

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach half term, it is lovely to see how settled our new children in Reception have become. They are really beginning to understand the school routines and are making friends and getting to know the rest of the school. Starting school is such a massive step for our children and their families and we appreciate that there are lots of things to learn and understand.

If as parents and carers, you have any questions about the school day, our expectations or how an aspect of the school is managed, please ask and we will do our best to help.

At the other end of the school, we have Year 6, who I hope have enjoyed the opportunity to visit the local secondary schools over the past few weeks. The Year 7 application window closes on 31st October and all applications must have been made online by then. If parents require any assistance or advice on this process, please approach Ms Eaves. Thank you for your continued support, Mr Lillo



Year 2 Asian Textiles Workshop

On Wednesday, Year 2 had their Asian Textiles Workshop. All the children loved their time painting on silk and learning about Asian art work. Their scientific learning was used when they had to create their pictures with wax and then watch it melt under a hair dryer to ensure the paint did not run. It was a really fun day!



Billy Bob Buttons Visits Ryelands

On Tuesday, Billy Bob Buttons, a children's author, came into school to speak to Goldfinch class and Year 6 about his job as an author. He did a really fun, age appropriate workshop with Goldfinch class and Year 6 and read some of his books to them. The children loved the visit.



Cross Country Race

This week, a range of children from Year 1 to Year 4 went to Lloyd Park for a cross-country race against children from schools all over Croydon. The children had to run 1,200m around the park, including an uphill run. All children completed the course and did amazingly well. We are really pleased with all the children who participated, they did our school proud.



Food Drop Visit

On Wednesday, it was World Food Day and we were lucky enough to have a visit from Food Drop. They are a company who are committed to reducing food waste and work with other companies in order to do this. They spent some time in the Dinner Hall looking at the food we waste and then worked with some of our children to discuss ways in which we can reduce this. All of the children involved really enjoyed their visit.



Harvest Festival

Today Years 1-6 went to St. Luke's church to celebrate their Harvest festival. All year groups have been raising money for charities around the world and they spoke about their special causes. They had also learnt songs within their year groups, which they performed really well. Thank you to all the parents who came and supported.



Community Tea

This afternoon, some elderly members of our community came to our Harvest tea and listened to all the children singing their Harvest songs. Children from Nursery PM up to Year 6 performed really well. The older members of our community enjoyed watching the performances and their tea and biscuits; they also received a parcel made up of donated food. Thank you for your kind donations and thank you to the Year 6 prefects for serving the tea so well.



100% Attendance Prize Draw

Congratulations to **Amber in Sparrow** and **Liam in Heron** who won a £30 Vue gift card each for achieving 100% attendance during Autumn Term
1. We hope you have lots of fun spending them!



Another Award!

We have been awarded Silver level in the TFL Stars project. This scheme encourages children to commit to more active, safe and sustainable travel. Each year STARS schools replace 13 million miles worth of car journeys with walking, cycling and scooting!



Safeguarding Audit

This week at our school, we had a Safeguarding System and Practice Review. I would like to report that it was considered that we had lots of examples of best practice. The purpose of these reviews is to look at ways to continually improve. Next half term, Miss Champion will be writing to all the parents / carers of children with asthma pumps to ask them to complete an asthma card as endorsed by Asthma UK.



Health and Safety Audit

On Tuesday 15th October, we had an audit in health and safety. The audit was to see if we are able to achieve the SafetyMark. The audit was very involved and checked all aspects of health and safety within the academy setting. The auditor was very impressed with the lengths that we go to keep the children, staff and parents safe. We are keeping our fingers crossed that we will have achieved the SafetyMark. More news to follow when we find out the outcome!



Data Collection Sheets

At Parents' Evening, you will have been given a Data Collection Sheet to check. This sheet shows all of the personal details we hold on your child – names, contacts, medical issues etc. These need to be checked over and returned to the office ASAP so that we can ensure our system is up to date. Please be aware that by law, we must have *at least 2* emergency contacts for every single child.

Parents
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This was an opportunity for you to meet your child's new teacher properly and share any valuable information that will assist us in ensuring your child gets the very most from school. If for any reason, you were not able to come please email the academy office at office@oasisryelands.org and request an appointment. We will ask the Class Teacher to contact you after half term.



Rain, Rain Go Away, Come Back After The School Day Has Finished...

Well, the sunshine has gone and has been replaced with rain, autumn has most definitely arrived. As I am sure you will all have noticed, over the past couple of weeks, the weather has been extremely wet and miserable. Sadly, I think this weather is now here to stay. Therefore, please can I remind you to ensure that your child brings a coat or waterproof jacket (with a hood) to school every day.



Attention Year 6

Don't forget that the deadline for applying for a secondary school place is **31 October 2019**.

Any parent who requires assistance with their application is welcome to visit Access Croydon during the half-term week where a member of staff from my team will be able to help.



Dinner Debt

A big thank you to the parents who continue to pay dinner money in advance or who have kept on top of the payments. The current dinner debt total outstanding is £173.06, which is the best it has ever been!

Please see the class amounts below. We request that all dinners are paid on the day or in advance. Where any child owes £12.55 or more, parents will be asked to provide a packed lunch until the outstanding amount has been cleared.

- Year 3 - £49.07**
- Year 4 - £14.75**
- Year 5 - £45.76**
- Year 6 - £63.48**



Would You Like Your Child to Start Reception at Ryelands in 2019?

Come and have a tour of the school to find out more. Book via the office or on 0208

656 4165.

Tours last approximately 45 minutes, and all your questions will be answered.

- Saturday 9th November - 3.30pm**
- Tuesday 19th November - 10am**
- Monday 2nd December - 2.30pm**
- Wednesday 8th January - 10am**

Even if you have no changes on your sheet, please return it to the office with a note on to say no changes needed. This way, we can easily see who has checked theirs over.



**Makaton words of the week
Autumn and Winter.**

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!



Friends of Ryelands

Another great disco yesterday with loads of fun had by all. Thank you very much to everyone that helped. £340 raised for our registered charity, Friends of Ryelands, with some stock left over for Xmas!

NEXT PLANNING MEETING

Our next meeting will be at 8.30pm on Wednesday 30th October at the Portland Arms. Grab a friend and come along!

To join our mailing list please email:

Email: friendsofryelands@gmail.com

Registered Charity number [1027119](#)

Have You Started Your Christmas Shopping Yet?

Do you shop on AMAZON?

smile amazon.co.uk You can now support Friends Of Ryelands every time you shop on Amazon. Simply use the web address below and choose Friends Of Ryelands School as your chosen charity. (When shopping you need to shop through www.smile.amazon.co.uk rather than directly on the standard Amazon site.)

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1027119-0>



Easy Fundraising Update

We've raised an amazing £1737 so far using easyfundraising.org.uk! So far, only 59 people have signed up. It is so quick and easy! If you do on-line shopping or book a holiday on line please do it through this site as the school gets totally free money to spend on the children. It would be great to have at least 20 more people by next week.

Registering is as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. **Head** to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/oasisacademyryelands/> and join for free.
2. **Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.**
3. **After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!**



Help us win £20000 for school!!

Every time you spend £30 in Aldi, you will receive a Team GB Sticker. The school needs to collect 300 stickers to receive a sports kit and be in with a chance of a £20000 prize too.

So shop at Aldi and bring in your stickers please!!

Hand them to your class teacher or the school office.

Starts 6th September until 3rd November 2019.

Many thanks for your help.



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:

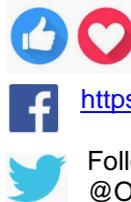
Robin – 0%	Wren – 0%
Sparrow – 0.7%	Starling – 0.6%
Chaffinch – 0.3%	Goldfinch – 0%
Kingfisher – 0.3%	Woodpecker – 0%
Magpie – 1.9%	Owl – 0%
Heron – 0.3%	Raven – 0.3%
Eagle – 0%	Hawk – 1.2%



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.

7 th November	Hawk
14 th November	Heron
22 nd November	Kingfisher
28 th November	Magpie
5 th December	Goldfinch



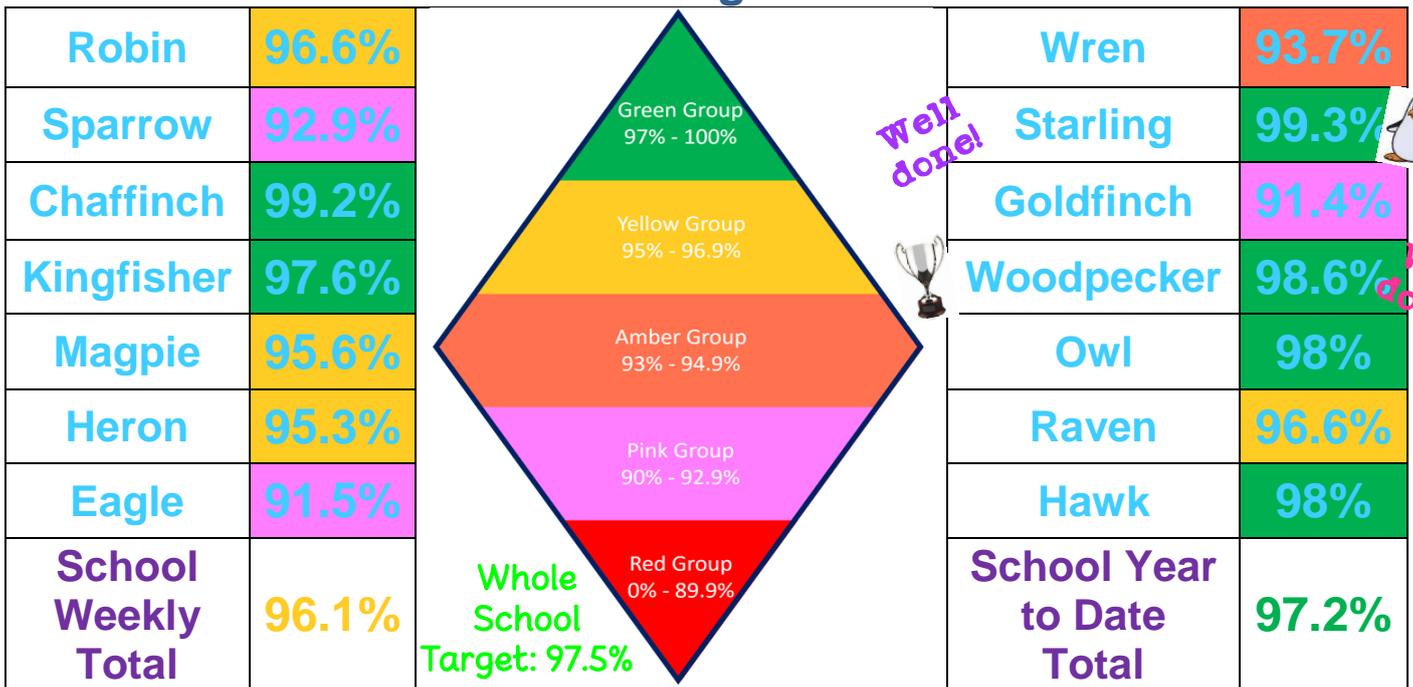
Social Media

We are on Social Media!
Like us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/oasisacademyryelands/>

Follow us on Twitter:
@OasisRyelands

Class Attendance Figures for this week



Autumn Term 1 Key Dates

Date	Activity
Mon 21st – Fri 25th October	HALF TERM
Monday 28th October	All Children return
Monday 28th October – 1st November	Our Heritage Week Croydon Advertiser coming to take photos of Reception Children
Wednesday 6 th November	Reception to Year 6 Flu Immunisations
Thursday 7th November	Equality parents' meeting 6.00pm
Friday 8th November	INSET Day
Wednesday 13 th November	Nursery Stay and Play 8.30-9.30am / 12.30-1.30pm Reception Stay and Play 9-10am / 2.20-3.20pm
Tuesday 19th November	Individual School Photos
Tuesday 3 rd December	Mental Health & Wellbeing Parent Workshop
Thursday 12th December	Carol concert – St Luke's rehearsal - AM
Friday 13th December	Carol concert – St Luke's - PM
Mon 16th & Tues 17th December	EYFS & Yr 1 Christmas production
Wednesday 18th December	Carol singing in the Whitgift Centre – 10-11am
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 20th December	Last Day of Term – 1.30pm finish for children All children to be collected by an adult