

OASIS ACADEMY HENDERSON AVENUE

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Newsletter Friday 7th September 2018



WELCOME BACK

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer. We were really fortunate with the weather, so I hope your children were able to get out and enjoy the sunshine.

Thank you for making sure they were all smartly turned out in their academy uniforms ready for the start of the year – it has been a pleasure to welcome back such smiling, smart and happy children and we look forward to another really successful year. They have all made a great start!

One of our priorities this year is to increase the amount of reading our children do. We want them to be choosing and reading books independently and, most importantly, to be enjoying their reading! Year 5 and 6 children will be taking part in the **Accelerated Reader** programme, so please could you remind them to read regularly, encourage them to complete the whole book and to remember to bring it back to school for changing. We have also bought lots of lovely new books for children in Years 2, 3 and 4 so there is lots to be excited about!

This year we are introducing a new curriculum (details about this are about to go on our website) – teachers will explain more about this in the parent-teacher meetings in November, but will be happy to meet you beforehand to answer any questions you may have.

I just know it's going to be a great year and I look forward to working with you all to make sure that every child reaches their full potential and is helped to have **pride** in their achievements, **confidence** in their ability and **belief in their dreams!**

TRAINING DAY

The academy will be closed for one day only on **FRIDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2018** for a teacher training day.

ATTENDANCE

We missed our attendance target by **1.3% (overall attendance 94.7%)** last year, which is very disappointing as it puts our attendance below the national average.

Evidence shows that absence from school has a negative impact on children's learning, and we see this in school: children who miss time really do fall behind in their learning. Being late also makes a difference as children miss the vital first minutes of the day's learning if they do not arrive on time. Please work with us to make sure that your child achieves their full potential this year!

ALL pupil absences must be reported every day that your child/ren are not in school. You must ring the school office on **01724 842518** and select **OPTION 1** no later than 9.30am. Please speak very clearly leaving your child's full name, class and reason for absence.

Whenever possible, please make medical appointments out of academy hours. If this is not possible, appointments must be accompanied by medical proof i.e. appointment cards/medical letters.

We have had a very disappointing start to the new academic year (**94.2%**) with many unauthorised holidays. May we remind you that holidays during term time are not an entitlement and parents cannot demand Leave of Absence. Any request for a holiday will be unauthorised and Penalty Notices will be issued.

It is vitally important that you encourage and support your child/ren to attend the academy. Strict regulations on attendance now mean that we will be applying a stern approach to any non-attendees. Action plans will be put in place to improve your child's attendance and Penalty Notices will be issued if your child's attendance is not satisfactory.

ACADEMY MEALS – YEAR 3-6

Just a little reminder that when children move into Year 3, it is necessary to pay for academy meals up until the end of Year 6. Meals are charged at **£2.16** per day unless your child is entitled to free school meals and should be paid on the day or in advance. Children may bring in a packed lunch from Year 3 onwards.

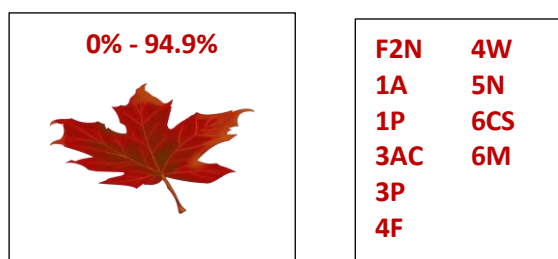
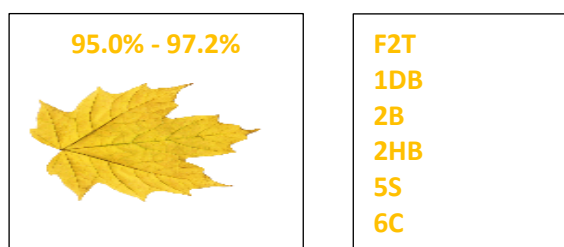
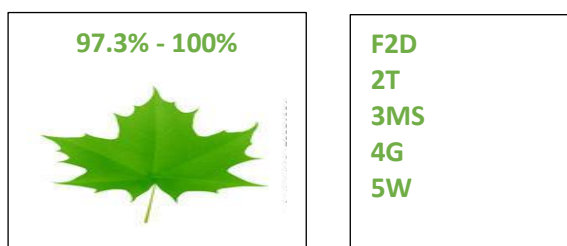
WHITBY RESIDENTIAL VISIT

A meeting for parents/carers of Year 6 children attending the above trip will take place on **Wednesday 12th September - 2.45pm** and **Thursday 13th September - 9.00am**, in the main hall, we hope you are able to attend one of these dates. Staff will go through the itinerary for the visit and answer any questions that you may have.

In the next couple of weeks medical and code of conduct forms will be sent home – these **MUST** be signed and returned to school in order for your child to attend the trip. Please look out for these over the coming days.

Finally, outstanding payments should be paid as soon as possible – please contact the school office if you have any concerns regarding final payments/balances.

CLASS ATTENDANCE – W/C 3RD SEPTEMBER '18




HUB COFFEE MORNING

Come and join us for the Hub Coffee Morning at the Children's Centre on a **Thursday morning between 9.00am and 11.00am.**

INDIVIDUAL/GROUP PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographers will be in school on **Monday 5th November**, taking family and individual photographs. Family photographs will be taken between **8.00am and 8.40am only**. Unfortunately, we do not have the time to take family photographs during the day.

CHILDMINDER BRIEFING



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