



Happy New Year!

I hope that you all had a good holiday and restful break, happy new year to you all. As we begin the new calendar year, we know that again things aren't quite how we would like them to be, however again here at OADV we are ensuring we are doing all what we can to keep our students and staff safe whilst delivering high quality learning. Even though we have had to pause and adapt a few things the curriculum and Academy life is still engaging, rigorous and hopeful.

Mrs Michels
Head of Primary

New Primary Assistant Principal

I would like to introduce you to our new Primary Assistant Principal, Mr Knowles. Mr Knowles joins us from an 'All-through' school in London and comes with a great amount of experience. I am sure you will join me in welcoming him to our OADV family.

'I have recently moved back to South Yorkshire after teaching in London for the past 9 years. I have taught all KS2 year groups and worked as an assistant headteacher leading on teaching and learning. I am looking forward to being involved with the school community and working hard so that all students can achieve their potential.'



Primary updates & reminders

- **Curriculum information** - For more curriculum information, key dates and how you can help your children at home please see your child's 'Class curriculum newsletters'. These are all sent home at the start of the term, please see your child's class teacher if you haven't received a copy
- **Parents evening** – This will be taking place via telephone appointments at this end of this half term, Wednesday 9th February. A further letter will be sent out nearer the time



Reminders:

- **Punctuality** - The primary day and learning starts at 8.30am all children should be in their classes by this time, therefore the gate opens at 8.20am
- **KS2 (Y3-Y6)** children can bring a healthy snack on a daily basis. A snack is provided for all our Reception and KS1 children as part of the 'free fruit for schools' Government initiative
- **Attendance** – The highest primary attendance in Oasis Community Learning is **98%** and our primary is currently **92%**. It is important that your child attends school every day they can, as this is how they will make the very best progress in their learning



Did you know...we are a UNICEF Rights Respecting School. The 'Rights Respecting School' award (RRSA) helps our children to grow into confident, caring and responsible young citizens both in school and within the wider community. By learning about their rights and responsibilities the children gain an understanding of the importance of respecting the rights and responsibilities of others.

This week we are all thinking about the article:

Article 29 – Education should develop each child's personality and talents to the full.



iPads

As you know we are extremely lucky at our Academy to be able to provide every child with an iPad as part of the Oasis Horizons project. The main purpose of this device is to support and transform learning therefore it is very important that your child brings their iPad to school EVERY day.

If there are any problems with your child's iPad, please make sure that you bring it to your child's class teacher or main reception so that a 'service call' can be made.

Children need their iPads for their lessons.



Communication

If you need to speak with your child's class teacher, you can telephone or email the Academy. It is quite busy at gate times and when dismissing the children info@oasisdonvalley.org 01142200400

Do you follow us on Twitter? Keep up to date with news, events and celebrations by following us on Twitter @oasisdonvalley

Parking Issue Update:

Please do not park on pavements around the Academy as this is where children need to walk

The Parking Wardens are aware of the situation and will be stepping up patrols. We will continue to liaise with the council about this matter as many parents are frustrated and concerned.

