

# Newsletter

Term 1: 03/09/2021 – 21/10/2021



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## Principal's Message

What an amazing start to our new academic year! We have enjoyed seeing the smiling faces of pupils, parents, carers and staff returning to the academy on the first day of term and there was certainly a buzz of excitement in the air.

We understand that being able to return to the academy site at the start and end of the school day has been welcomed by some, but we appreciate for others, this may still cause feelings of anxiety. We are always happy to listen to your feedback, so from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September, we will open both the single and double gates in Dalton Street to reduce congestion onto the academy site at the start and end of the school day. The James Street Gate will remain an exit only point.

With over 300 students at the academy, reuniting pupils with lost items of clothing is even more challenging if the uniform is not named. Please ensure all items of uniform are labelled clearly as this

certainly helps us to find their rightful owners.

We look forward to working with you over the next academic year and have lots of exciting opportunities planned.

The newsletter will be sent out at the beginning of each term, but you can access the school calendar at any time via the website.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Richmond

# Messages



## Communication

We know how important it is to keep you updated with Academy news and information. At Oasis Academy Skinner Street, letters and newsletters are sent to parents / carers using **My Child At School (MCAS) which is why it is so important you have signed up to, and access this App. (For full details, please see the My Child At School article within the newsletter).**

Did you know there is a section on our website where you can find letters and newsletters that have been sent across the academic year, and a calendar which is regularly updated to show key dates and events we have planned? For example, you can find details of Staff Development Days, Charity events such as Red Nose Day and School Photographs at the click of a button.

Visit the Latest News page on our website here <https://www.oasisacademyskinnerstreet.org/news-and-events/latest-news> and use the drop down menu to access the Academy Newsletter, Letters and the Calendar.

The beginning of the school day is particularly busy as staff help our pupils into the academy to start their learning, and this means they are not available to meet with parents and carers at this time. We would kindly ask that if you have a message for the class teacher, you email the office or relevant year group with this information. Alternatively, you can telephone the office, leaving a voicemail if all lines are busy, or you can speak to a member of staff on duty who will take a message and pass it to the relevant staff member once the gates have closed. Staff can then reply or if a meeting is needed, they will contact you to arrange a mutually convenient time.

## Term Dates 2021 – 2022

A printed copy of term dates for this academic year have been distributed to pupils to bring home this week. If you have not received this, please email the office to request an additional copy.

## How to contact us

### Office

[office@oasis-skinnerstreet.org](mailto:office@oasis-skinnerstreet.org)

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### Safeguarding

[Safeguarding@oasis-skinnerstreet.org](mailto:Safeguarding@oasis-skinnerstreet.org)

### Attendance

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### SENCo

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## Year Groups

[EYFS@oasis-skinnerstreet.org](mailto:EYFS@oasis-skinnerstreet.org)

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[Year3@oasis-skinnerstreet.org](mailto:Year3@oasis-skinnerstreet.org)

[Year4@oasis-skinnerstreet.org](mailto:Year4@oasis-skinnerstreet.org)

[Year5@oasis-skinnerstreet.org](mailto:Year5@oasis-skinnerstreet.org)

[Year6@oasis-skinnerstreet.org](mailto:Year6@oasis-skinnerstreet.org)

## Social Media:

Follow us on Facebook:

@OasisAcademySkinnerStreet and Twitter:

@OasisSkinnerSt

Visit our website:

[www.oasisacademyskinnerstreet.org](http://www.oasisacademyskinnerstreet.org) for up-to-date news and information.

## Staffing

To help you contact the correct member of staff, staffing details for the Academy can be seen below.

Year Group	Class	Staff
Year R	Snowdrops	<b>Ms Wright</b> Mrs Lucy
	Forget me nots	<b>Miss Allen</b> Mrs Razum
Year 1	Daisies	<b>Mrs Beardsley / Ms Husband</b> Mrs Fisher Mrs Day
	Buttercups	<b>Mrs Vigus</b> Mrs Pick Miss Alexander
Year 2	Bluebells	<b>Mrs Davies</b> Miss Savage
	Poppies	<b>Ms Pearmain</b> Ms Fulcher
Year 3	Birch	<b>Mrs McLeod</b> Mrs Webb
	Beech	<b>Mr Pratts / Mrs Dudgeon</b> Mrs Gough
Year 4	Maple	<b>Miss Cox</b> Mrs Hyland
	Elm	<b>Mr Beeby</b> Mrs Seymour
Year 5	Willow	<b>Mrs Gardiner</b> Miss Stanley
	Palm	<b>Ms Moore</b> Mrs Allenby
Year 6	Rowan	<b>Mr Freeman</b> Mrs Mason
	Oak	<b>Mrs Baxter</b> Miss Parry
Principal	<b>Mrs Richmond</b>	
Deputy Principal	<b>Miss Dysart</b>	
Assistant Principal	<b>Ms Moore</b>	
SEND Manager	<b>Ms Husband</b>	
Safeguarding Manager	<b>Miss Robinson</b>	
Attendance Officer	<b>Ms Allen</b>	

## School Uniform

Pupils in correct Uniform receive 1 house point every day they are in school, which is an opportunity to earn **190 housepoints each year**. Pupils convert housepoints at the end of each academic year to rewards, so every housepoint counts!

Our Academy uniform is :

### General Uniform

- White Polo shirt
- Navy (with Academy logo) polo shirt
- Purple sweatshirt/cardigan (with Academy logo)
- Black shorts, trousers or skirts
- Black or white socks
- Smart black shoes
- Purple gingham dresses can be worn in the summer
- White t- shirt for PE (or a t-shirt in their house colours)
- Academy book bag (with Academy logo)



Uniform can be ordered via our uniform supplier Uniformbase, either online or in store at the Chatham branch. Visit them online at <http://www.uniformbase.co.uk/>

### Sports Uniform

- Black shorts
- A white t-shirt (or a t-shirt in their house colour) for PE. Please note: Logo / football shirts are not accepted.
- Plain black PE trainers or pumps

If a child does not bring a kit for PE they will be expected to use the spare kit provided by the Academy.

## House's

Your child will be advised / reminded next week which House they are in.

- Cavalier
- Gannet
- Ocelot
- Trafalgar



INSET Day – 22<sup>nd</sup>  
October 2021

NO SCHOOL

## Behaviour

Welcome back to a new year at Skinner Street. Children will have the opportunity to earn house points again this year which they can use in a variety of activities which the children enjoy participating in. In addition to these, we have new and exciting roles coming up for the children to apply for. Our Behaviour Policy can be found at:

[https://www.oasisacademyskinnerstreet.org/uploaded/Skinner Street/About Us/Policies/OASS Behaviour Policy Nov 20.pdf](https://www.oasisacademyskinnerstreet.org/uploaded/Skinner%20Street/About%20Us/Policies/OASS%20Behaviour%20Policy%20Nov%2020.pdf)

We are looking forward to the exciting times ahead.

## Attendance



1. We at Oasis academy skinner street are committed to improve your child's

attendance. Studies have shown that in order for your child to reach their full potential, both academically and socially, regular attendance at school is essential.

Oasis academy will monitor your child's attendance. In the event that your child incurs 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a six school week period a referral will be made to AASSA and a penalty notice will be issued to each parent/carer. You will receive a **£60** fine increasing to **£120** if not paid within 21 days. Failure to pay the fine will result in court prosecution for your child's non-school attendance.

We sincerely hope that you will work with us to continue to improve your child's attendance in order that they achieve their academic potential and enhance their future prospects. If you would like to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact me Miss Allen, Attendance Officer.

2. If your child is going to be absent from school, on the first day of absence please email: [attendance@oasiskinnerstreet.org](mailto:attendance@oasiskinnerstreet.org)

3. If you would like to request any leave during term time, which includes exceptional circumstances, religious ceremonies etc, you will need to complete a request of leave form which can be found on the school website <https://www.oasisacademyskinnerstreet.org/academy-life/attendance> which you are able to print at home and send into school, or if you would like a copy please email [attendance@oasiskinnerstreet.org](mailto:attendance@oasiskinnerstreet.org) I am happy to send a copy home with your child. This form will need to be completed and a reply of the decision will be sent home shortly afterwards. (Please add the link jen)

4. When pupils arrive late, they can miss out on essential instructions given out at the beginning of the lesson, this can significantly reduce achievement, regardless of academic ability. Your child may also feel awkward arriving into the classroom late. When one pupil arrives late it disrupts whole class and the teacher -everyone's education is compromised.

### **Children need to be in school for registration between 8.40am – 8.50am.**

Any children that arrive after this time will be asked to enter through the Skinner Street entrance. I will be at the gate every day registering the children that arrive late. If the children are Late on a regular basis this may incur a penalty notice being issued which will be £60 per parent increasing to £120 if not paid within 21 days.

We appreciate this is a lot of information given out at this time, and understand the different circumstances families have, we are happy to work with you, please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like further support.

Thank You

Ms Allen

## Contact Details

It is essential that if you change your phone number or move address, you inform the office via email [office@oasisskinnerstreet.org](mailto:office@oasisskinnerstreet.org)

For safeguarding reasons, if you have arranged for someone to collect your child, you must also inform the office. If we do not have confirmation of another person collecting your child, we will not release your child from site.

## Medical

It is very important that you inform us of any medical needs/ conditions your child has. If your child suffers from asthma, we must always have an inhaler on site with the school asthma card signed by the parent. You can do this by requesting a new one from your GP and inform them it is for the school. To fill out an asthma school card, please contact the office.



We can only administer prescribed medications only. We cannot administer Calpol etc. unless prescribed by your GP.

## Free School Meals

To check to see if you are eligible for your child to receive Free School Meals, please visit our **website- Academy life – Free School Meals.**

## School Dinners

Our academy meals are catered by Sodexo, and should be paid for via the school app MCAS (My Child at School). They cost **£2.25** per day. Please visit our website to view the menu.

Alternatively children may bring a packed lunch. We ask parents and carers providing

packed lunches to choose healthy options with a balanced selection of food including fruit and vegetables, juice and/or water. We do not permit sweets in packed lunches

## Parent View

We have not been advised of an Ofsted visit yet, but we would like you to have your say. To give your views, please use the link below.



<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

## SEND

Parent0 / Carers who wish to discuss SEND issues, should contact Ms Husbands in the first instance.

As Ms Husbands is teaching in Daisies class every Thursday and Friday, parents/carers are encouraged to email any SEND queries / information to [inclusions@oasisskinnerstreet.org](mailto:inclusions@oasisskinnerstreet.org) throughout the week and Ms Husbands can respond Monday – Wednesday.

## Place2Be

Oasis Academy Skinner Street works with Place2Be, a children's mental health charity that helps pupils explore their emotions and feel better about themselves.

Children can go to the Place2Be room in school to express themselves by making art, playing or talking.

For more information, please visit our website.

# KS1



We are so proud of the children, who have come back to school happy and eager to learn showing exemplary behaviour, what a wonderful start to the year!

In Key Stage 1 this term, our topic is 'Who am I, who am I becoming?'. This is a personal development focused topic in which the children will explore their hopes and goals for the upcoming year. In History, we will be exploring local history starting with our school community, this will support our learning in Geography where we will be learning about the local area.

Each child will require their iPad in school every day to participate fully in each lesson. If there are any issues with iPads please speak to your child's class teacher.

A quick reminder of PE days where children will be required to come in wearing their school PE kits.

## PE Days

**Year 1-** Thursday and Friday

**Year 2-** Monday and Thursday

# KS2



Across Key Stage 2 our Theme for the term is titled **Who am I and Who am I Becoming**. In Maths the children are focusing on Number which includes place value, addition and subtraction. In Year 6 they will also be focusing on Multiplication and Division.

In writing, Year 3 are focusing on the book, *Jemmy Button*. Year 4 will be focusing on *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, while Year 5 will be focusing on the book *The Boy at the Back of the Class*. Year 6 will be focusing on the book, *The Boy in the Girl's Bathroom*. In addition, all years across Key Stage 2 will be developing their poetry writing.

In Science the various year groups are focusing on the following topics  
Year 3 Skelton and Muscles; Year 4 Digestion and Teeth; Year 5 Living Things; Year 6 Circulatory System

In Geography lessons the children will be studying Human and Physical Features as well as learning about Oasis Schools across the world. In History the focus will be on each child's family history as well as their own.

In Computing, the children will be studying E-Safety and Coding, while in music lessons the focus will be on body percussion.

Year 5 are going Swimming this term. Willow Class will attend in Term 1, followed by Palm Class in Term 2. A separate letter will be sent to the Year 5 parents with further details.

Year 4, will be starting Challenger troop this term every Friday.

## PE Days

Year 3 - Tuesday

Year 4 - Wednesday

Year 5 - Thursday

Year 6 - Friday

**Please ensure all children attend school in their PE kits on their PE day only.**

# EYFS

Our new intake of Year R children attended for morning sessions only this week and we are enjoying getting to know them and their families.

From Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September, they will be attending school full time, with their school day starting at 08:50hrs and ending at 15:15hrs.

## My Child At School (MCAS)



An MCAS account is set up for all parents which provides you with secure online access to view your child's data, including attendance, school reports and pay for dinner money/school trips etc. It is accessible 24 hours a day via PC, laptop and mobile devices with internet connection. It will give you live information and is specifically designed to improve the quality and accessibility of information for parents.

MCAS accounts are being created for each pupil's Priority 1 contact so if you would like any other contacts to have access, please let us know by emailing [office@oasis Skinner Street.org](mailto:office@oasis Skinner Street.org)

Use Google Play or AppStore to download the MCAS App.

You will receive an email with your username and invitation code.

- Redeem invitation code.
- Set your password
- School ID is - **11630**

You will then be able to login to your MCAS account.

If your child is due to join us here at Oasis Academy Skinner Street, you will receive your log in details once they are on our roll.

## KEY Dates

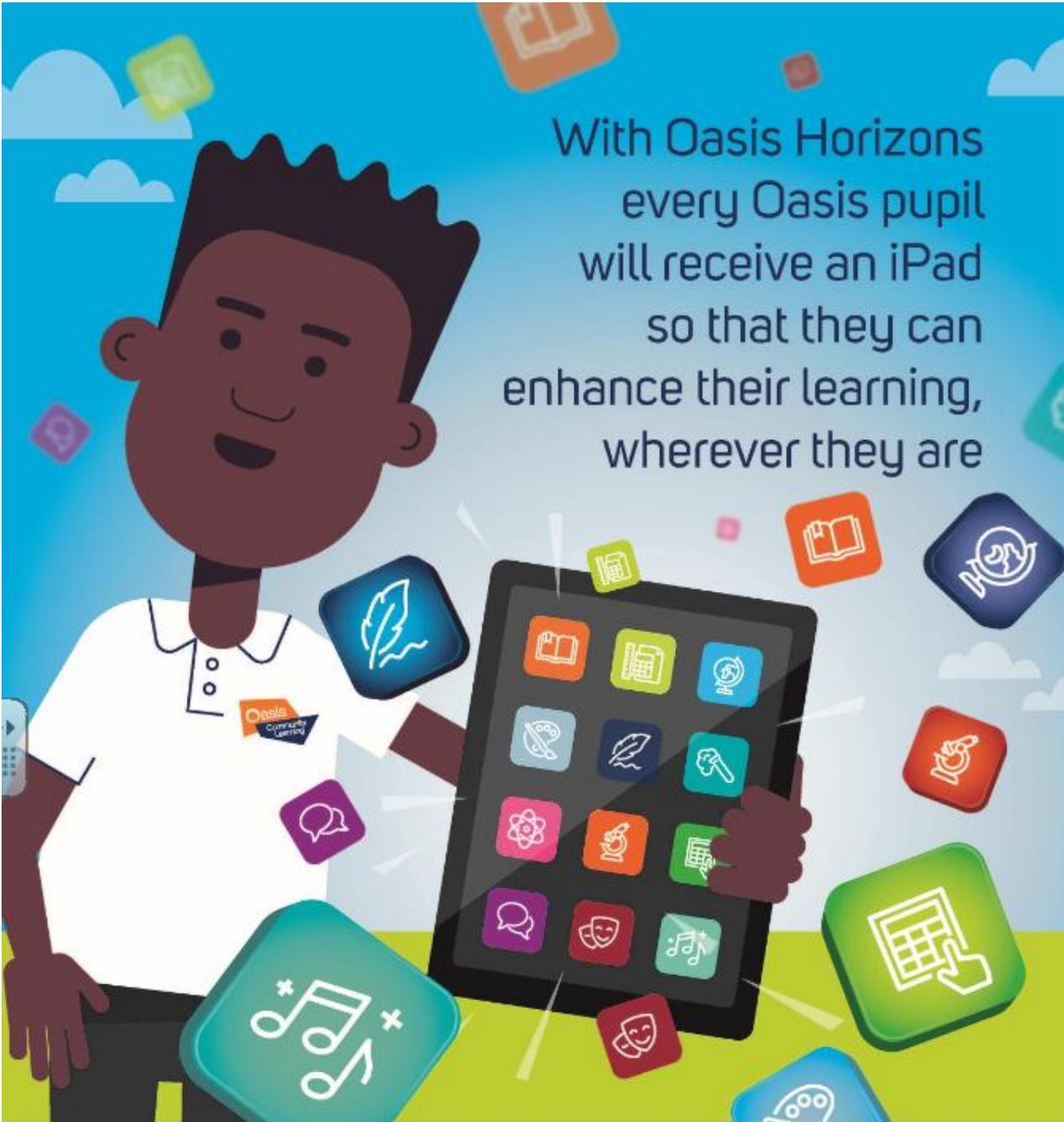
### September 2021

- 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> September – Medway Test (Year 5)

### October 2021

- 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021 – Individual School Photographs.
- 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021 – Children in Need (TBC)
- 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021 – Last Day of Term1.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021 – OCL Inset Day.





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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 on [safeguarding@oasis Skinner Street.org](mailto:safeguarding@oasis Skinner Street.org).

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