



Oasis Academy Johanna Newsletter

Friday 6th January 2023 www.oasisacademyjohanna.org



Dear Johanna family:

Happy New Year and welcome back to school in 2023. The staff all had a great restful break with a chance to prepare for a new school year and we hope you all did however you chose to spend the break.

We were delighted to see everyone back on Wednesday morning after the teachers returned on Tuesday for valuable staff training. It was great to see so many of the children return ready for a new term of learning.

Attendance

With the amount of illness going around at this time of year we understand that some sickness is unavoidable however, Johanna's attendance has been great so far (one of the best in the Oasis group) and we would like to keep it that way so children are in school and learning.

Please continue to contact the office on every morning of non-attendance so we know where all of the children are.

Spring Term Clubs

We will be launching the new Spring Term clubs this week, please check page 2 for information about how to sign up.

My Child at School

Just a quick reminder to sign up to My Child at School to make payments quick and easy. Contact the office if you need any support.

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Holiday Building Improvements

School communities are full of a wonderfully wide range of people and as a school, we need to be continually shifting and adjusting to make sure everyone finds their place here. With this in mind, before and during the Christmas break, many members of the team were busy repurposing spaces and shifting furniture.

Firstly, work was completed in the newly named Gold Class and a fence has been built in the playground to give our little learners in Gold Class a safe and secure outside area to explore. Work will continue to make this a truly exciting and welcoming space in the coming weeks.

To keep with the colour theme, our 'Community Room' has been re-named the Silver Room. It will be a truly multi-purpose space where community members can meet, children can learn and Oasis Hub members will be able to book the room as and when needed.

The music room continues its refurbishment and will soon be back in action for music lessons, breakfast and after-school club and other learning opportunities throughout the day.

Finally, we have created new library spaces around the school and new book corners are springing up in classrooms. Reading is so important to us here at OAJ and these new book areas will continue to grow with new, up to date books for children to read and enjoy.



REMINDER - Gate Times

Frazier Street Gate open 8.40am

Classroom doors and other gates open 8.45am

Gates close 8.55am

Elmer-Monday

Did you know that January 16th often gets called Blue Monday? Apparently, with the Christmas holidays over, the evenings still dark and new year resolutions already broken, January 16th is the most miserable day of the year. Well, at OAJ, we say NO to Blue Monday and an enormous YES to joy and hope and fun and colourfulness. On January 16th, we will be rebranding the day by dedicating it to our brightly coloured, patchwork elephant friend - Elmer.

All children are invited to join in with Elmer-Monday by swapping school uniform for bright and colourful outfits - the more colours the better; colourful clothes, colourful hair, colourful shoes and colourful socks are all encouraged. Classes will also enjoy some fun, colour-based activities and some Elmer themed stories.

We can't wait to be dazzled on the day!



Spring Term Clubs

Spring term clubs are almost here... we have increased the range of clubs available, so please do sign up your child. All children who have Free School Meals are able to pay a reduced rate. We have kept the cost of all clubs as low as possible, so that they are affordable in this difficult financial time. Please speak to Dawn if you would like to send your child to a club but are finding things financially very difficult.

Submit your club choices online by **Wednesday 11th January** and you will be informed on **Friday 13th January** what club/s your child/ren have been allocated. You will then be able to pay online via MCAS.

Please click [HERE](#) or scan the QR code below to submit your club choices.

Clubs are all on a first come, first served basis and there are limits to numbers depending on the club. Get your places reserved ASAP!



Safeguarding Week

This week has been safeguarding week. Children across the school have completed a range age-appropriate safeguarding activities particularly e-safety where we have talked about keeping ourselves safe online and the relaunch of the Safer Schools App.

Please keep your eyes peeled on future newsletters for more on the Safer Schools relaunch.

Week 1	
Safeguarding Week	
Tues 3rd Jan	INSET DAY - Closed to Children
Wed 4th Jan	School Opens 8.45
Fri 6th Jan	Club choices for Spring Term announced in Newsletter
Week 2	
Wed 11th Jan	Deadline to choose clubs
Fri 13th Jan	Club Places Confirmed
	Y4 Blue Class Visit to NHM
Week 3	
Mon 16th Jan	Spring Term Clubs Start
	Elmer-Monday (Dress in your brightest colours)
Wed 18th Jan	Y5 sing at the O2 Arena
Fri 20th Jan	Y3 Green Class visit to British Museum
Week 4	
Tue 24th Jan	Drama4All Workshops for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2
Thur 26th Jan	Y6 Violet Class Visit to Chiselmurst Caves
Week 6	
Fri 10th Feb	Last Day of Term
Future Dates - More Details to Come	
Mon 20th Feb	School Opens 8.45
Wed 8th Mar	Y1 Orange Class Visit to Science Museum
Wed 29th Mar	Y2 and Y4 Singing at the Lambeth Music Festival
TBC	Nursery local walk
TBC	Red class trip to see the river
TBC	Y2 Yellow Class trip to recycling centre and Kensington Palace
Fri 31st Mar	Last Day of Term