



Oasis Academy Johanna Newsletter

Friday 6th September 2024



Welcome Back

It was wonderful to see everyone back on Wednesday morning and the keen faces and even dancing feet at the gate.

Walking around the school for the first few days has been an absolute delight with the children settling back magnificently.

There has been some great work across the school getting ready for the year and remember our first theme of the year, 'Who Am I and Who Am I Becoming?'

Year 6 did some work based on the recent Inside Out 2 movie thinking about all the things that make them who they are.



Dear Johanna Family,

Welcome back to the 2024/25 academic year. As always a year packed with new things and growth as well as all the activities we traditionally love in the school calendar.

As we start the new year there are a few reminders in this newsletter about attendance and punctuality and uniform as we endeavour to set and maintain high-standards across every aspect of school life..

Reception Parents

A reminder to reception and nursery parents that next week is a chance to transition and settle in to the new environment. The attendance will be:

- ⇒ 8.45 to 11.30 Monday
- ⇒ 8.45 to 11.30 Tuesday
- ⇒ 8.45 to 1.30 Wednesday
- ⇒ Full days from Thursday onwards.

We can't wait to have our youngest children back with us next week.

Up-to-Date Information

It is important that we hold current and accurate addresses, contact details and emergency contact information for all pupils. If there have been any changes, please let the office know as a matter of urgency.

Attendance and Punctuality

This year sees a fresh focus on attendance and punctuality in schools and new guidance from the government.

School times remain similar to last year, gates open at 8.40 (main gate) and 8.45 (Y5 and Y6 gate) and close at 8.50. Children arriving after this time must enter via the front gate and are considered late. Registers now must close at 9.15 (30 minutes after opening) and children arriving after this are considered absent for the morning session.

Attendance targets for all are now 97%. This accounts to just 5 days off in a school year. Please inform the school of any absence as soon as possible by calling the school office or emailing. Absence must be reported on every day of the absence.

There has also been a National Framework for Penalty Notices introduced. If a child misses more than 10 sessions (5 school days) in a 10 week period, a penalty notice of £160 (reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days) per child may be given to each parent.

In order to avoid this, please avoid taking holidays or travelling in school time.



Free School Meals

The London Mayor's office has confirmed that London Free School Meals will be continuing throughout the 24/25 academic year.

It is important that parents continue to register for free school meals if they are eligible. This increases school funding and makes parents eligible for financial support in other areas such as Wrapz and school journey.

Please check here if you are eligible for free school meals:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Year 2 Work

We have only been back for a short time but year 2 created some great work based on the art of Lauren Child which has been beautifully presented in Yellow Class. They will be looking at more of her work this year.



Oasis Way and School Rules

This week we have launched the Oasis Way for Inclusive Practice, an entire academy wide policy around inclusive behaviour practice. The policy is currently in its final stages of checking and will be available on the school website soon.

A lot of the first few days of a new school is about setting up our behaviour reminders ready for the year. At Johanna, all of our behaviour can be tied to three words Ready, Respectful and Safe.



Every class have been working on their own Class Way and these will demonstrate what this will look like in their own class. Here is a great example from Year 3!



Uniform

Thank you to many parents who have worked hard to ensure that the correct school uniform is being followed. A few reminders about shoes and head bands..

Shoes or trainers should be all ALL black. No white or coloured logos, words or visible soles - just black please.

Similarly, all hair bands and headwear should be in navy or white.

PE Kit should be plain white t-shirts, navy shorts, black trainers or plimsolls.

For the full list please check the school uniform section of the school website.

Speech and Language Therapy



Erantia Coertze
SALT

“Hi, I'm Erantia your in-house Words First speech and language therapist. I've been providing speech and language services at Oasis Academy Johanna since September 2022. I'm a qualified speech and language therapist and a Team Lead at Words First. I absolutely love what I do and every time a child reaches a goal, no matter how small, I see it as an achievement and cause for celebration”.

I will be in school on Tuesdays and Thursdays this year. For any queries or more information about your child's speech and language interventions, or any new referrals, please contact info@oasisjohanna.org Look out for dates for parent coffee mornings (more information to follow).

Key Dates

Date	Activity
4th September 2024	Return to Autumn Term
9th October 2024	Harvest Assembly
16th October 2024	Y4 Trip to St Johns
WB 21st October 2024	Y6 School Journey
25th October 2024	End of Half-Term