



# NEWS UPDATE

## *It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!*

Our **Key Stage 2 Carol Service** is at St. John's Church on Friday 13th December at 10.00 a.m.  
 The **Years 1 and 2 Christmas Concert** will be held on Tuesday 10th December at 2.15p.m. and repeated on Wednesday 11th at 9.30 a.m.

Last but not least, our **Reception** concert will also take place on Wednesday 11th at 2.15 p.m.  
 We hope you will be able to join us.



We are proud to announce that Oasis Academy Byron has been awarded the IQM Inclusion

Quality Mark.

The award recognises the ongoing commitment by schools to provide the very best education for all children irrespective of differences.

We will be fund-raising for this on **Friday 20th December** (the last day of term).

Wear your own sparkly sweater in return for a donation to help families in need.



## Election Fever in Year 6!!!

**Mr Harris reports:**

'In line with the upcoming General Election, Year 6 have formed their own school political parties, elected leaders and are now busily writing their manifestos and campaigning. Years 2 through to 6 will be able to vote for their preferred outcomes. We will aim to integrate the most appropriate policies in school, in liaison with School Council members.' Election results will be announced in the Christmas newsletter.



**The Progress Party** (led by Leanna)



**The Transform Party** (led by Isabel)



**The Tomorrow Party** (led by Noah)



**The Vision Party** (led by Jamie)



**The Independent Party** (led by Coby)



## DIARY EVENTS

Mon 9th Dec	Y5 Whitgift Project—packed lunch needed
Tues 10th Dec	Y5 Whitgift Project—packed lunch needed KS1 concert—2.15 p.m.
Weds 11th Dec	Y5 Whitgift Project—packed lunch needed KS1 concert 9.30 a.m. Reception concert 2.15 p.m.
Thurs 12th Dec	Y5 Whitgift Project—packed lunch needed 10a.m. Panto
Fri 13th Dec	Christmas Carol Service at St. John's Winter Discos
Tue 17th Dec	Y2 to Redhill Harlequin pantomime—packed lunch needed
Thurs 19th Dec	Class Christmas parties
Fri 20th Dec	



**END OF TERM 1.15 p.m.**

**Mon 6th Jan 1ST DAY OF SPRING TERM**

### Regular Events

*Please note: all clubs and swimming lessons will finish for Christmas the week ending*

*Friday 13th December apart from Mark Pepin's Thursday football which will continue up to the end of term.*

### Swimming

Tuesday—Year 3

Friday -Year 5

### After-school clubs

#### Monday

Papercrafting—Y2, 3 & 4

Team Football—Y5 & 6

#### Tuesday

Fit Club—Y1, 2 & 3

#### Wednesday

Yogastastic—Y4, 5 & 6

#### Thursday

Drama Buds—Y1 & 2

Football (Mark Pepin)

Patient	Forgiving	Self-controlled
Humble	Honest	Considerate
Joyful	Hopeful	Compassionate

....Leave of absence will only be granted in EXCEPTIONAL circumstances....

....family holidays cannot be authorised....



### An Attendance Guide for Parents and Students

Research shows that regular attendance and good punctuality are crucial factors in students achieving their full potential at school. Here at Oasis Academy Byron we wish to work in partnership with Parents and Carers and seek your full support in ensuring that your child attends everyday and on time.

**The target attendance figure for all students is a minimum of 97% attendance.**

#### School doors open at 8:45am!

Please contact Oasis Academy Byron on 020 8668 4877 by 8:30am if your child is unable to attend. We will work with you and your child to improve their attendance.

The register is taken at 8.55am. If your child arrives between 8.55am and 9:30am, they will be marked as late. After 9:30am, any child arriving is marked as late absent (U Code).

Home visits are conducted by school staff (or the school's Educational Welfare officer) where appropriate.

Any child with an absence of less than 90% will be identified as a persistent absentee and court action may be pursued.

#### Examples of Authorised Absence

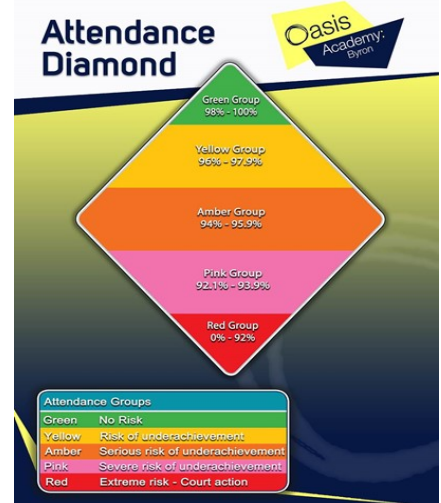
- Genuine illness with medical evidence if long term
- Unavoidable medical appointment with evidence
- Religious observance
- Death of a close member of the family

#### Examples of Unauthorised Absence

- Tiredness
- Illness of parent/carer
- Refusing to come to school
- Birthdays or anniversaries
- No clean uniform

**Any student below 90% attendance will be identified as a persistent absentee and could be subject to possible legal action.**

CLASS	W/E 29/11/2019	W/E 6/12/2019
Reception	97.3%	94.3%
Year 1	95.5%	100%
Year 2	91.0%	94.2%
Year 3	94.8%	95.1%
Year 4	97.6%	95%
Year 5	96.4%	99.3%
Year 6	96.3%	84.2%



### Useful Local Contacts (courtesy of Old Coulsdon SNT)

- Old Coulsdon SNT email [SNMail-box.OldCoulsdonSNT@met.police.uk](mailto:SNMail-box.OldCoulsdonSNT@met.police.uk)
- Council Antisocial Behaviour email [AS-BTeam@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:AS-BTeam@croydon.gov.uk)
- London Borough of Croydon 020 8726 6000 or via the free "Don't Mess With Croydon" app
- Council Trading Standards 020 8407 1311 or email [stading.standards@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:stading.standards@croydon.gov.uk)
- Neighbourhood Watch email [nhw@cbnwa.com](mailto:nhw@cbnwa.com)



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