

7TH JANUARY 2022

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

## A Message From Mr Lillo

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2022! I hope and trust you all had a great holiday, Santa was kind to you all and that 2022 will see an end to the Pandemic and a return to normal school life before the year is out.

For the parents and carers of new starters, welcome to your first newsletter at Oasis Academy Ryelands. A newsletter is emailed out on Friday of each week and is put on the website. It contains information on activities at the school as well as important diary dates on the back.

The new term starts under the shadow of COVID, as many have in recent months. The government have made it clear that it is almost business as usual for primary schools and that we will continue with the plans that were in place during terms 1 and 2. We will continue to do all we can to limit the spread of any infection by continuing with high levels of hygiene, regular hand sanitising and hand washing, increased ventilation in class and limiting opportunities for larger groups of children to mix.

We also have our outbreak management plan in place and will take further action as necessary should we have a significant increase in cases in a class or across the school. Further action can include reintroducing bubbles, separating further the children at break and lunchtimes plus a range of other control measures similar to those in place following the first lockdown.

It is clear that the new Omicron variant of COVID is much more transmissible and has the potential to cause a great deal of disruption for us as the term gets underway. Schools across the country (including us at OA Ryelands) are very worried about the potential for disruption should large numbers of staff and children become infected with this new variant. The new Omicron variant has increased transmission and guidance has changed.

In order to limit the chances of disruption and illness spreading, we ask for your help as parents in being extra-vigilant when presented with any illness in your child. Although the main covid symptoms (cough, temperature and loss of taste and smell) remain, many are reporting additional symptoms that are consistent with the Omicron variant. These include: tiredness, headache, cold-like symptoms including a sore and scratchy throat. Further information can be read here: [Omicron symptoms: What to look out for from Covid variant \(msn.com\)](#). Please note that this is not official NHS information, however is useful to be aware of.

**Please do keep your child at home if they are unwell and seek a full PCR test as soon as possible. We must stress that lateral flow (LFT) tests should not be used to test children who are unwell. A full PCR test must be used.**

At present, we have decided to discontinue after school clubs and we review starting again after February half term. We are also minimising the number of school trips that go outside the local area. If COVID rates increase or pose staffing issues, we may need to cancel at short notice.

Please support our actions so we can keep the school working as close to normal as possible.

On behalf of all the staff, can I say a huge thank you for the wonderful cards and gifts we received for Christmas. It was so kind and thoughtful.

Here's to the new term in the New Year.

Best wishes,

Glenn and the RyelandsTeam

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### Learning Times Tables

It is essential that children know their times tables off by heart. It is a life skill and is something that is needed throughout life. The National Curriculum states that children should know the 2X, 5X and 10X tables by the end of Year 2. The term 'knows' includes being able to manipulate and also know the inverse. E.g. what is 65 divided by 5? By Year 4 all children should know every table up to the 12X table. At the end of the school year they will face a national multiplication tables check.

Following recent pupil progress meetings internally within school, our tracking data is showing that times tables are not known as they should be by a great many children.

We are now asking for your help. Your child(ren) need to know their times tables and we are asking you to help your child learn their times tables.

Please come to the Multiplication Tables Workshop on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 9am in the main school hall to find out more about the Y4 check and how to support your child.

### Mandarin Teacher

This term, we welcome Min Song from China as our Mandarin teacher. She will be teaching Mandarin weekly to the children in Years 1-6.

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### Equality and Diversity

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January, there will be a meeting at 6pm to inform you about how we teach equality and diversity in our curriculum. Please feel free to join us for this using the link below:

[https://teams.microsoft.com/join/19%3ameeting\\_NTdjMjE3M2ItNDk3ZC00MDRjLTlkMzgtN2NiYWViNDc1OGYy%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%228dd73dcf-b57c-40ec-b7f8-755b512d9f7b%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2279b123bb-b132-44b6-8fd0-055331f4bb87%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/join/19%3ameeting_NTdjMjE3M2ItNDk3ZC00MDRjLTlkMzgtN2NiYWViNDc1OGYy%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%228dd73dcf-b57c-40ec-b7f8-755b512d9f7b%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2279b123bb-b132-44b6-8fd0-055331f4bb87%22%7d)

### Virtual Parents Evening

Thursday 3rd February: 15:40-18:50

Wednesday 9th February: 15:40- 17:20

I am pleased to provide details of our next Parents' Evening meetings, which will take place via Microsoft Teams. These will take place on the dates above and appointments will be booked on MCAS. This term's meetings are for parents and pupils to have a discussion with the teacher regarding the work completed and any issues that have arisen and how we can support going forward. Next week we will be sending out further details of how to navigate the online booking system.

### Ryelands' Got Talent!

Another tradition we are really keen to continue is Ryelands' Got Talent! This is when pupils in the same class perform acts individually, in duos or in groups. The talents can be singing, dancing, magic, joke telling or instrument playing to name but a few. As with the TV show, each class will hold auditions and the teachers select one act to progress to the final. The auditions will be held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February. Class teachers will let their children know on the day who has got through. This leaves plenty of time for the children to practise, perform and perfect their entries! We will be holding the final on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

### Sex and Relationship Education (SRE Meeting

On Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> January, at 6pm we are offering parents and carers the opportunity to hear about and view the resources that we use in school. SRE is taught throughout the whole of the Primary age range at an age-appropriate level. We have an established curriculum that has a clear focus on relationships. We feel that we are considerate to religious and cultural backgrounds but as a school we do fully back the protective characteristics listed under the Equality Act 2010.

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### Maths Shed

This week's Maths shed class league table:

- 1st place - Owl Class
- 2nd place - Hawk Class
- 3rd place - Raven Class

This week's individual Maths shed league table:

- 1st place - James, Hawk
- 2nd place - Kayla, Owl
- 3rd place - Thara, Raven

### Spelling Shed

This week's spelling shed class league table:

- 1st place - Owl Class
- 2nd place - Hawk Class
- 3rd place - Raven Class

This week's individual spelling shed league table:

- 1st place - Kayla, Owl
- 2nd place - Arfa, Raven
- 3rd place - Khayleb, Owl

### Attendance

Over a school year, we are due to be open for 190 days which equates to 380 sessions with registration in the morning at 09:00 and after lunch in the afternoon. Attendance is affected if a pupil is not present at school for any whole session including registration.

Attendance Target: 98%      Attendance This Week: 93.6%      Attendance This Year: 95.3%

Registers are taken up to 10 minutes after the school gates close at 09:00. It is important that the children are at school on time every day to prevent disruption and upset to their day and for the rest of their class.

Pupils Late This Week: 49 pupils

### Stars of the Week

We are currently transitioning from ICARE, to the Oasis 9 Habits. This means that children can be nominated for one of the ICARE values, or one of the 9 Habits each week until October half term.

Robin	Eesa - Joyful
Wren	Cihan - Hopeful
Sparrow	Kaydean - Humble
Starling	Yasa - Humble
Chaffinch	Miguel - Hopeful
Goldfinch	Millie - Hopeful
Kingfisher	Amelia - Hopeful
Woodpecker	Dorothy - Humble
Magpie	Amalia - Humble
Owl	Marco - Joyful
Heron	Daryun - Hopeful
Raven	Joao - Hopeful
Eagle	Greta - Considerate
Hawk	Malakai - Humble



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Workshop	Lead	Date
Equality and Diversity	Collette Johnston	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 - 18:00
Peer on Peer – including harassment between children	Louise Eaves	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> January at 14:30
SRE	ALT & SLT	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 - 18:00
E-Safety: Keeping Safe Online	Lucinda Cooke & Collette Johnston	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2022 - 09:00
Multiplication Tables Check (Year 4)	Collette Johnston & Peter Morgan	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2022 – 09:00
Phonics Screening Check Information Meeting for Year 1 Parents/Carers	Year 1 teachers and Emily Carew	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2022 14:45 – 15:15
Mental Health and Wellbeing	Louise Eaves	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 14:30
SEND – Speech and Language focus	Louise Champion	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2022 - 14:30-15:15
<b>SATs Meeting</b> KS1 – Year 2 - 14:15-14:45 KS2 – Year 6 - 14:45-15:15	KS1 – Beth Cutter & Collette Johnston  KS2 – Samantha Francis & Peter Morgan	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2022 KS1 14:15 – 14:45 KS2 14:45 – 15:15
Domestic Violence	Louise Eaves	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 14:30
SEND – Zones of Regulation focus	Louise Champion & Kris Wallace	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2022 14:30-15:15
Transitions and Behaviour	Louise Eaves	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 14:30
Reception - New Parents Meeting	Emily Carew	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2022 time TBC

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### Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Tues 11th Jan	Equality & Diversity Meeting - 18:00 online
Weds 19th Jan	Year 3 trip to Crystal Palace Football Ground SRE Parents Meeting - 18:00
Thurs 20th Jan	Y3 & Y4 Able Writers Day at Monks Orchard
Fri 21st Jan	Peer on Peer Workshop - including harassment between children
Thurs 3rd Feb	Parents' Evening 15:40- 19:00
Fri 4th Feb	Ryelands' Got Talent auditions
Mon 7th Feb	E-Safety: Keeping safe online workshop - 09:00
Tues 8th Feb	Safer Internet Day
Weds 9th Feb	Parents' Evening 15:40-17:30
Fri 11th Feb	Ryelands' Got Talent Final Last day of term. Normal finishing time. Nursery PM - 15:30, Reception, Year 1&2 - 15:20, Years 3-6 - 15:25
<b>Mon 14th - Fri 18th Feb</b>	<b>Half Term Holiday</b>
Mon 21st Feb	All children return to school