you to all the parent/carer volunteers and the school staff, who made the discos a great success.

The discos raised over £650 which is fantastic!

### CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGNS 🧑🏻‍🎨🎄🧑🏻‍🎨

The children did an amazing job with their wonderful Christmas card designs, and we thank everyone who ordered cards, tea towels, cushions, and various other items to support our fundraising. We hope you all enjoyed receiving, or giving as a gift, a card or other item with your child's fabulous artwork on it!

Overall we raised a super £529.47!

### FIREWORKS NIGHT 🎆🎆🌟

We held another fabulous firework display this year, one of our biggest events of the year and we think possibly our best yet! The weather was kind and we had a high number of visitors. This event truly is a community effort with support from parents, carers, staff and teachers at school to local businesses, Scouts, Rotary Basingstoke Deane and many many more. We thank you all so much for your support.

The event was a great success and raised a spectacular £7,850.



## **We're trying cashless**

Thank you for all your continued support at our events and adapting to cashless payments. It is a big change so we thought it important to explain why we have made the move.

Our bank used to provide a brilliant level of service that meant we could easily handle cash. Sadly, they have now removed cash counting machines, restricted the amount of cash per transaction and significantly reduced opening hours.

With these restrictions we just can't do what we need to when accepting cash. We continue to explore our options and realise it is important for the children to be able to spend money independently, especially at our Summer Fete, which we want to support.

## **Recruitment**

The OSA committee is a small group of volunteers who deliver amazing events throughout the year, all with the aim of fundraising to enrich the children's experience at our school.

We are now in a period of change and a number of committee members will be leaving later this year so we really need new people to join us so we can continue to provide what we do now, and who knows, maybe offer something new too!

Whatever your experience or motivation, joining the OSA is rewarding. So what does it entail? We meet about 3-4 times a term in an evening to discuss and plan events. On event days, we will be involved throughout, mucking in to ensure everyone has a good time.

Who do we need? Anyone who wants to become involved in organising and delivering our activities, or try something new. No particular skills required, just lots of enthusiasm!

That said, we will be losing our social media champion so if you are a whiz at that kinda thing and would like to help build our presence then we really would like to hear from you.

**Thank you for your support!**





## FORWARD LOOK...

### **Save the Date! School Fete 21st June**

**If you have a group that would like a slot to do a demonstration or a stall during the fete please do let us know.**



### **Upcoming events ...**

**Easter mystery**

**Raffle - Zoe Squires Art grand prize**



## OSA School Lottery

The OSA run a lottery with a weekly draw. The lucky winner usually wins around £20, but this varies with how many tickets are sold. the more tickets sold the higher the prize! Either look for the link on our Facebook page or use:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/overton-ce-primary-school>



## Overton School Uniform Swap and Shop Facebook page

Set up to help parents/carers of children at School (and other local settings) to donate, swap or sell uniform and costumes for school events and nativity, plus other clubs like rainbows and karate, to other families locally. Join the group to start swapping now!



## AGM Round up

Early on in the 2024 Autumn term we held our AGM to get ready for another year. Ali Middleton took over as Chair from Lynsey Pinfield, who is now our Deputy Chair. We also said farewell to Iona Owen, Tracey Burton, Sarah Thomason and Shailja Singh - thank you so much for all the help you having given running the OSA. Many thanks as well to those parents and carers who joined us and voted in our trustees for the new year.

## OSA COMMITTEE WHO'S WHO

**Appointed at the OSA annual general meeting in October:**

Chair: **Alistair Middleton**  
 Secretary: **Adam Corden**  
 President: **Fiona Wyeth**

Vice-Chair: **Lynsey Pinfield**  
 Treasurer: **Ed Brady**

**Trustees:** Madeline Haddon, Christine Thorley, Sarah Warriss-Simmons, Ilza van Eck, Katherine Proud, Fiona Wyeth, Zena Luckhurst, Fiona Ferguson, Neil Armstrong

