

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of our Autumn Term, I would like to wish you a very peaceful and happy Christmas and send my best wishes for a fantastic 2019. Having worked hard all term, the children will be ready for a break and the opportunity to recharge their batteries (whilst wearing yours out no doubt!).

Reception and Year 1 Nativity

On Monday and Tuesday this week the children in reception and year 1 put on their Christmas nativity show called 'A King is born'. Over the last couple of weeks the children have spent some time rehearsing their parts and learning the songs. All of the staff were so very impressed with the fantastic job the children did! The audience was packed and it was great to see so much support for the children. We hope it put everyone that watched it in a festive spirit. We would also like to say a massive thank you to all of the staff that organised the show, you all did a fantastic job!

Office Training

On the 15th and 23rd January all the office staff are having to attend Oasis training. The office will be operational with members of staff covering. As this is not their role they may not have all the answers or information to hand and may have to come back to you. On these days please be patient with us.

Carol Singing

This week we have been out and about in the community, singing carols and spreading Christmas cheer! 22 children visited the Portland Medical Centre's Christmas Drop In at Ashburton Hall on Tuesday and sang carols for some of the older members of our community. Lots of positive comments regarding politeness and the children's friendly natures and ability to interact with others, even a visit from Father Christmas and some surprise gifts for our little carollers. Wednesday saw the same group (busy singers!) entertaining the public in the Whitgift Centre with a roaring chorus of the songs we all sang at St Luke's last week. The money raised will be added to the contributions gathered from all our Christmas events this year and will be donated to Oasis Zimbabwe and Night Watch.

Year 5 and 6 Production

Years 5 and 6 put together a Christmas play as a treat for the rest of the school. Miss Glencross wrote a play which was a twist on the Nativity story in which 5 astronauts were sent on a mission to find planet Earth to witness the birth of Jesus. Each class in the phase created a dance routine to represent one of the planets in the solar system and they performed this to the songs from Holst's planet suite. With little rehearsal time, our actors and dancers pulled together and did us proud. Sharna, who played the astronaut 'Buzz', said, 'I really enjoyed being a part of this production and loved that each of the astronauts had different personalities and were named after real astronauts.' Well done to upper key stage 2.



Punctuality

Please remember that the children can be on our playground at 8.40am and our school bell rings a few minutes before our official start time of 8.50am to get the children ready for their learning.

This week's punctuality for each class:

Robin – 0%	Wren – 1.66%
Sparrow – 1.03%	Starling – 1.37%
Chaffinch – 0.34%	Goldfinch – 0%
Kingfisher – 1.85%	Woodpecker – 1.72%
Magpie – 1.11%	Owl – 1.60%
Heron – 0%	Raven – 2.80%
Eagle – 1.07%	Hawk – 0.68%



Golden Ticket Winners

Our Golden Ticket Winners this week:

Archer - Chaffinch	Mariama- Magpie
Jemimah – Woodpecker	Mrs Brooks – Goldfinch
Albie – Starling	Makiyah – Eagle
Asa – Kingfisher	Arlind – Heron
Kashyra – Sparrow	Michelle – Raven
Nyomi – Iyabo - Owl	George – Hawk



Makaton words of the week

Blue and Green.

All the children are enjoying learning the new Makaton signs and joining in with the signing of our songs in Sing & Sign assembly. Please encourage your children to show you the signs they are learning, they are doing so well!



Parent Makaton Sessions

Parent Makaton Training with resume Tuesday 8th January at 9.00am. There are still places available for any parents/carers that are interested.

Holiday Homework

Holiday homework will be to use Timestable Rockstars and Spelling Shed to practise basic skills. We appreciate that these websites require the internet. If you do not have the internet at home it is available to use at the local library.

Cinema Event

Well done to the 100% attendance winners for the autumn term. All of the children were entered into the prize draw. Congratulations to Rayniah-Lily in Chaffinch and Arlind in Heron who won the cinema voucher to enjoy a movie with their family.

Christmas lunch

On Wednesday we held our annual Christmas lunch. Our partners at Sedexo did an outstanding job. Class teachers joined their children for a festive traditional lunch with crackers and music. Mrs Francis said “ it was lovely to take the time out to enjoy a meal and to talk to the children”. Mr Willicombe who enjoyed his first Christmas meal with us said “ It was really nice sitting with the children”. All the children showed beautiful manners and enjoyed the feast presented to them. Summer said “ they cooked so much food for us!” and Raymond said “they did a very good job”. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jennie and her team for a wonderful meal.

School Lunch and Breakfast Club Debt

Please can we remind all Parent/Carers that the cost of a school lunch is £2.44 per day, a total cost of £12.20 per week. We are still spending an increasing amount of time chasing for payments on ParentPay, please can you ensure your child’s account is cleared by start of new term. Starting Monday 7th January 2019 we will no longer be chasing any debts for lunches. We will send one text/email to remind you and we will allow you only £12.20 in arrears. If your account remains in debt after this period then your child will need to bring in a packed lunch, until the debt has been cleared. Breakfast Club is £3 per day, which is payable in advance. We will allow a maximum of £15.00 in arrears.

If your account remains in arrears after this period you will need to make alternative arrangements for their pre-school care,

Parent Lunch

We invite parents/carers to come in and have lunch with their child once a term. Letters are sent out a couple of weeks before the lunch date. The cost is £4.00 per adult, which is handed in to the office with the form by the due date, Monday before the lunch which is always on a Wednesday. Dates are as follows for each class/Year group:

- Robin Wed 16th January
- Wren Wed 30th January
- Y1 Wed 6th February
- Y2 Wed 27th February
- Y3 Wed 6th March
- Y4 Wed 13th March
- Y5 Wed 20th March
- Y6 Wed 27th March

Late Collection Arrangements

At Oasis Academy Ryelands we do understand that very occasionally children are collected late. Our policy is that the children will stay with a teacher until 3:45pm. At this time if the children are not collected they will be taken to Holiplay. Parent/Carers will be charged £10. We are starting to get a list of parents and carers that are refusing to pay. While I appreciate that this is an additional

expense, Holiplay is a business and my teachers are not unpaid child minders. Therefore we would appreciate if children could be collected on time or paying the late fees.

School Parking

Please can we remind all parents that parking at the front of school on the yellow zig zag lines is not allowed. This area gets very busy before and after school and if you are parked here you risk hitting a child. We understand that parking is difficult but please be considerate to the whole school community.



Stars of The Week

At Oasis Academy Ryelands we are driven by a powerful ethos that CAREs. It aspires to treat everyone inclusively and recognises the importance of a holistic approach to education.

We have been giving out our celebration certificates in line with our school values. The children’s and staff certificates have been awarded for demonstrating our values, as seen below:

Values

C - Community. We care for our community and help others whenever we can.

A - Aspiration. When you work hard and believe you can do anything you then have options.

R - Resilience. We never stop trying even when it gets tough.

E - Enjoyment. Developing a love of lifelong learning in our community.

The Circle of Inclusion. (which surrounds the word CARE) - We believe we are one family: we play together and learn together and no one is left out.

Our stars of the week this week were:



Community
 Yasmin- Goldfinch
 Ria – Woodpecker
 Miss Eaves
Aspiration
 Deana – Nursery
 Amelia – Starling
 Eldridge – Sparrow
 Luka – Chaffinch
 Kaleem – Owl
 Kymarni - Magpie
 Emil – Heron
 William – Hawk
Resilience
 Kaiyah - Eagle
Enjoyment
Inclusion

Robin and Wren class were stars of the week for their Christmas production.

Children’s Choice

Kyrelle chose Rhys for Inclusion
Silver chose Rita for Enjoyment



Winter Weather Conditions

We will aim to stay open during all weather conditions throughout the winter months – unless the safety of our children and staff is at risk. We aim to message you all by 7:30am if the academy is closed. We will also message you if weather conditions deteriorate significantly and we have to close the academy. Please understand that sending 450 messages sometimes does not go through at the speed we require. Please let other parents/carers know if you get the message through. Please note that we have staff that live in Kingston and Biggin Hill. If they can get into school the expectation is that the children will be present too.

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank Friends Of Ryelands on behalf of the academy for all the different activities that they have put on this term and for the money that they have raised for the children. In the last couple of weeks we have seen the trim trail being constructed. This will be ready to use when Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 come back after the Christmas break. This is a key example of where some of the money has raised has gone. Please can I ask parents and carers to monitor their children around the trim trail before and after school. The children should not be using it, but we are realistic and know they will. Please can you make sure they are safe as we don't want any accidents.

Books

Do you have any Oasis Academy Ryelands books hiding away at home. If you have please can these come back to school after Christmas as we are running low on reading books in some classes.

Lost Property

Can I remind parents that all pupil's belongings should be named? We have a large box full of school uniform that is not named which I have sorted through. On a positive note it is a lot less than last year.

If you have found items of clothing that do not belong to your child can you please bring them back into school and give them to your child's class teacher so they can be returned.

Taking personal photos of School events

Please remember that photos taken of school events should only be used for personal use. Under no circumstances should they be posted on social media sites if any other children or adults are part of the picture. Please respect this as school does not want to have to take the position of banning personal photos being taken at school events. Many thanks.

Contacting Teaching Staff

Contact is made through the office
If you have a concern you wish to discuss with your child's teacher, please make an appointment via the school office. When the bell rings at 8.50am, it is the teacher's responsibility to supervise their class, however this

cannot be done effectively if a teacher is engaged in long conversations.

Should you wish to communicate by email, please send your email to the following address:-

office@oasisryelands.org with FAO of the member of staff in the Subject Line.

Our Admin Team will then notify the relevant staff member.

Please do not use their personal email. Many thanks.

Questions, queries, concerns.... In the first instance, please speak to your child's class teacher, by making an appointment through the office.

If you have a concern that has not been solved after talking to your child's class teacher, please make an appointment to see your child's Phase Leader in the first instance.

- Ms Binns – Years 5&6
- Ms Johnston – Years 3&4
- Ms Groves – Years N, R, 1 & 2

Any concerns raised with these members of staff are brought to Mrs French and Mr Lillo's attention.



Upcoming Class Assembly Dates

Please note class assemblies are on Thursdays and start at 9.05am. We welcome all parents / carers and family members that would like to come.

17 th January	Starling
24 th January	Robin
31 st January	Eagle
7 th February	Heron
14 th February	Wren
7 th March	Sparrow
14 th March	Magpie
21 st March	Woodpecker
28 th March	Goldfinch
4 th April	Hawk

Class Attendance Figures for this week

Robin	96.0%	<p>Green Group 97% - 100%</p> <p>Yellow Group 95% - 96.9%</p> <p>Amber Group 93% - 94.9%</p> <p>Pink Group 90% - 92.9%</p> <p>Red Group 0% - 89.9%</p> <p>Whole School Target: 97.5%</p>	Wren	95.6%
Sparrow	95.4%		Starling	96.0%
Chaffinch	97.1%		Goldfinch	97.6%
Kingfisher	95.1%		Woodpecker	98.0%
Magpie	97.2%		Owl	93.7%
Heron	98.7%		Raven	98.3%
Eagle	94.9%		Hawk	94.8%
School Weekly Total	96.3%		School Year to Date Total	97.1%

Spring Term Key Dates

The dates for the whole of the academic year are published on our website.

Date	Activity
Fri 4 th January	INSET Day
Mon 7 th January	First day of term
Weds 6 th February	Parents Evening 15.45-18.00
Thurs 7 th February	Parents Evening 15.45-19.00
Fri 15 th February	Last day of term
Mon 25 th February	All pupils return to school
Fri 5 th April	Last day of term. 13.30 finish. All pupils must be collected by an adult

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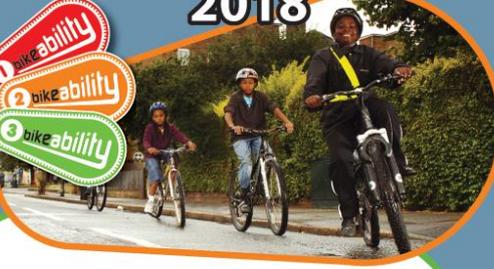








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Lion TV is now casting talented young chefs and aspiring restaurant bosses in years 5-9 to compete in a **BRAND NEW** series:

THE RESTAURANT DREAM TEAM

We are on the hunt to find a **DREAM TEAM** of six kids who will be able to run their very own restaurant.

We are looking for mixed groups of boys and girls. Three of the group members will be working on the restaurant floor, coming up with a restaurant theme, welcoming and serving guests, as well as dealing with customer complaints. The other three members will be creating their own menu and cooking to a high standard, under pressure, whilst remaining calm.

Do you have the charisma and confidence to charm a whole host of hungry diners and run a team? Are you bursting with foodie ideas? Or do you think you can cook better than most adults?

If so, we would love to hear from you and your mates who may have what it takes to become the winning Restaurant Dream Team!

Please fill out the attached application form and have your parents or guardians send to

restaurantdreamteam@liontv.co.uk

YOU MUST HAVE PERMISSION FROM YOUR PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIANS TO APPLY.

Application Deadline: Friday 8th Feb 2019