

Newsletter

Beginning of Term 1– 06/11/2023

End of Term 1– 20/12/2023



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Principal's Message

Welcome to term 2 at Oasis Academy Skinner Street. This is always a very exciting term at school and comprises of many traditions and events that we look forward to all year long.

As we begin to Term 2, we would like to wish happy Diwali to all of our children and families who are celebrating this on the 12th of November this year.

Also, on the 12th of November, we know many of our children and families will be recognising Remembrance Sunday and paying tribute to all of those who have lost their lives in conflicts for us to live a safe & peaceful life. Thanks for the Year Six children who have been selling poppies and associated merchandise raising funds for the Royal British Legion as we do every year.

As we move through the term, we have many events linked to Christmas and this is a very important time of year for us at Oasis Skinner Street. We believe that it is every pupil's entitlement to an outstanding education and we are committed to the Oasis charter and the values, and the beliefs expressed. Our ethos and outcomes are motivated by the life, message, and example of Jesus Christ. We aspire to support our children to achieve their full God-given potential and particularly in Term 2 when our habit is hope we support our children to develop a deep sense of hope that things can change and be transformed.

Christmas is important to the Academy as a time to recognise and reflect on the importance of family and community. The feeling of excitement which we share as we approach Christmas Day unites us and the rituals we undertake, whether these be leaving milk and biscuits out for Father Christmas, going to church services during advent and on Christmas Eve, binding us together by with shared values.

At this time of year, we include all members of our community whether they are Christian, Sikh, Hindu, Muslim, Jewish or any other or of no faith. We invite you all in to share preparations with us and be welcomed. I hope that you will take advantage of the opportunities to come in and join with us during this time and be welcomed and loved as part of our wider community.

Mrs V Richmond



Messages



Communication

My Child At School (MYCAS)

MCAs now only requires your e-mail and password to log into the app. If you have any issues, please contact the office.

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.

Office Hours

8am – 4pm

Please note that between 8-9am and 3-4pm, the office phonelines are extremely busy and your call may not be answered. You can also email your query to office@oasis Skinnerstreet.org

How to contact us

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Attendance

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If you need to contact your child's teacher, please use your child Year Group email below:

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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:

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Visit our website:

www.oasisacademyskinnerstreet.org

for up-to-date news and information.

Last Day of Term 2 -
Wednesday 20th December 23

Visit our website to view
2023/2024 Term Dates

Term 6 Diary Dates

For full details, please refer to the messages sent directly to you via My Child At School, or visit our website and view the Academy [Calendar - \(oasisacademyskinnerstreet.org\)](https://oasisacademyskinnerstreet.org)

Term 2 Pupil Progress Meetings



Communication is key to support our pupils in being the best they can be and this term, our Pupil Progress meetings will take place on **Wednesday 15 November**. We welcome the opportunity to discuss the progress your child has made so far this academic year, and how we can work together to enable them to reach their full potential in the coming weeks and months.

[Please make sure you have booked an appointment with your child's class teacher using the My Child At School \(MCAS\) App. Details can be found on the year group newsletters.](#)

Medication

If your child is prescribed medication such as antibiotics for a short period or has a health need that may require medication, please contact Miss Husband as above, to complete the relevant permission to administer medication paperwork. Medication will **not** be accepted by the Admin team.

Our Medical Treatment of Pupils Policy (Primary) which can be found on our school website explains:

Receiving Medication

The parental consent form **MUST** be completed prior to acceptance of medication onto the Academy site. If two medications are required they must be dealt with as separate issues with the procedures being followed for each. All medication must be in the original container.

All medication must have:

- The pupil's name
- The name and strength of the medication
- The dosage and the times when the medication should be given
- The expiry date

All medication must have written confirmation signed and dated by the parent.

Please **DO NOT** send your child in with medication or non-prescribed decongestants such as cough sweets / nasal inhalers etc in their bags for the health and safety of all members of the school.

E-scooters – are you breaking the law?



Can I ride my e-scooter to school or work?

No, it's Illegal...

E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles and are required to be taxed and insured. It's not possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters, which means it's illegal to use them.

Can I ride my e-scooter on the pavement?

No, it's Illegal...

You cannot use e-scooters on public footpaths, cycle lanes or roads.

What happens if I'm caught using my e-scooter in public spaces?

The scooter may be seized and as a result, destroyed.

If stopped by an officer, you may be asked to complete a breath and drugs test. You also risk a £300 fine and six penalty points on your licence for no insurance.



**Kent
Police**

Think before you buy:

The number of electrical scooters being used on our streets has risen, as well as reports of serious injury and fatalities.

For more information and advice on the use of e-scooters visit www.kent.police.uk/road-safety

PE Days

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| Monday | Snowdrops / Forget Me Nots / Bluebells / Poppies |
| Tuesday | Birch |
| Wednesday | Elm / Maple / Daisies |
| Thursday | Oak / Rowan / Buttercups |
| Friday | Beech (Challenger Troop) / Willow / Palm |

Challenger Troop

This Term, Beech Class will have challenger troop every Friday. Please ensure they wear their PE kits on this day.

Swimming Lessons

This term, Willow class will be having their swimming lessons on Fridays.

Houses

As part of our strong links to local History and the community, did you know the origins of our 4 house names, all of which can be found at Chatham dockyard?

- Ocelot (**Yellow**) is named after HMS OCELOT, a Cold War Submarine
- Cavalier (**Red**) is named after HMS CAVALIER, a Second World War Destroyer
- Gannet (**Blue**) is named after HMS GANNET, a Victorian Sloop.
- Trafalgar (**Green**) is named after HMS TRAFALGAR, Royal Navy Ship

We use Houses to foster a sense of community and belonging and they are used throughout the year in various ways:

- Weekly house point totals
- Interhouse events such as Sports Day

Pupils can wear a house colour T-shirt (with or without the academy logo) for PE and at interhouse events such as Sports day.

If you are unsure which house your child is in, please email the relevant year group email for confirmation.



No Smoking Environment

Our **Mini SLT** have written an article for the newsletter following a discussion they had on smoking.

They discussed the impact on pupils when adults are smoking whilst waiting at drop off and collection times and expressed some strong opinions.

Please read their article and reflect on their words.
Thank you.



Stop It Now! We Don't Like It.

As students of Oasis Academy, we don't appreciate it when people smoke or vape near our school or in the lines outside of our school. They are risking our health and safety, as well as their own, when they smoke or vape in our lines or anywhere near our buildings.

We don't want anyone to be exposed to chemicals or diseases due to these behaviours.

Did you know, tobacco kills an estimated 1.3 million non-smokers every year who are exposed to second-hand smoke? Are you alright with that being us?

Some of our parents are pregnant and many of our parents have smaller children – we don't want them to be exposed either. We have also noticed that some smokers drop their cigarette butts on the ground – we do not want to be a part of this pollution.

We would appreciate you taking this advice into consideration and stopping smoking or vaping near our school.

Thank you,

Mini SLT Students

All Newsletters are available to view on our website
<https://www.oasisacademyskinnerstreet.org/news-and-events/academy-newsletter>

Parents Evening – 15/11/23
Book Via MCAs – closes Monday 13th
November at 9am

Parking Safety

Please ensure that you do NOT park 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.

We have had previous incidents where fire engines have needed to attend to a fire in the flats. 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 at <https://www.medway.gov.uk/xfp/form/155> who will then contact the vehicle owners. We thank you for your support in ensuring our children are safe.



Odd Socks Day



Odd Socks Day marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week and this year, will take place on **Monday 13th November**. It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or to buy expensive costumes. All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school, at work or at home, it couldn't be simpler!

You do not have to raise money to take part - the most important thing is the message of Odd Socks Day.

Children In Need 2023

All staff and pupils can wear non-uniform or spotty clothes for this year's children in Need 'Spotacular'.

Staff will be on gates at drop off and pick up for you to hand in your donations for this charity.



Christmas Fair – Saturday 9th December!

We look forward to welcoming you at the Christmas Fair on Saturday 9 December between 10:30hrs – 13:30hrs.



As well as booking a visit to the North Pole to see Santa, or hopping across to Whoville to meet The Grinch (places must can be booked via My Child At School app in Products), the academy will be full of Christmas spirit for you to enjoy.



Each year group will have a stall selling all kinds of gifts and stocking fillers and they will be joined by **TM Bargains, Sweets & Treats, Dream Makers Jewellery, and Cakes and Bakes by Rachael and Steph.**

You can be tempted by the Tombola, rewarded by the Raffle and hooked by the Hoopla as well as trying many other different activities on offer.

You can also enjoy a Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate or squash along with a mince pie which will be available to purchase from our Christmas Café.

Wrapping Paper Needed!



We are in need wrapping paper for various items at the Fair.

If you have any wrapping paper, you are willing to donate – it doesn't need to be festive – please give to a member of staff at drop off or collection times.

If you have any contacts who work in retail and may be able to help, please ask them to email office@oasis Skinnerstreet.org

Christmas Dinner

This year we will be serving our Christmas dinner on Friday 15 December. This is a popular event and to enable Sodexo to order enough food for everyone who has booked a school dinner on that day, the Christmas Dinner must be ordered in advance.

If you would like your child to have a Christmas dinner on Friday 15 December, ***this must be booked (and paid for if you are not entitled to Free School Meals) by 5pm on Friday 1 December 2023 via MCAS.***

Data Check!

Please log into your MCAs App to check that all permissions/, contact numbers and email addresses are correct. Please update if required.

Thank you



Whole school diary dates for Term 2
 Details of year specific events can be found in the Year group newsletter

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| Monday 13 November | Odd Sock Day | Staff and pupils invited to wear odd socks to celebrate the start of Anti-Bullying Week |
| Friday 17 November | Children In Need Spotacular Fundraiser! | Staff and pupils can wear non uniform or spotty clothes in exchange for a donation on the gates at drop off / collection. |
| Friday 24 November | Tag Day for FOASS Xmas Fair | Staff and pupils can wear non uniform in exchange for a donation for the Christmas Fair: Year R - Chocolates / packets of sweets Year 1 - Toiletries Year 2 - Tins and Cans Year 3 - Tins and Cans Year 4 - Chocolates / packets of sweets Year 5 - Toiletries Year 6 - Bottles (non-alcoholic drinks, bubble bath etc) These donations will be used for the Tombola and Hoopla stalls. Please hand donations to the class teacher at morning registration. |
| Wednesday 6 December | Carol Service | Whole school event |
| Saturday 9 December | Christmas Fair | Please see separate article for information |
| Friday 15 December | Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day | Full details to follow |
| | Open Class | 15:30hrs – 16:00hrs An opportunity to visit your child's classroom and view their work. |
| Wednesday 20 December | Class parties | All children can wear their own clothes. Drinks and snacks will be provided in the afternoon. |
| Thursday 21 December 2023 - Monday 1 January 2024 | Winter break – pupils do not attend | |
| Tuesday 2 January 2024 | Development Day for Staff | |
| Wednesday 3 January 2024 | Term 3 begins for pupils | |

Term Dates 2023 /2024

Term Dates September 2023 – July 2024



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