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Dear Parents/Carers,

Apologies that this is late in getting to you – I know there was no newsletter last week. Unfortunately, I was hit with the dreaded virus and am recovering well – but was trying to rest as much as possible last week when I was feeling poorly. We've had a very full and busy week this week though, so have a few notices for you...

All medication to go through the office

If your child has any medication which needs to be administered during the school day, please make sure this is signed into the academy office. This must not be taken by the children into their classrooms as the office facilitate administering creams, drops and medicine, and of course these items need to be stored safely too.

Showbie App

You might have noticed an app on our child's iPad called 'Showbie' – and I would imagine that your children are probably very keen to show you the work which they are completing in school which is now all being stored on this platform. Please can you make sure that you make no changes to the work that is saved to Showbie when your child in sharing work with you at home. We have noticed that in some instances parents have written notes to the teacher in Showbie, and on occasion answers to the children's work have been changed. This becomes incredibly difficult for teachers to manage as we obviously use this platform to make assessment on how the children are performing and what they have understood so that they can move the teaching and learning on in the right direction. So please do look at Showbie with your children – they will love sharing their work with you, but make sure they understand that nothing is to be altered when they are at home.

Polite reminder about payments

Please take time to check your balances on MyChildAtSchool for any outstanding debts that you might have. You must make sure that accounts are kept in credit so that we can pay for staff and services provided at the academy. If you are struggling to pay for anything that has an outstanding debt, please do speak to Claire Carty, our Family Liaison Worker who will be happy to support you and put a plan in place moving forward.

Change to INSET days and additional Bank Holiday

You might or might not have noticed that there has been a change to our INSET days which will be taking place in the Summer Term. I know this feels quite far away at the moment but I wanted to give you plenty of notice. In the summer term there will be two INSET days. These will take place on Friday 10th June and Thursday 21st July. There will not be an INSET day on Monday 6th June as previously advertised. In addition to the INSET days there is now an additional bank holiday for the Queen's Jubilee year which we will take on Friday 22nd July. This therefore means that term will end for the children on Wednesday 20th July. We hope that you can use this information in case you are looking to book early summer holidays for next year. The dates will of course be published on our website

School Photos

School photos are happening next week on Thursday 7th October. The photographer will take photos of children individually and will also do sibling photos – but only if the siblings are at school. Unfortunately, they cannot do sibling photos if the sibling is not a pupil at school. Apologies for any upset this might cause.

Parent Gym

Just a quick message from Claire – our Parent Gym sessions are now fully booked and will be starting on Wednesday 6th October in the small hall at 9am. We look forward to welcoming everyone who has signed up to join us for learning at the academy! 😊

New roles

I know that I've written to introduce new members of staff but think that I've not announced some new roles more recently distributed at the academy. Miss Parsons and Mrs Paterson have recently been appointed as Oasis National Leads for Early Years and English respectively. It's an absolute joy to be able to share the expertise and skills of staff at the academy to impact on practice more widely in Oasis. Miss Brooks is also National Lead Practitioner for Behaviour, and she now leads on Behaviour at the academy since returning from maternity leave. Miss Crawford is our newly appointed Modern Foreign Languages Leader at the academy and Miss Kitchen is leading on Music.

Charged iPads

Please make sure that your child charges their iPad each night and brings it into school each day. You can imagine the disruption to learning if every child arrived with an iPad which required charging. Try to establish a good pre-bedtime routine of plugging in (downstairs) before bedtime if possible – and the children are never too young to start taking responsibility for preparing their own things to bring to school! The academy will always fully support you in communicating this to your children and it is something we remind children at weekly assembly times.

Parents Evenings

Just so you are aware, Parents Evenings will be taking place on Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th November via Teams. Reception parents will be invited to the academy in person as the children will not yet have their iPads to facilitate a virtual meeting. Teachers are really looking forward to meeting with you and sharing all great news stories about how well your children are doing and how well they've settled into their new classes and year groups. We will send an email to all parents to let you know when the booking system for Parents Evening is live.

Have a super weekend and we look forward to seeing you on the gate on Monday morning! Please remember to arrive before 8:45am!

Yours

Clare