

21 May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

The week has flown by and as approach half term we have been reflecting on how hard the children have been working. Every day they are making huge gains in their learning, which is particularly crucial after two disrupted academic years – as always, thank you for your support with this.

Just a few notices from the academy:

Inset Day

Just a reminder that Monday 7th June is an INSET day at the academy so will be closed to children for staff training. We break up for the half term break on Friday 28th May and we will look forward to welcoming you back for an exciting last term on Tuesday 8th June.

Reward Shop

The children are loving the reward shop which is being brilliantly run by some of our Year 5 children. Some of the low point prizes are small sweet treats like you might find in an arcade style prize shop. Please do let your children know if you would rather them not pick an edible item as there are plenty of other prizes on offer. We always tell the children that they must take the sweet item home to eat too.

Face coverings

I wrote last week to let you know about the lifting in restrictions for teaching and support staff in school with regards to face coverings. We would still recommend that parents and carers on the playground do wear face coverings as I know it is sometimes difficult for you to distance from each other, whereas staff can distance themselves more easily. As always, thanks for your support in these continuing strange times.

Parental Anxiety

We know we have lots of parents who suffer with anxiety and we may have access to a resource which could help! Oasis community learning has been invited to take part in a study by a Clinical Psychologist at the University of Sussex who is running a research project looking at the impact of parenting support to anxious parents to hopefully reduce the impact on children. They are running a national research study to trial an online course for anxious parents. This is an online version of the face-to-face intervention that we have been successfully running in the NHS. For this research study we are parents (of children aged 2-11) who experience high levels of anxiety you do not need to have a diagnosis or to have sought treatment. If you would like take part please send an email to info@oasismarksburyroad.org with- anxious parent study- in the subject bar and we will send you the details to sign up. We understand anxiety is a huge issue and that this may be a wonderful way to seek support for yourself and ultimately improve things for the whole family.

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Debt

As you know we ask all parents to keep up to date with payments so that the academy don't have to cover the cost. This includes dinner money as well as Breakfast and After School Club. At the moment there is a debt of over £3000 which is being covered by the academy. Of course this then means that there is less money for resources, experiences and staff to support in the teaching and learning at the academy. Please pay any debts that you have as quickly as possible. If you have a significant debt the office will be in touch with you soon to arrange a meeting at the academy so that we can arrange how to plan a way forward with a payment plan.

Queuing to enter the playground in the mornings

Please take the time to model to your children in the mornings the importance of queuing to enter the school gates. As you will have noticed the Leadership Team greet each child by name in the mornings – this is something that is so important to us. This means though that there is no one available to ensure appropriate queuing down Oakhill Drive. Please don't push in to the line where other may have been queuing for some time as it creates bad feeling and these issues often get raised with the academy and we are quite powerless to do anything about it. We all appreciate consideration and a positive and happy start to our days. Thank you for your understanding in this.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Kindest regards,

Clare