

Newsletter

Beginning of Term 1 – 07/11/2022

End of Term 1 – 20/12/2022



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Principal's Message

Welcome back to term 2, I hope everyone enjoyed their break!

The children have returned full of energy and enthusiasm.

We have a very busy term as we move ever closer to Christmas. With the onset of Autumn, the weather has become darker and colder therefore we ask that all children have a warm coat with them, hats and gloves are also a good idea. Please ensure these are clearly labelled with your child's name in case they are misplaced.

The highlight of this term is likely to be our trip to the Pantomime, we are taking over 200 children to Chatham to see Snow White.

I would also like to highlight to you the importance of not parking on Dalton Street or under the Deane court flats. This is a private car park for residents and anyone parking there does run the risk of receiving a ticket or being clamped. At the end of term 1 there was a small fire at the flats and fire engines attended. If this had been at school pick up or drop off time, they would not have been able to access the fire. The larger gates are our emergency access and must be always clear. To safeguard our children, we report all vehicles who are on Dalton Street and blocking our gates, to Medway nuisance parking who will then contact the vehicle owners. I have also asked the police and traffic wardens to attend school during these times as well. I hope you will all support me in ensuring our children are safe.



I look forward to seeing you all at Christmas Fayre on the 10th December raising money for each class to buy something special for their classroom. If you would like to book a stall, please email office@oasissskinnerstreet.org with the subject line Christmas Fayre.

As always, we are keen to hear how we can improve our academy and better serve our community if you have any suggestions, please email principal@oasissskinnerstreet.org.

Mrs V Richmond
Principal

Messages



Communication

My Child At School (MYCAS)

As you will be aware, we use the My Child At School (MYCAS) App to communicate with parents. This allows us to send information including text messages, emails etc in the most efficient and timely way, for example, details of trips, events, first aid treatment administered etc.

If you have not yet used MY Child At School and would like support with this, please email office@oasis Skinner Street.org and a member of the Admin Team will contact you.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is available to all pupils during term time at 07.45hrs but a polite reminder, places must be booked and paid for via My Child At School (MYCAS) 24 hours in advance.

Year 5 & 6 Walk Home Consent

If you would like your child to walk home after school without an adult collecting, please be advised that one of our walk home consent forms **MUST** be completed in order to let your child go home.

Contact Details - Update

It is very important that you contact the office to inform us of any changes to your address and phone numbers.

How to contact us

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Year5@oasis Skinner Street.org

Year6@oasis Skinner Street.org

Social Media:

Follow us on Facebook:

@OasisAcademySkinnerStreet and Twitter:

@OasisSkinnerSt

Visit our website:

www.oasisacademyskinnerstreet.org for up-to-date news and information.

Term 3 (All Children return) – **Wednesday 4th January 2023**

Visit our website to view
2022/2023 & 2023/2024 Term Dates



Anti-Bullying Week

This year, anti-bullying week takes place from Monday 14th to Friday 18th November 2022.



To help raise awareness, all staff and children at Oasis Skinner Street can wear 'Odd Socks' on Monday 14th November. There is no donation needed but children are to wear full school uniform as usual.

Attendance

At the end of Term 2 we will be celebrating pupil's attendance with 2 prize draws with the chance to win a fantastic prize!

Any pupil with 96% or more attendance, no lates and no unauthorised absences between 7th November - 21st December 2022 will automatically have their name entered into the prize draw for a Kindle.

There will also be a separate draw for the most improved attendance in term 2 and again there will be a prize draw for a Kindle.

#MissSchool

#MissOut

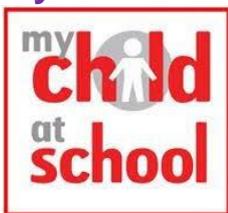
Term Dates 2023 -2024

Attached to the end of the newsletter are the term dates for 2023-2024.

Please refer to these when booking any holidays and remember that any holiday taken in term time is unauthorised and may be subject to a fine. You can also view the term dates on our website:

<https://www.oasisacademyskinnerstreet.org/academy-life/term-dates>

My Child at School - MCAS



As you will be aware, we use the My Child At School (MYCAS) App to communicate with parents/carers. This allows us to send information including text messages, emails etc in the most efficient and timely way, for example, details of trips, events, first aid treatment administered etc. Please note that ALL clubs, trips, information are only bookable/ payable via the App so please download the App and ensure you can access information.

If you have not yet used My Child At School and would like support with this, email office@oasiskinnerstreet.org and a member of the Admin Team will contact you.

There is also an MCAS Parent Guide on our website:

<https://www.oasisacademyskinnerstreet.org/academy-life/my-child-at-school>

Remembrance Assembly

At 11 o'clock on Friday 11th November, the whole school took part in our remembrance service. We have created a stunning display in the playground which we are very proud of.



You Said.....We Did

We are always seeking constructive feedback in our efforts to continuously improve the academy. If you have any ideas to share with us, please email office@oasis Skinner Street.org.

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It would help to know term dates well in advance so we can plan our holiday dates / family trips etc outside of term time.	Academic term dates for 2023 – 24 including Development Days are attached to the newsletter and can be found on the academy website
Nuisance vehicles / parking outside school gates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We regularly request visits from the Parking Enforcement Team, including the traffic camera car around drop off / collection times, although we recognise there is a high demand for their services across Medway. Medway Council do have a school enforcement plan which enables them to visit as many schools as possible. Members of the public can contact Medway Council on 07718 130 962 to report illegally parked vehicles and we would encourage you to do so. • We are also working closely with Medway Council re: parking issues: we have used parking banners which they provided us with on the school gates and at the Academy's request, Medway Council conducted an audit for a school crossing patrol however, unfortunately, they did not consider we reached the criteria required. • We have contacted Medway Highways team for advice on how we can avoid parents / carers having to stand and block the pavements at drop off / collection times by increasing or even relocating our entrance gates. Whilst we don't have an immediate answer, we hope to find a solution.

Children In Need 2022

Children In Need this year is on Friday 18th November and the theme is 'Spotacular'. Donations buckets will be on the gate on Friday 18th if children want to come in wearing something spotty – this can be clothing or face paints! We have 2 Giant Pudsey Bears to raffle. Tickets cost £1 a ticket with a maximum purchase of 2 tickets per pupil. Mini SLT will be selling the raffle tickets every break and lunch time from Monday next week, with the raffle being drawn on Friday afternoon.



Lost Property

Lost property can be found on the playground at the end of each school day, please check this regularly for any lost items.

We would ask you to name all school uniform including lunch boxes, to items found can be quickly returned to their rightful owners.

Any items left at the end of term will be donated to the hub or, in the case of lunch boxes, disposed of.

Diary Dates – Term 2

We have lots of events taking place this term:

- Anti-bullying week
- Parliament week
- Children In Need
- Parent/carer meetings
- Christmas Fayre
- EYFS nativity
- KS1 Nativity
- KS2 Carol Service
- Christingle
- Christmas Dinner
- Christmas Jumper Day
- Visit to Central theatre Chatham to see Snow White
- Christmas parties
- Winter discos

Please visit the school calendar on our website [Calendar - \(oasisacademyskinnerstreet.org\)](https://www.oasisacademyskinnerstreet.org)

Christmas Dinner

This year we will be serving our Christmas dinner on Wednesday 14th December.

If you would like your child to have a Christmas dinner, this must be booked and paid for (if you are not Free School Meals) by 5pm on Friday 25th November 2022 via MCAS. You will find this on MCAS in Clubs.

We regret that if you have not ordered and paid for a Christmas Dinner by the cut-off date, you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch on this day as Sodexo will be unable to order extra items.



Term Dates September 2023 – July 2024



Term 1	SS Inset Day 1 – Pupils do not attend	Friday 1 st September 2023
	Term begins for pupils	Monday 4 th September 2023
	OCL Inset Day 1 – Pupils do not attend	Friday 13 th October 2023
	Term ends	Friday 20 th October 2023
Autumn Break (2 weeks)	Monday 23rd October – Friday 3rd November 2023	
Term 2	Term begins	Monday 6 th November 2023
	Term Ends	Wednesday 20 th December 2023
Winter Break	Thursday 21st December 2023 – Monday 2nd January 2024	
Term 3	SS Inset Day 2 – Pupils do not attend	Tuesday 2 nd January 2024
	Term begins for pupils	Wednesday 3 rd January 2024
	Term ends	Friday 9 th February 2024
February Break	Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February 2024	
Term 4	Term begins	Monday 19 th February 2024
	Term ends for pupils	Thursday 28 th March 2024
Spring Break	Monday 1st April – Friday 12th April 2024	
Term 5	Term begins	Monday 15 th April 2024
	Early May Bank Holiday – Pupils do not attend	Monday 6 th May 2024
	Term ends	Friday 24 th May 2024
May Break	Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May 2024	
Term 6	Term begins	Monday 3 rd June 2024
	OCL Inset Day 2 – Pupils do not attend	Friday 21 st June 2024
	Term ends for pupils	Friday 19 th July 2024
	SS Inset Day 3 – Pupils do not attend	Monday 22 nd July 2024
	SS Inset Day 4 – Pupils do not attend	Tuesday 23 rd July 2024

- The Academy has 4 Inset days and OCL Trust has 2 Inset Days.

Whilst we have taken every care to ensure these dates are accurate at the time of publication there may be occasions when we need to change dates for reasons outside our control.