

Newsletter

September 2022



A note from Mrs Poplett:

It is lovely to welcome everybody back to school following the holidays and I hope you are all well rested and that your children are ready for another fun and enjoyable term ahead. We hope you have a fantastic final weekend of the holidays and we look forward to working with all our children and families over the coming year. I know that we will all support each other to ensure we all have another productive, valuable and above all enjoyable year. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning.

Over the holidays, there have been further improvements made to the outside and inside of the building and I know the children will notice these as they come into school next week. Over the two inset days this week, staff have been working hard to develop many exciting learning opportunities for the opening few weeks and we know the children will be keen to engage with these and demonstrate a strong attitude to their learning.

Whilst our focus has always been to create joyful, compassionate and competent children, last year's data shows that by the end of Key Stage 2, Oasis Academy Byron children scored **above** national expectations in all core subject areas. Those children who read regularly, who engage with home learning, including learning their number facts and times tables, perform significantly better than their peers. Producing well rounded children is all about partnership—we really rely on the support that you are able to offer. Our motto of '**Support, Value and Challenge**' drives us as a school to provide the best quality of education the children deserve.

I would like to welcome our new families and children into our reception class, who this week will have their induction into our academy and then will be in school full time from Monday 12th September. We hope that you will enjoy the start to your time at Oasis Academy Byron and we look forward to getting to know you better over the next few weeks. We would also like to welcome our new families and children joining us in other classes in the school, I know the children and families will warmly welcome you. If you are a parent who has been involved in the school for some time, we would really appreciate you noticing and introducing yourself to new parents and seeing how you can make them feel at home here.

As always at the start of the year there are several events and dates to communicate with you. Please make note of the events for the Autumn Term that can be found towards the end of this newsletter. This key information can also be found on our website at www.oasisbyron.org. alongside our academy policies and procedures. Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office and we will be happy to answer them.

Staffing:

We are pleased to welcome a number of new staff to Oasis Academy Byron. These include

Mrs Duru - Year 4 class teacher

Miss Jeyarajah - Year 1 class teacher

Mrs Moores - Teaching assistant

Mrs Hinds – Teaching assistant

Miss Whitehall - Operations Manager

Mrs Harker - Administrative Assistant

I am sure that you will introduce yourselves and give them all a warm welcome to Oasis Academy Byron

The beginning and end of the day:

The school gates will be open at 8.35am and Y1—Y6 class teachers will be on the playground at 8:40am to greet their class and receive any messages from parents at drop off. Class teachers will then lead the children into school at 8:50am. Reception children must be dropped off at the door of their classroom, where a staff member will then supervise them entering their classroom. This can be accessed by walking down the steps in the playground and round the back of the Key Stage 2 building. The school gates will shut at 9:00am and children that arrive after this time **must** come into school via the main office and sign in via the inventory system,.

At the end of the day, school finishes at 3.15pm for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and children in these classes should be collected from their classrooms, where staff will dismiss the children when they see a parent/carer or designated adult. For children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 school finishes at 3.20pm and all parents are asked to wait in the designated collection point for their children. Years 3, 4, and 5 children must be collected from the playground by a parent/carer or designated adult and the class teachers will dismiss the children once their parent/designated adult is seen. This is for safeguarding purposes. Parents of children in Year 6 can give written permission for their child to walk home on their own. Year 6 children should not take younger siblings' home with them, unless there are extenuating circumstances, in which case the office will need to be contacted. The gates will close at 3:30pm and any children who have not been collected will be taken to the school office, where parents /carers need to collect them and sign them out via the InVentry system. If you know that you are going to be late, please telephone the school and your child will be taken to wait for you at the school office.

Breakfast Club:

Breakfast club will run daily from 8:00am and will be in the main hall, accessed via the middle door in the car park. Places do not need to be booked and can be used every day or on an adhoc basis. If attendance is likely to be everyday it would be useful for parents to inform the staff of this. The cost is £3.00 and a healthy breakfast is provided to those that arrive before 8.30am and all children are taken to the playground (Y1—Y6) and class (Reception) at 8.40am.

School Dinners:

Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 are entitled to have universal free school meals and we encourage all children in these year groups to have one of our healthy school lunches. It is vital that all parents whose children may qualify for free school meals still register their child with us because the additional funding means that the school receives support for children. Please ask the school office for more information. For Key Stage 2, years 3, 4, 5 and 6 the cost of school dinners is £2.35 per day. This must be paid via ParentPay, but if you do not have a ParentPay account, please contact the school office. Please can we also remind you that we have several children in school who have a severe nut allergy so please can you not send your child to school with any food containing nuts.

Contacting a member of staff:

We know that children learn best when they feel happy and safe. Should there ever be an issue or a time where this is not the case it is important that we work together to resolve things. In the first instance please make contact with your child's class teacher either in person (before or at the end of the day), by phone or email the school office who will send this on. Appointments can also be made with the Principal or Deputy Principal.

Attendance and Punctuality:

Good attendance at school is vital and enables children to cope more easily with school routines, their work, and thereby making learning more enjoyable and ensuring greater progress both socially and academically. Please ensure that children are in the school playground for 8.40am, ready to be taken into their classes at 8:50am to start their learning. Time keeping is an important life skill; please help us instil this with your children. If your child is unwell, please inform us by 9.00am on the first day of absence. It is our policy to immediately follow up any absences that are not reported. We monitor attendance closely and where necessary work with parents to support them in improving their child's attendance at school. Attendance regulations now mean that the academy is unable to grant leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Exceptional circumstances do not include holidays or birthday trips.

We need your help ... Parent Volunteers:

We Need Your Help



If you are a parent who has a few hours to spare each week and would like to volunteer and help out in the school from September, please contact the school office for a volunteer application form. We always welcome any extra help and support from our parent/family members. We look forward to hearing from you.

Annual Flu Vaccination Programme:

The annual flu vaccination programme will run between September and December 2022. This annual vaccination programme is in place to help protect your child against the flu. Vaccinating healthy children also helps to protect those more vulnerable by reducing the spread and transmission of flu. The vaccine is recommended by the UK Health Security Agency and forms part of the routine immunisation schedule for all children. It is given via a quick and simple spray up the nose. Please visit the following link for more information regarding the vaccine:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/>

The Immunisation Team will be visiting the school to administer the nasal flu vaccine. You will be notified of the session date in due course. Please click on the link below to submit a consent form, ensuring you complete this in a timely manner to guarantee your child is vaccinated by the team when they come to our school. If you do not wish for your child to receive the vaccination, complete the consent form ticking the 'no consent' box, otherwise you may be contacted until you complete a consent form.

<https://croydonhc-vaccination.verseonecloud.com/nasal-flu-vaccination-2>

If you wish to change your mind once you have submitted a consent form, please inform the school.

Provisional Key Dates = Autumn term 1

Date	Event
Monday 5th— Wednesday 7th September	Reception Induction 8:30—11:30
Thursday 8th - Friday 9th September	Reception Induction 8:30—13:30
Monday 12th September	Reception in full time
Monday 19th September	Y5 'Meet the teacher ' meeting (3:30pm & 5:30pm) Y6 ' Meet the teacher' meeting (3:30pm & 5:30pm)
Tuesday 20th September	Y3 'Meet the teacher ' meeting (3:30pm & 5:30pm) Y4 ' Meet the teacher' meeting (3:30pm & 5:30pm)
Thursday 22nd September	Y1 'Meet the teacher ' meeting (3:30pm & 5:00pm) Y2 ' Meet the teacher' meeting (3:30pm & 5:00pm)
Friday 23rd September	Rainbow Mufti
Friday 30th September	FOB Summer Fair
Monday 10th October	EYFS Phonics Workshop (3:30pm - 4:00pm)
Tuesday 11th October	Y3 Harvest Festival 9:15am (Y3 Parents invited to attend)
Wednesday 12th October	Prospective 2023 Reception Open Morning (9:30 - 11:30)
Thursday 13th October	School Photos
Friday 14th October	INSET DAY
Monday 17th October	EYFS Maths Workshop (3:30pm - 4:00pm)
Friday 21st October	Finish for half term (3:15pm/3:20pm finish)

Provisional Key Dates = Autumn Term 2

Date	Event
Monday 7th November	Parents Evening (3:30pm—7:30)pm
Wednesday 9th November	Parents Evening (3:30pm—5:30pm)
Friday 11th November	Y5 Remembrance Assembly 9:15am (Y5 Parents invited to attend)
Friday 18th November	Children in Need Day
Friday 25th November	TBC Mufti Day—FOB Christmas Fair
Friday 2nd December	TBC —FOB Christmas Fair
Tuesday 6th December	Reception Nativity 9:15am (Reception parents invited to attend)
Wednesday 7th December	Christmas Panto: Dick Whittington 9:30am
Thursday 8th December	Reception Nativity 1:45pm (Reception parents invited to attend)
Monday 12th December	KS1 Christmas Show 9:15am (Y1 & Y2 parents invited to attend)
Wednesday 14th December	Whole School Carol Concert am (timings tbc) — St Johns Church KS1 Christmas Show 1:45pm (Y1 & Y2 parents invited to attend)
Friday 16th December	Finish for Christmas holidays (3:15pm/3:20pm finish)

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these are provisional timings and changes may need to be made and we will communi-

TERM DATES - Autumn 2022 to Summer 2023

AUTUMN TERM 2022	INSET—School Closed	Thursday 1st September
	INSET—School Closed	Friday 2nd September
	First Half Term	Monday 5th September to Friday 21st October
	INSET—School Closed	Friday 14th October
	Half term	Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October
	Second Half Term	Monday 31st October to Friday 16th December
	Christmas Break	Monday 19th December to Monday 2nd January
SPRING TERM 2023	INSET—School Closed	Tuesday 3rd January
	First Half Term	Wednesday 4rd January to Friday 10th February
	Half term	Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February
	Second Half Term	Monday 20th February to Friday 31st March
	Easter Break	Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April
SUMMER TERM 2023	First Half Term	Monday 17th April to Thursday 25th May
	INSET—School Closed	Friday 26th May
	Half term	Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June
	Second Half term	Monday 5th June to Friday 21st July (2pm finish)
	INSET—School Closed	Friday 23rd June
	Summer Break	Monday 24th July