



YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2021

Welcome!

Welcome back! We hope you were able to enjoy Easter and that the children are now fully rejuvenated and ready for lots of learning (and fun)! We are now into our final term of Oasis Academy Byron and we will be working hard to ensure that the children are 'High School Ready' by the end of it.

Accompanying this letter, you will find the Year 6 curriculum overview grid for the Summer 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

You now know where your child will be attending from September, I hope that all the children are happy with the outcome. During this final term we will work with the high schools to ensure a smooth transition. This will include a faster pace and rigour to the school day to prepare them and we may send home some extra home learning every now and again so they are prepared for what lies ahead!

Water Bottles

Due to current situations, children will not be permitted to use water fountains without a water bottle. Please ensure that your child brings a **full** water bottle to school each day. Many children are turning up with empty water bottles and it takes a lot of class time for them to refill the bottles.

Dates for your diary:

We are hoping that as the Government's road map continues we will be able to plan events for the end of Summer 2 for the children to really enjoy their last term here with us.

W/C 26th April – Parents Evenings – please find an appointment Teams link on your email address. If you have not received this, please contact the school.

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)

This year, due to Covid-19, there are no official SATs. However, we will still be assessing children during their work so that at the end of the year we can provide you with an attainment mark in their reports. The children will still be taught the full curriculum.

P.E.

PE Days

PE will be on a Monday afternoon. Please ensure that your child has a **clean** PE kit each week for this session. **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.

We will be running the daily mile during the week. The children are able to change into their PE tops when they get to school to do this. The children are also allowed to wear trainers when running.

Celebrations

We will be holding 'Golden Book' assembly within the classrooms on a Friday. If your child has achieved something that they are particularly proud of, we would love to celebrate it, as well as any fantastic effort put in throughout the week.

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. However, if your child is showing symptoms of Covid-19 please contact the school and do not send them in. Currently, Year 6 at Oasis Academy Byron can arrive at school between 8:40 and 8:45am 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.

Please remember that currently Year 6 need to be collected at 3.05pm. If for any reason you are running late, please let the office staff know so that we do not cross bubbles whilst waiting.

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 ensure all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

Leggings are not part of school uniform, please do not send your child to school wearing them.

Equipment.

Every day children will need:

- A Book bag
- Reading diary and book
- Water

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 class teacher at the start of the school day and collect it at 3.05pm.

Home Learning

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Children will receive their home learning menu and logs. Please complete them as often as possible, we really look forward to seeing what you have been up to. Teachers will let you know by class email or text when to return. Books will take a few days to be looked at and returned back to you. Thank you for your understanding.

Home learning may also be set via Purple Mash, please ensure your child checks their 2dos each Friday to see what has been set.

Spellings/Key words

Words will be sent home weekly on Friday. Please practice them on the read, cover, spell, check, grid provided. These are from the Spelling Shed website and the children are familiar with them from the home learning packs.

Reading

It is important to hear your child read as much as possible at home and we are grateful with for your help. Older children still benefit greatly from reading aloud, be it to a parent, brother, sister or grandparent.

When books are returned to school they will be kept separate for a minimum of 72 hours to aim to keep resources as safe as possible.

The children all have access to MyOn which is an online library. They are able to read books and take quizzes to show their understanding. Not only is this fun but we, as staff, can see how the children are improving in their comprehension very clearly using this programme.