

Frequently Asked Questions, staying in touch and the latest news and information for Parents and Pupils at Oasis Academy Skinner Street

Friday 03/04/20

## Update from Mrs Richmond

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you and well done to everybody who has been working hard this week, whether it has been through TimesTablesRockstars, DB Primary, reading a book, writing a short story — anything! We know that it is a difficult time at the moment and we are proud of the way that our Academy has come together as a family to work through it.

If you are a Keyworker, we will be announcing how to go about arranging childcare following the Easter break in a separate letter shortly. Please look out for this if it is something that you require.

This week, OCL launched vouchers for Free School Meals children. There have been some issues with these through our third-party supplier, meaning some families received theirs later on in the week. Thank you for your patience whilst we were dealing with this.

Please remember that it is important that we have up-to-date contact information for all emergency contacts at all times. You can submit these to [office@oasisskinnerstreet.org](mailto:office@oasisskinnerstreet.org) at any time.

Lastly, we would like to remind parents that they should stay inside as much as possible until the government tells us otherwise—the sooner we can prevent the spread of COVID-19, the sooner we will be able to return to school as normal..

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## Phonics: Year R, Y1 & Y2

Looking for ways to keep your children entertained and also provide them with an education? Try the below link, where you will be able to create a free account AND download Read, Write, Inc books FOR FREE!

Visit the link here: <https://bit.ly/2JBpbWR>

## Reading

The World Book Day #ShareAMillionStories campaign may be over nationally, but not in our Academy! Log on to DB Primary and share with your teacher how many stories you have read each week and we will add it to our running total.

## PE

Stay tuned to see what exciting projects we have been working on behind the scenes... in the meantime, have you been working out with Joe Wicks (The Body Coach)? He goes live every day at 9am—send us pics of our Skinner Street students staying fit and healthy to [office@oasisskinnerstreet.org](mailto:office@oasisskinnerstreet.org) and you could be featured on our website, social media channels, or even our weekly bulletin!

# DB Primary

This week, teachers have been looking at trying to upload lesson videos onto DBPrimary for you to watch and use, so keep an eye out for these.

The whistle button is only to be used in special circumstances, for example if you have received a message from someone you don't know or are worried about something you have seen on DBPrimary. This is not to be used to communicate with teachers or to send messages. Please use the forum, blog or email for this.

As an Easter challenge, we thought it would be fun to see how many of you can come up with a poem or song (about being off school) to go along with the tune of the Potato Song by Matt Lucas, which is going around at the moment. You can record it and upload it or send the lyrics to us and we'll see if one of the teachers or staff members would sing it for you. I look forward to seeing these.

Find the video here: <https://bit.ly/3910enc>

## TTRockstars

Well done to everyone who has been rock stars this week on TTRockstars. The issues experienced by some of you last week seem to have been resolved and the website is working much better!

Now the results you have all been waiting for!

The top three classes this week with the most questions answered are...

1<sup>st</sup> Willow 8176

2<sup>nd</sup> Birch 4053

3<sup>rd</sup> Maple 2968

When school starts again, we will be giving awards for those children who have answered the most correct questions on TTRockstars. I'm pleased to say there are some changes to our leaderboard, each class seem to be really enjoying the competition.

### Joke of the week:

**Q: What tables do you not have to learn?**

**A: Dinner tables!**

## THIS WEEK'S TOP SCORERS

Buttercups	Luke
Daisies	Lucy
Poppies	Robert
Bluebells	Samuel
Birch	Emmanuel
Beech	Archie
Elm	Eghosa
Maple	Lilly
Willow	Samuel
Palm	Chloe
Oak	Elliot
Rowan	Thomas

Our Safeguarding Team have put together a list of contact numbers to support our families at this time. Remember, if you do have any safeguarding concerns, you are welcome to contact our Designated Safeguarding Leads Mrs Keeble and Miss Stevenson on [safeguarding@oasis Skinner Street.org](mailto:safeguarding@oasis Skinner Street.org).

Service	Contact
<b>Police - Non Emergency</b>	101
<b>NHS - Non Emergency</b>	111
<b>Health visitors</b>	0300 123 4444 – option 2, then option 3
<b>Midwives – Rainham and Gillingham</b>	01634 382108
<b>Medway Food Bank</b>	01634 757057
	<a href="mailto:info@medway.foodbank.org.uk">info@medway.foodbank.org.uk</a>
<b>Medway Council Emergency Services</b> (Risk of harm to a vulnerable person/homelessness/serious incidents)	01634 304 400
	<a href="http://www.medway.gov.uk">www.medway.gov.uk</a>
<b>MDAS Medway Domestic Abuse Service</b> (Free helpline)	08009179948
<b>Children and Family Hub Gillingham and Twydall</b> (including Early Help)	01634 338877
<b>Family Line</b> – emotional/practical/parenting advice	0808 8026666
<b>SENDIAS Medway Family Action</b> – Free helpline	08088083555
<b>Samaritans</b>	116 123
	<a href="mailto:jo@samaritans.org">jo@samaritans.org</a>
<b>Medway Citizens Advice</b>	01634 383760