



# YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER

## AUTUMN TERM 2018

### Welcome!

Welcome back! We hope you had a brilliant Summer and that the children are now fully rejuvenated and ready for lots of learning (and fun)! It is an honour to be teaching the children for their final year at Oasis Academy Byron. The Year 6 team look forward to working with you throughout the year to ensure that the children make good progress and are ready for their transition to high school.

Accompanying this letter, you will find the Year 6 curriculum overview grid for the Autumn Term 1. This outlines the units of study that we will be focusing on in our learning. We hope that this will provide you with a good idea of the work your child will be doing in school and how you can support their learning at home.

### Secondary School Transfer

Your child will have brought home a secondary transfer letter back in July and we very much encourage all children to visit schools of interest over the coming weeks – both on open evenings and during the school day to get a “feel” for the school. Any such visits do not count as absences and really help to make the big decision for both you and your child. High schools in this area are very oversubscribed each year and unfortunately, it is not possible to assume that a sibling attending the desired school will be enough to guarantee your child a place. Every application is individual and in order to give your child the best chance of attending their chosen school the application form needs to be completed and submitted by **31<sup>st</sup> October 2018**. We are always very happy to support parents with completing the form if required!

#### **Dates for your diary:**

**W/B 10<sup>th</sup> September** – Clubs start this week

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October** – Kidzania London

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October** – School closes for half term

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October** – School opens

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November** – INSET Day

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November** – INSET Day

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December** – School closes for Christmas holiday at 2.15pm

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate in contacting us. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

**The Year 6 Team**

## STANDARD ASSESSMENT TESTS (SATs)

Year 6 is a very important year for the children in terms of preparing for transition to high school and also working towards the Key Stage 2 SATs in May. The children will be taking tests in Maths, Spelling and Grammar and also Reading – more details will follow over the year. This academic year, the tests start on May 13<sup>th</sup>. At Oasis Byron we are very keen for the children to enjoy their final year at primary school as much as possible and so it is a deliberate intention on our part that the children are fully developing their skills in readiness for high school without feeling that they are being put under unnecessary pressure. The test timetable is recorded below for your information.

**2019 Test Time Table**

Monday	Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling Test
Tuesday	Reading Test
Wednesday	Maths Test 1 and 2
Thursday	Maths Test 3

## P.E.

PE kits need to be at school **every day**. Even though we have allocated PE days, sometimes PE days will change, due to unforeseen circumstances.

**Jewellery is not permitted** and any children wearing it will be asked to take it off. Any earrings must be **stud earrings**, any other designs will be covered up with plasters.

## Celebrations

Every week we hold a Golden Book Assembly where we celebrate children's achievements both in and outside school. If your child has recently done something that they are particularly proud of and would like to share their success with everyone please encourage them to bring this information in so that it can be shared in assembly.

## Attendance and Punctuality

Research shows that good school attendance has a huge impact upon children's success in learning. Good attendance helps children to achieve good results, helps them to fulfil their potential and gives them a chance of a better future. At Oasis Academy Byron, we are committed to ensuring that every child in our school fulfils their potential. To help us achieve this we want all of our Year 6 children to have the best possible attendance.

### **We want to see all our pupils with above 96% attendance**

Oasis Academy Byron starts at 8:55am every morning. It is important that children arrive in school on time as it supports them to learn good timekeeping and additionally reduces classroom disruption for the other children and themselves. Our doors open at 8.45am to provide time for the children to settle into class.

## Other Information

### **School Uniform**

We would appreciate your support in ensuring that your child follows our school uniform policy by sending him/her to school wearing the correct school uniform, including black school shoes. Please note that no trainers are allowed. Please ensure all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

### **Equipment.**

Every day children will need:

- A Book bag
- Reading diary and book
- PE kit with trainers or plimsolls (**This is compulsory**)
- Small pencil case with a pencil, colouring pencils, glue stick, green pen, pink and green highlighters for marking, eraser, sharpener etc.(optional but advisable)

### **Timings of the school day**

- Children are welcome into the classroom from 8.45am
- The register will be taken at 8.55am promptly.
- School will finish at 3.20pm and the children will exit from the top playground.
- If you would like your child to walk home **alone**, we need a **letter in writing** to confirm that they have your permission to do so.

### **Mobile Phones**

Mobile phones should not be brought into school unless permission has been provided by the school. Those pupils with permission **MUST** hand it in to the Office at the start of the school day and collect it at 3.20pm.

## Home Learning

The children will be given home learning in the form of a reading challenge, spellings and a weekly Maths or English task. This will be given on a Friday and should be handed in by the Wednesday. The children also have additional Pick and Mix style home learning in the back of their green home learning journal that will be set half termly. Home learning is set in Year 6 to help develop good study habits for high school. We expect that all children will complete their home learning, to the best of their ability, and hand it in on time. Please let us know if your child has trouble in completing their home learning, or if an emergency at home prevents them from completing the activities. Reading is an essential part of the development of writing and, as such, it is still important that you dedicate time at home to hear your child read and discuss their reading material in depth – this is invaluable for developing the skill of ‘interrogating’ a text to find implied meanings or information. Children in Year 6 are expected to read for at least 20 minutes every night. The children can choose a book from our class library or a suitable equivalent from home. The book that they are reading should be brought into school every day. The children are expected to complete their yellow reading record book every time they read. We would be grateful if parents/carers record a positive comment in their child’s reading record book whenever they hear them read.

