

## OASIS ACADEMY HENDERSON AVENUE

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### Newsletter Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017

#### MEDICAL EVIDENCE

We have had a number of letters from parents asking for their children to be excused from PE or from going outside at break times for medical reasons. Children are required by law to take part in at least 2 hours of physical exercise every week while they are at school. To that end, children will only be excused from PE if medical evidence (doctor's note, appointment card) is produced. Class teachers are always sensitive to individual children's needs during all lessons, which means occasions when they need to miss a lesson are rare. With regards to break times, there are places in the playgrounds where children can sit quietly if they cannot run around with their friends. Children are outside for 10 minutes in the morning and around 30 minutes at lunchtimes, and we believe that fresh air and some exercise is an important part of their day. Our policy is that all children should spend some time outside, unless there are clear medical reasons why they cannot.

#### REPORTS

In a change to what we have always done in the past, we are sending out **mid-year reports** at the end of this term. This is so that you can see how well your child is doing and what more they need to do to reach their age-related expectations by the end of the year. This means that there won't be parent-teacher meetings this term for classes in Y1 to Y6. There will still be parent-teacher meetings for Reception parents, as their reports go out at the end of the academic year. Arrangements for these meetings will be made after the half term break.

#### RECEPTION BRAINBUILDERS

A massive thank you and well-done to all our F2 parents for helping their children to make some really amazing and creative space rockets, galaxies and aliens as part of the Reception classes' Brainbuilders homework. The displays in the EYFS area look amazing!

#### ATTENDANCE

Class attendance for w/c 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017:

|      |      |       |      |
|------|------|-------|------|
| F2A  | 91.0 | 3R    | 97.0 |
| F2BT | 94.7 | 4C    | 97.6 |
| F2D  | 93.4 | 4DS   | 96.7 |
| 1A   | 95.3 | 4G    | 97.3 |
| 1B   | 99.3 | 5C    | 97.3 |
| 1D   | 90.3 | 5F    | 94.0 |
| 2AJ  | 97.6 | 5N    | 99.3 |
| 2C   | 95.9 | 6DW   | 98.0 |
| 2T   | 95.3 | 6M    | 96.7 |
| 3G   | 98.0 | 6S    | 98.7 |
| 3P   | 96.7 | TOTAL | 96.2 |

***Well done to 1B & 5N on achieving 99.3% this week!***

#### MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

May we please remind you that **ALL** medical appointments (except hospital appointments; an appointment letter must be provided as evidence) should be booked out of school hours e.g. after school (3.15pm) or during school holidays.

At Oasis Academy Henderson Avenue, we want the best for our pupils and in order for them to learn they need to be in school. We are always striving to achieve better attendance and to do this we need parents to bring their children into school every day.

Thank you for your continued support.

#### BOYS FOOTBALL CLUB – MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

There will be no Boys Football Club on **MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**. This club will ***not*** re-commence after the half term break.

#### CLASS 4G TWITTER PAGE

Class 4G have a new Twitter page for parents to follow; the name is ***OAHAClass4G***.

### **PAYMENT FOR TRIPS**

We appreciate that money is tight and that many families find the costs of school trips to be a burden. It is important that children do go on trips, and we subsidise the transport costs in order to bring the overall cost to families down. We are happy for families to pay in instalments – just ask at the school office to set up a payment plan. Unfortunately, we can no longer make up the shortfall if a large number of parents do not make a financial contribution, which means that if this is the case then we will have to cancel the trip more frequently (this is because of academy financial regulations). We really don't want this to happen. We will give you as much notice as possible and aim to spread trips evenly across the year to help you to budget for them, especially if you have more than one child in the school.

### **UNWANTED NEWSPAPERS/MAGAZINES**

We would like to give the children in the academy the opportunity to read a large range of reading materials. It encourages children's reading skills as well as developing their understanding of the different types of reading material available.

Could we please ask you to have a look at home and see if you have any child friendly and age appropriate magazines/newspapers that you would be willing to donate to your child's class.

Please send them in with your child and we will collect them from the classes.

Many Thanks

### **SWEARING/INAPPROPRIATE CONVERSATIONS**

We have received complaints regarding parents swearing and discussing inappropriate subjects when bringing and collecting children from the academy. Swearing is not permitted on academy grounds and we ask all parents to think about the language and conversations you have.

Thank-you

### **NURSERY 'SUPER HERO' DAY**

**NURSERY** will be holding a 'Super Hero' Day on **FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017**. Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite Super Hero.

***THIS IS FOR NURSERY CHILDREN ONLY!***

### **DIARY DATES**

#### ***FEBRUARY***

16<sup>th</sup>

Year 1 Phonics meeting – 9.00am

***SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM ON FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY FOR HALF TERM AND RE-OPENS ON MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY.***

#### ***MARCH***

1<sup>st</sup>

Fairtrade Café – 3.15pm (small hall) – details to follow.

3<sup>rd</sup>

Non-uniform day – children may wear red, black or yellow clothing for a minimum donation of 50p.

9<sup>th</sup>

Nursery Literacy Workshops – 9.00am & 2.45pm

16<sup>th</sup>

Foundation 2 Literacy Workshop – 2.30pm (letters to follow)

27<sup>th</sup>

2C & ½ 2AJ – Rand Farm – 8.35am-4.00pm

28<sup>th</sup>

Foundation 2 Parents Evening – 3.20pm-6.00pm (letters to follow)

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