

Newsletter

Beginning of Term 3– 05/01/2022



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Principal's Message

Happy New Year to you all and welcome to term 3!

It has been lovely to see pupils and parents / carers as we have returned to school this week, but unfortunately we start this term on a sad note.

Sadly, on the first day of the Christmas holiday, the academy was broken into by trespassers and the site staff office was vandalised. In addition, a fire was started in the Year 6 outside area using classroom resources, resulting in the Fire Brigade and Police being called.

We are extremely upset, disappointed and frustrated as this now means that money we had planned to spend on fantastic new resources to enhance the curriculum and benefit pupils will have to be used to replace some damaged resources. The Police are now dealing with this as a criminal matter.

Thank you to those parents/carers and members of the academy community who have expressed their shock and anger, and for your continued support for the academy.

On a more positive note, we are very pleased to welcome back Challenger Troop who will be in with Willow class and will be also doing 2 extra sessions back in Elm class this term. We also have our special lunch on 20th January and we will soon be sending out the menu for this.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

Our 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.**

Places are limited and we regret we are unable to accept pupils who have not been booked on and paid for using this system. Unfortunately, should you book a place for your child and they do not attend, we do not offer a refund as this place has been allocated to your child.

Thank you for your co-operation.

How to contact us

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Safeguarding

Safeguarding@oasis Skinner Street.org

Attendance

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Year Groups

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Year1@oasis Skinner Street.org

Year2@oasis Skinner Street.org

Year3@oasis Skinner Street.org

Year4@oasis Skinner Street.org

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.

Safeguarding: It is very important that you inform the office via email or telephone if you have arranged for another person to collect your child at the end of the day. We will not let your child go with anyone that we do not have prior permission for.

PE Days

Following a review of our existing Covid precautions, we will continue with the practice that pupils should wear their PE kit into school on their PE day(s).

Children need a white tee shirt (or a tee shirt in their team colours) for PE. They also require plain black PE trainers or pumps. Now the weather is colder, pupils should wear black jogging bottoms instead of shorts, and a black or navy hoodie (without a logo) on their PE day as well as their coat, to keep them warm throughout the day.

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

Year 1	Thursday and Friday
Year 2	Monday and Thursday
Year 3	Tuesday
Year 4	Wednesday
Year 5	Thursday
Year 6	Friday Oak class are going swimming in term 3 and a separate letter has been sent out with details.

Academy Lunches

At lunchtime we encourage children to have an Academy meal. These are cooked on site and are nutritionally balanced.

We always offer a choice including vegetarian. To view our Dinner Menu, please visit

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

Free School Meals

Even if you do not require your child to receive a free school meal, parents who apply for FSM for their child allow the school to access additional funding, called Pupil Premium, which enables us to further support pupils needs.

In addition, if your child is already receiving a Free School Meal – if they are in Year R, 1 or 2, they may not necessarily be on the Free School Meals register.

If you think you may be entitled for your child to receive Free School Meals, please use the link below to apply online:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/link2ict>

iPad's

Please ensure that your child brings in their iPad everyday into school, fully charged, as they use their iPads for a range of different reasons. Could we also remind everyone that the iPads are solely for the children it is issued to and should not be used by other members of the family for personal use.

If your child's iPad has been damaged, please hand the iPad into school so that our IT team can fix it. Please note that as stated in the Horizons agreement upon receiving your iPad, you must pay for the damages to be repaired – this is a cost of £195. If you need financial support in paying the fee, please contact the office.

If your child is leaving Oasis Academy, you must return the iPad with the charger. The iPad is property of OCL and any iPads not returned will be seen as theft and can be reported to the police if not returned.

Attendance

We are really pleased that so many parents are using the MYCAS to monitor attendance as you can see, at a glance, the overall attendance levels and authorised / unauthorised absences.

Please be aware that the MYCAS system can take up to 24 hours to update attendance records. If after 24 hours you still have an attendance query, please email attendance@oasissskinerstreet.org to highlight your question.



At the end of Term 3 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 5th January – 11th February 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 3 and again there will be a prize draw for a Kindle.

#MissSchool

#MissOut



Applying for a Primary School Place

Please remember that Reception applications close at **5pm on Saturday 15th January 2022**.

You can apply for your child to start school in year R (reception) if they were born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018 and applications need to be made via the parent portal for Medway Council. This can be accessed via the Medway Council website www.medway.gov.uk.

Even if you already have a child attending the academy, you still need to apply for a place for younger siblings.

Challenger Troop

This term, **Willow** Class will be taking part in Challenger Troop. This will be every Friday and the children will therefore need to come into school in their PE kits.

Swimming Lessons

This term, **Oak** class will be attending their swimming lessons at Medway Park. Please ensure your child has a towel, appropriate swim wear and a bag.

Key Dates

January 2022

- 10th – NHS Year R Height, Weight, Vision & Hearing
- 18th / 19th - Rail Safety talks (held during school day)
- 20th / 21st, & 27th / 28th Y6 Bikeability

February 2022


- 8th - Interim Pupil reports
- 11th – last day of term 3
- Monday 14th – Friday 18th February **St Marks Holiday Lunch Club at OASS**. Please see below

St Marks Holiday Lunch Club at OASS

We are pleased to confirm St Marks Church will be offering a limited number of places during the February half term for pupils to attend a lunch club between 11:00hrs – 12:30hrs. In addition to an activity, pupils will receive a hot lunch. There will be no charge.

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.

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 info@medway.foodbank.org.uk
Medway Council Emergency Services (Risk of harm to a vulnerable person/homelessness/serious incidents)	01634 304 400 www.medway.gov.uk
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 jo@samaritans.org
Medway Citizens Advice	01634 383760



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every Oasis pupil
will receive an iPad
so that they can
enhance their learning,
wherever they are



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