

# Newsletter

Beginning of Term 3– 03/01/2024

End of Term 3– 09/02/2024



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## Principal's Message

Happy new year and welcome to Term 3.

At the beginning of a new year, it is a natural time for self-reflection. Some people choose to set resolutions and challenges and others reflect on the year they've had and the achievements they have made. This is also a time where we focus on our well-being as an academy, we're focusing on making more time for self-care, being compassionate with ourselves and others and having space for fun and play. When we are reflecting it is important that we question ourselves. Some of the questions we have asked ourselves are: how have I grown in the past year? What led to me experiencing growth and how can I continue this? What challenges and obstacles have I faced that I have overcome? What was my favourite moment from the last year and what was it about this moment that made it so memorable?

Term 3 is an exciting time for the Academy as our building project progresses and the beginnings of the new classrooms are emerging. We continue to ask for all members of our community to show kindness and patience to others while we undergo this time of change and disruption. To achieve these new spaces, there will be some limitations to access to the site as we see with the builder's yard being on the MUGA and in the number of gates that we can use. Please ensure that you are conscious of those around you and model the behaviour we would expect from our children with regards to manners and consideration.

Key stage two was very excited to discover on their return to the Academy that lockers had been installed and they're very much enjoying having their own personal space for their coats and empty bags. Year 6 are eagerly awaiting their lockers and we are hopeful that they will be with us shortly so they can also have their own spaces. This also resulted in extra room in the classrooms and the children have more space when learning and feel more comfortable. When the new key stage 1 classrooms are completed, they will also be receiving lockers to store their belongings in.

Despite only recently returning for the new term we already have a large amount of lost property which is not named. Please can you ensure all your child's uniform is labelled with their name so that it can be reunited with them if they are to misplace it.

As discussed in an article later in the newsletter the growing success of the Academy has resulted in us being full and therefore there are a lot of children and a lot of adults on site at any time, particularly around pick up and drop off time. Please be aware when bringing your children to and from school there is no onsite parking available; if you are parking in the immediate area of the academy permit only zone, please do not stop on the zigzags or in the road to drop your children off as this puts them in danger.

As always, we welcome any parental feedback and if you would like to make any suggestions as to how we could further improve the Academy, please speak to a member of the senior leadership team who are available on the playground in purple hi-visibility jackets or e-mail [principal@oasis-skinnerstreet.org](mailto:principal@oasis-skinnerstreet.org)

# 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](mailto: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.

Our **2024 /2025** Term Dates coming soon!

## How to contact us

### Office

[office@oasis Skinnerstreet.org](mailto:office@oasis Skinnerstreet.org)

Telephone: 01634 850213

### Safeguarding

[Safeguarding@oasis Skinnerstreet.org](mailto:Safeguarding@oasis Skinnerstreet.org)

### Attendance

[attendance@oasis Skinnerstreet.org](mailto:attendance@oasis Skinnerstreet.org)

### SENCo

[Inclusions@oasis Skinnerstreet.org](mailto:Inclusions@oasis Skinnerstreet.org)

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

[EYFS@oasis Skinnerstreet.org](mailto:EYFS@oasis Skinnerstreet.org)

[Year1@oasis Skinnerstreet.org](mailto:Year1@oasis Skinnerstreet.org)

[Year2@oasis Skinnerstreet.org](mailto:Year2@oasis Skinnerstreet.org)

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[Year4@oasis Skinnerstreet.org](mailto:Year4@oasis Skinnerstreet.org)

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[Year6@oasis Skinnerstreet.org](mailto:Year6@oasis Skinnerstreet.org)

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### Visit our website:

[www.oasisacademyskinnerstreet.org](http://www.oasisacademyskinnerstreet.org)

for up-to-date news and information.

## Website Calendar- 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://www.oasisacademyskinnerstreet.org)

## PE Days

Monday	Forget Me Nots / Bluebells / Poppies
Tuesday	Birch / Snowdrops
Wednesday	Daisies / Elm / Maple
Thursday	Oak / Rowan / Buttercups
Friday	Willow / Palm

## Challenger Troop

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

## Fidget Toys

Please do not send your child into school with ear defenders, fidget toys or chew toys UNLESS you have spoken to the SENCO, Miss Husband and she has agreed to this provision. We have a wide range of resources in school to meet your child's special/sensory needs that we allow all children to use as and when they need. If you wish your child to receive any specific additional sensory support in school, please speak to Miss Husband on the gate or email her at [inclusions@oasiskinnerstreet.org](mailto:inclusions@oasiskinnerstreet.org)



## Medical Care Plan

If your child has a medical diagnosis that requires a medication, then your child will need a school medical care plan. If your child does not have a medical care plan but should have one, please speak to Miss Husband on the gate or email her on [inclusions@oasiskinnerstreet.org](mailto:inclusions@oasiskinnerstreet.org)

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

## Site Update



The gate in Dalton Street opens at 08:40hrs and closes at 08:50hrs each day to allow pupils time to enter the academy site calmly and go into their class before registration. With the building project in full swing, we are limited to just one way in, via Dalton Street, and one way out, via the James Street gate.

The middle gates in Dalton Street are out of use as this is now the entrance for the site compound, which requires deliveries of skips and other large equipment from large vehicles. This also means vehicle access to Dalton Street can be limited at times.

If you drive children to school, please allow enough time to park up and walk back to the academy with your children to ensure they arrive on the academy site safely and on time. The parking under Dalton Street flats is for residents only and complaints have been made to Medway Council regarding non-residents using this for parking at drop-off and pick up times with Medway Councils Traffic Enforcement Team being made aware.

We would respectfully remind parents/carers that stopping on the zig zags, dropping children and driving off without accompanying them onto site are not only traffic offences, but are also significant safeguarding concerns which will be recorded and actioned accordingly. Parents/carers have parental responsibility for their children outside of the academy site and are responsible for ensuring their children arrive safely at the academy. We have received emails from concerned parents who also witness these episodes and would therefore ask all adults to work with the academy to promote children's safety, particularly when coming to and from school.

## Fundraising

Throughout Terms 1 and 2 we held various Fundraising activities, including the Christmas Fair and have raised over **£1000** to date which is fantastic!!

We continue to work with our Mini Academy Leadership Team consisting of Y6 pupils who share the views of pupils on fundraising and their ideas how to use the money raised.



**School Discos!**  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 24  
Book via MCAs

## You Said.....We Did.....

You said	We did
We are reluctant to attend the termly Parent/Carer Workshops to make things with our children.	We have sent a link to our Parent/Carer survey asking for feedback on a range of events that took place in term 2, including suggestions on what you would like us to offer for Parent/Carer workshops instead
We are not sure what classroom spaces look	We hold Open Class on the last day of every term from 15:30hrs – 16:00hrs when parents/carers can come into the classroom to see the learning environment firsthand.
Sometimes we have difficulties contacting the office by telephone – it goes to answerphone.	We have reviewed our telephone system and increased the number of lines available to take incoming calls at any one time. If all lines are busy you can leave a message or alternatively, you can email <a href="mailto:office@oasis Skinner Street.org">office@oasis Skinner Street.org</a>

## Communication

We would politely request that due to the congestion at drop off and pick up times, parents/carers drop or collect their child and leave site in a timely manner.

Class teachers need to focus on dismissing pupils safely however we do understand you may wish to discuss an issue regarding your child. If this is the case, please contact the class teacher via the office email [office@oasis Skinner Street.org](mailto:office@oasis Skinner Street.org) or the relevant year group email to request an appointment / telephone call.

Members of the Senior Leadership Team are available at the beginning and end of each school day to answer any queries and can be identified by their purple High Visibility Jacket.

## Have your say!

Use the link below to complete our Parent Survey.  
<https://uk.surveymonkey.com/r/RN8DN2Z>





## Term Dates 2023 /2024

<b>Term Dates</b> <b>September 2023 – July 2024</b>		
<b>Term 1</b>	SS Inset Day 1 – Pupils do not attend	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2023
	<b>Term begins for pupils</b>	<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023</b>
	OCL Inset Day 1 – Pupils do not attend	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
	<b>Term ends</b>	<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b>
<b>Autumn Break (2 weeks)</b>	<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023</b>	
<b>Term 2</b>	<b>Term begins</b>	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b>
	<b>Term Ends</b>	<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023</b>
<b>Winter Break</b>	<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023 – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024</b>	
<b>Term 3</b>	SS Inset Day 2 – Pupils do not attend	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024
	<b>Term begins for pupils</b>	<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024</b>
	<b>Term ends</b>	<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>
<b>February Break</b>	<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>	
<b>Term 4</b>	<b>Term begins</b>	<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>
	<b>Term ends for pupils</b>	<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>
<b>Spring Break</b>	<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b>	
<b>Term 5</b>	<b>Term begins</b>	<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b>
	Early May Bank Holiday – Pupils do not attend	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
	<b>Term ends</b>	<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024</b>
<b>May Break</b>	<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024</b>	
<b>Term 6</b>	<b>Term begins</b>	<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024</b>
	OCL Inset Day 2 – Pupils do not attend	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2024
	<b>Term ends for pupils</b>	<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024</b>
	SS Inset Day 3 – Pupils do not attend	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024
	SS Inset Day 4 – Pupils do not attend	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> 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.