

Great first half term!

It was a fantastic first half term and great to have our ways of working moving back to normal, feeling like a 'school' again. Some of the highlights of the last half term were having all our children back in the hall to celebrate Pride assembly, our first classes going out on visits, and visitors coming into the Academy, helping to bring first-hand experiences into our curriculum. We also took a group of children to our first sports tournament at the EIS, we took part in an athletics competition, it was quite challenging but great fun! We had the South Yorkshire Fire Service in last week and they came to speak to all our children about keeping safe now the dark nights are here, not only fire work safety, road safety and water safety, there were some very important messages, and we can see why our emergency services are vital.

Mrs Michels
Head of Primary

Curriculum updates & events

- We are extremely pleased to say that we will be taking all our primary children to the pantomime this year on **Friday 10th December**. We have been unable to go for the past two years, so it is great to be returning. This is an excellent opportunity for our children to visit a real theatre, enjoy and learn about a production on stage.



- **Christmas show time** - Primary Christmas Production, not only will we be seeing a real show on stage we will be performing our own this year. Keep an eye out for dates, times and tickets.

Reminders:

- **PE kits** - Children can continue to come the school in their PE kit on their designated day, you will be informed of this via your child's class newsletter, however children **MUST** wear correct kit and not just non-uniform. We recommend that our older students also bring deodorant on these days to support their personal hygiene.
- **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.



- **ONLY KS2 (Y3-Y6)** can bring a pack lunch, your child will remain on this choice all half term. For more information, see our 'Packed lunch policy' on our Academy website. If your child brings a packed lunch the policy must be followed. We have been speaking with our children about how we keep our packed lunches healthy.



- **Attendance** – Did you know that our Primary attendance is not great. The highest 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.

Uniform

Please take a look at the uniform information on our website so that you know what our uniform policy is.



<https://www.oasisacademydonvalley.org/academy-life/uniform>

Year 6

Our Year 6 do have a different uniform as when we first had a Year 6 cohort of children they decided that they would like a different uniform in preparation for moving into our secondary phase, therefore the children chose to wear ties and have the grey jumper. This uniform is compulsory, can you please make sure your child is wearing their tie everyday and getting into good habits.

Nursery places available

We have some great news, we have places available for 3 years olds in our afternoon session in our wonderful nursery. If you would like to visit our nursery or enquire about a place, please call into reception. Children really do flourish in our nursery, and it is a positive start to their education.

Parking Issues

We have had many parents raise concerns about parking outside of the Academy and in the carpark. The carpark does not belong to the Academy, however we please ask that you are considerate when parking in there

- Please do not park on pavements around the Academy as this is where children need to walk
- Please do not park in the disabled parking bays if you are not a blue badge holder
- Please supervise your children at all times when leaving the Academy and moving through the car park
- Please do not 'box' people in on the main road

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.



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

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