

Principal's Greeting

Dear Parents/Carers,



We have three weeks left until the end of term and there is a lot going on in the academy which we are excited to share with you!

We are lucky enough to have a 'parliament box' on loan to us this year, and it has been a huge coincidence that we happen to have it for the time of the upcoming general election. We will be using this primarily with our Year 4 children who will be learning about democracy and elections. We have decided to take the opportunity to hold our own vote where all children will be invited to vote on a decision that they can influence—luckily for me they won't be given the opportunity to vote in a new Head Teacher—but they will certainly be given the opportunity to influence something exciting! The election will take place on 12th December and we will be seeing many Year 4 children canvassing with their views on opinions to try and sway the 270 voters!

We had a lovely Principal's Questions and Answers session this week—it was great to welcome some new faces as well as our regular attenders! The purpose of the session is to allow an open door to the Leadership Team and provide a forum for general discussion and question about academy life and academy development. There is nothing scary involved and you can come along even if you don't have any questions! Usually conversation just flows and opinions are shared—it's a lovely and inclusive meeting and we'd love to see you at the next one! This will now be on Thursday 30th January—pop the date in your diary—we'd love to see you there!

Thank you to our volunteers who are persevering through the new process with us... this now involves ensuring that we have references and appropriate checks for anyone working with our children. I fully understand that this will seem a long and tedious process which might seem very intense, but we are obliged to follow these procedures in line with Oasis' policy of safer recruitment. Please understand that we fully appreciate all of our volunteers and ask you to stick with us while we make our way through this. As we always say the safety of the children comes first and this very robust process is in place to ensure the safety and well being of all of our children.

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Dates for your diary...

Thu 5th Dec and Fri 6th Dec —PTFA Discos — entrance for after school discos will be via the playground

Tue 10th (2pm) and Wed 11th Dec (10am) — Reception Nativity

Fri 13th Dec—Christmas Craft and Christmas Jumper Day

Fri 13th Dec (10am and 2pm) —Y1 and Y2 Christmas Carol Concert

Tue 17th Dec (10am and 2pm) —Y3 and Y4 Christmas Production

Wed 18th Dec—Christmas Parties and children finish for the holidays

Mon 6th Jan—Back to School—can we have full attendance on this day?

Fri 17th Jan—Year group Term 3 newsletters emailed out to parents and carers

Thu 30th Jan (8:50am—10:00am) - Principal's Questions and Answers

Wed 5th Feb (evening) - Parent talk from Dick Moore—Developing resilience in our children and why it is so important.

PCSO Sophie!

I'm sure many of you will have noticed our PCSO, Sophie, spending a lot of time around the academy. We have been sharing our concerns with Sophie and she is keen to help us with parking around the academy. Sophie obviously can't be with us every morning and evening but we are looking into getting a portable camera from the police which will allow us to share parking incidents with them even when they can't be here. We are also in the process of buying some wonderful parking reminder stands which you may have seen around other schools in the local area!

Resilience and Positive Mental Health

In Term 3 we are going to be starting a term of work around raising the profile of positive mental health and how as children, parents and staff we can support each other in raising resilient and confident individuals who are ready to face the world and deal with the challenges it can throw in our paths. On Wed 5th February we will be inviting Dick Moore to the academy to talk to firstly staff, and then to parents about why this is so important. You can search for some of Dick's TED talks on Youtube and I'm sure you will be just as overwhelmed as I was by the power in his messages.

We are so very grateful to the PTFA who are supporting us in funding this very valuable parent talk!

Delivery Gate

We are fully aware of the congestion in the mornings and at the end of the school day through the pedestrian entrance to the playground. Many parents have asked if we can open the bottom gate but currently this would pose a huge safeguarding risk. The incline on the playground is quite significant and children on scooters and bikes in particular could easily end up on the road. We are currently getting a quote for adding a pedestrian gate to the side of the delivery gate as this would mean that we could put a barrier between the gate and the side of the road. We cannot do this currently as the large gate is a delivery entrance and therefore we cannot put a barrier up. We will notify you of developments in this when we get more news! Thank you again for your understanding!

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