

Newsletter

Beginning of Term 3 – 04/01/2023

End of Term 3 – 10/02/2023



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Principal's Message

Last term we enjoyed welcoming so many parents to our array of events in the lead up to the end of term as part of our Christmas and winter celebrations. It was so wonderful to celebrate in so many ways with all the Oasis Skinner Street community. Your feedback around these events was so positive and we are so pleased you enjoyed them as much as we did. We are looking forward to welcoming you into the academy this term for class assemblies, parent and carers evening and open class at the end of term. You may also be lucky enough to be invited to a celebration assembly or the Hall of Fame at the end of term if your child is chosen to be recognised for going above and beyond.

In January we will be focusing on being Patient and how we can create a pause in our lives. In assemblies and in class we will discuss how we can practice this habit every day, how being patient is connected to overcoming challenges and things that we find difficult. We will have the opportunity to consider how we can think in a patient way and then make such patient thinking the driver of our actions and attitudes. How to develop a sense of peace at our core and to be able to connect this to being patient. We will learn to recognise how being patient impacts our perspective (mindset) and our relationships with others. At the end of the month our goal is to have created a mental model or picture of the people we want to become based on the 9 Habits. To understand that being patient is a fundamental part of creating and bringing change to the world. To know how to approach life as a path of possibility and to be able to take intentional steps to be fulfilled in and through life, growing in confidence, self-belief, inner strength, and curiosity around achieving our God-given potential and to be able to apply being patient to how we play our part in the transformation of our communities and the world around us and be bringers of hope. The children will have their habits card for Patient and will work towards achieving several tasks to show their understanding. Those who complete this will be awarded a Patient Habit badge to wear proudly on their uniforms.

As the academy continues to develop we are looking to expand our Friends of Oasis Academy Skinner Street (FOASS) if you would like to be involved please join our Facebook group; [Friends of OASS | Facebook](#) to be up to date with meetings and events.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to work together to offer exceptional education at the heart of the community.

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 Skinnerstreet.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

Office

office@oasis Skinnerstreet.org

Telephone: 01634 850213

Safeguarding

Safeguarding@oasis Skinnerstreet.org

Attendance

attendance@oasis Skinnerstreet.org

SENCo

Inclusions@oasis Skinnerstreet.org

Year Groups

EYFS@oasis Skinnerstreet.org

Year1@oasis Skinnerstreet.org

Year2@oasis Skinnerstreet.org

Year3@oasis Skinnerstreet.org

Year4@oasis Skinnerstreet.org

Year5@oasis Skinnerstreet.org

Year6@oasis Skinnerstreet.org

Social Media:

Follow us on Facebook:

@OasisAcademySkinnerStreet and Twitter:

@OasisSkinnerSt

Visit our website:

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

Last Day of Term 3 - **Friday 10th February 2023**

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

Donations Wanted



Your help is needed!

We are in need of any unwanted school uniform you may have for our Oasis Hub, which is running short of supply. If you are having a clear out and have any donations, then please drop them in to the school office.

Any donations will be greatly received. Thank you

Attendance

Please remember that to report your child's absence you need to e-mail attendance@oasis Skinner Street.org or call 01636 850213 and choose option 0 for the attendance line to leave a voicemail **by 10am on the day of absence**. Failure to contact and provide a reason for absence will result in this being unauthorised.

If you have already received attendance letter one, this will mean we will need medical evidence to authorise any absences your child may have in the future, this can be a doctor's note, proof of medication etc. 10 unauthorised sessions can lead to a penalty notice fine issued from the local authority.

Please note that sometimes MCAS can take time to update attendance marks in the morning but if you have any queries etc. please call or email Mr Kinslow, Attendance Officer.

Any planned absences requests must be submitted on the correct form, available from the office and we ask that these are completed and submitted at least 3 weeks before the start of the planned absence.

Apply for a School Place – Reception 2023

If you have a child due to start school in September 2023, don't forget, the national closing date to apply for a primary school place for September 2023 is Sunday 15th January 2023 at 5pm.

Please visit [Dates for applying for primary school | Applying for a primary school place | Medway Council](#) to apply .

There is also an MCAS Parent Guide on our website:

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

Fundraising

We are very proud and extremely grateful for the amount of fundraising that has taken place since September 2022. Together we have raised over **£1,900** so far!

- Go Green Day raised **£125** for Macmillan Cancer Support
- Mini SLT Term 1 fundraising week collected **£412**
- We raised **£312** for Children In Need from donations on the gates and the raffle to win a giant Pudsey Bear!
- The Winter Fayre and Christmas Disco's raised a combined total of **£944**
- Christmas Jumper day raised **£20** for Save The Children

On behalf of the Academy and the charities we support,



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@oasisskinnerstreet.org.

You said...We did.....

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We would like Parent/Carer meetings to be offered with later appointment times or by telephone to allow more options to attend	Parent/carers were offered the choice of booking a face to face session with appointments up to 7pm, or to book a telephone meeting with the class teacher.
Nuisance vehicles / parking outside school gates	We arranged a meeting with Medway Parking Enforcement Team which was also attended by 3 parents and a range of strategies were discussed and actions agreed.
We would like to support the academy on an ad hoc basis	We took a number of parent / carer volunteers on local trips including the pantomime parent/carers helpers attended the Christmas discos and prepared the Tuck Bags Gifts for the Winter Fayre and gifts for pupils were wrapped We are working with parent/carers who have expressed an interest in progressing The Friends of OASS group.

Term 3 Clubs – KS2 only

Please see below the list of afterschool clubs available for Term 3. These clubs will start the week commencing 9th January – week ending 10th February 2023. They will start from straight afterschool until 16:30. If your child is in Year 5 or Year 6 and you would like them to walk home from club, please request a walk home from club consent form.

Please note that once you have booked your child onto a club, this automatically confirms their place. If your child does not attend on more than two occasions within reason, their place may be offered to another pupil.

Booking will go live via MCAs from **18:00hrs** on **Friday 6th January**.

Monday	Razzamatazz Club	Spaces: 20
Tuesday	Ukulele & Singing Club	Spaces: 15
Wednesday	Kingsquad Club	Spaces: 20
Thursday	Musical Theatre	Spaces: 30
Friday	Football in Partnership with Chatham Football Club Coaches. A Cost of £12.50 via booking on MCAS	Spaces: 12

My Child at School – MCAS

What is MCAS?

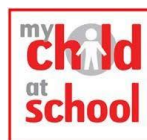
You may have heard this name used quite a few times in when we talk about trips, messages, available clubs, dinners and any extra activities we do that you can sign up for and view.

MCAS, or My-CAS, as some people call it, stands for “My Child At School”. This App allows for us to send messages to you, and you can also use it to book for trips and clubs that we set up. You can also use it to pay for your child’s dinner and there’s also an option to purchase goods such as school uniforms and things for their iPads when they are available!

Why should I get it?

We make all our trips and other extracurricular activities available through MCAS meaning that, when we set trips up for students, you can book your child on through MCAS only. Without it, your child might miss out on clubs and any trips. Not only that, you could miss out on important messages we need to send you! It also makes communicating new trips, any changes about club schedules and any information that might be important for you to know, much simpler.

MCAS lets you see all of this, and more, in one app!



There is also an MCAS Parent Guide on our website:

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Happy New Year! I hope you and your families had a restful and happy Christmas.

For families who have children with autism or ADHD – either diagnosed or awaiting diagnosis - Medway are providing a new support and advice service called “Medway Small Steps”.

The aims of the Service are to:

- Improve mental health and wellbeing of families
- Increase self-confidence within families
- Reduce social isolation for the family
- Promote smooth transitions between Education settings
- Increase families’ knowledge and understanding around Autism and ADHD
- Promote positive parenting and experiences for the Family
- Provide information and understanding to support families in developing positive coping strategies

How it works:

We offer support to families to enable them to get the right advice and direction from the beginning. We work closely with Health professionals, education settings, and the local authority to enhance what is available to families. The Service offers information workshops, specialised parenting groups, and can provide parents with a Project Worker or a Volunteer Befriender who will offer home visits and 1:1 support within the family home.

Referral Criteria:

- The child is aged between 0-19
- The child does or does not yet have a diagnosis of Autism/ADHD
- Concerning Behaviour pathway started or thinking of starting

Families can self-refer for home visiting support, Befriender support, parent/carer support groups, Information Workshops, Groups, and Parenting Programmes.

How to contact Small Steps:

Family Action The Dragon Hub 5a New Road Avenue Chatham Kent Postcode ME4 6BB
Tel: 01634 913219 Email: MedwaySmallSteps@family-action.org.uk
[Medway Small Steps Service - Family Action \(family-action.org.uk\)](http://MedwaySmallStepsService-FamilyAction.org.uk)

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 23 rd October – Friday 3 rd November 2023		
Term 2	Term begins	Monday 6 th November 2023
	Term Ends	Wednesday 20 th December 2023
Winter Break Thursday 21 st December 2023 – Monday 2 nd 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 12 th February – Friday 16 th February 2024		
Term 4	Term begins	Monday 19 th February 2024
	Term ends for pupils	Thursday 28 th March 2024
Spring Break Monday 1 st April – Friday 12 th 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 27 th May – Friday 31 st 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.