

## A Message From Miss Reed and Mr Lillo

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New School Year! I hope that you all had a good summer break and managed to enjoy time with family and friends. We have started the new school year extremely positively with the children coming into school looking very smart in their uniforms.....even if they have looked a little scruffier by lunchtime this week due to the intense heat! We would like to welcome all our new families and children to our school community. It has been really encouraging to see our youngest arrivals in Nursery and Reception settling so well and enjoying their learning. As I have walked around the school, I have been really impressed with children's positive attitudes towards their learning, their good manners and their willingness to help each other.

At the start of the week, I did assembly for the children talking about our wishes for the school year. I showed them this picture taken in Nursery last year, and told them that my wish was to feel this level of joy every day at school but that I needed them to help me with that. We spoke about how we need to help each other to create joy and happiness in our classrooms and around the school. I am very hopeful that this will continue to be a positive school year for us all.



Have a fantastic weekend in the sunshine.

Kate, Glenn and the Ryelands Team

## Positive Behaviour Points

We are working hard this year to develop a real culture of positive behaviour. We are hopeful that our newly appointed Mini SLT reps for 'Behaviour and Attitudes', Eldrich and Safa, will be able to support with this. Staff will be awarding positive behaviour points throughout the week and the class who achieve the most points in a week will receive a prize. This week the winning class is **Heron** in Year 5 – well done to the children and to Mrs Lula for embracing this system so positively.

## Parking

Sadly, I have received a number of emails this week from someone in the local community complaining about a parent from the school who has been using the car park at the back of some of the houses on Portland Road. This is a private car park so can I please request that it is not used by non-residents.

Please also remember our school is part of the School Streets Programme. This means there is **no vehicle access to Oakley Road or Sandown Road between 8.00am to 9.30am and 2.00pm to 4.00pm.**

Any vehicle entering the street during these times will be issued with an automated fine unless they have an exemption.

Please can we also ask that parents avoid reversing down either of the roads to avoid being caught on camera, not only is this **dangerous** its also an **offence for failing to comply with signals and signs**

## School Uniform

Please ensure you follow the school uniform policy, if you are unsure as to what your child should wear in their year group please refer to our website, speak to the school office.

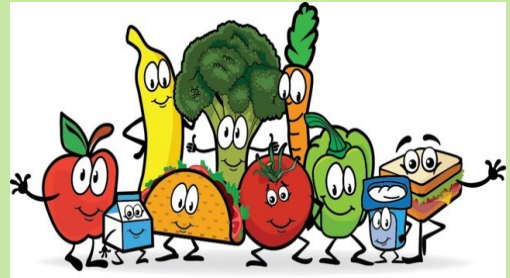
<https://www.oasisacademyryelands.org/academy-life/uniform>

Please can we also request that your child brings a water bottle every day.

We are a healthy eating school. At lunchtime we encourage children to have an Academy meal. These are cooked on site and are nutritionally balanced. We always offer a choice including vegetarian and Halal.

Alternatively children may bring a packed lunch. We ask parents and carers providing packed lunches to choose healthy options with a balanced selection of food including fruit and vegetables, and water. We do not permit sweets in packed lunches.

Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school each day which can be refilled at our fountains.



### Soft Starts: Monday – Thursday from 8:40am

We would like to say thank you to all those children who came into school earlier this week for Soft Starts; people reported that this made a very calm start to the day.

The children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 continue to be invited and encouraged to come into school from 8:40am on **Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.**

The aim of this slightly earlier start is to enable a slow and gentle start to the school day. The children will be welcomed into their classroom by their teacher and encouraged to complete low stakes, calming activities, possibly to some gentle music. This may involve looking at a book alone or with a friend, mindful colouring, free drawing, playing a calm game etc. During this time, the teachers will be able to chat with the children, see that everyone is ok and give attention to those that may need it. We are aiming to use this time to help develop the children's emotional wellbeing. The register will continue to be taken at the usual time, 8:50am and registers will close at 9:00am.

We would like as many children as possible to participate in these 'Soft Starts' so that we can explore the benefits for the children. Thank you in advance for your support.

We are excited to share some wonderful news with you all! Our beloved giraffe "Oakley" from Oasis Academy Arena and Oasis Academy Ryelands is part of the Croydon Stands Tall 2023 project. Oakley was decorated with the active involvement of pupils from OA Ryelands and students at OA Arena. Our giraffe is now on display at Marks and Spencer in Croydon town centre! In addition "Oana", the giraffe decorated by Oasis Shirley Park, is close by in the House of Fraser department store, in Centrale shopping centre.

Croydon Stands Tall 2023 is an incredible 'Wild in Art' event in collaboration with Croydon BID, creating a magnificent public art trail that will adorn our city for a full 10 weeks. Oakley's presence in this project is a testament to the creativity and artistic talent of our students and staff.

To experience this unique art installation and explore the entire trail, we invite you to visit Marks and Spencer in Croydon town centre. The trail will be running until October 27th, 2023, giving you plenty of time to plan a family outing and discover all the incredible giraffe sculptures throughout the city.



For more information about the Croydon Stands Tall 2023 project, see the trail map and to download the app for the trail, please visit their website at [www.croydonstandstall.co.uk/art-trail](http://www.croydonstandstall.co.uk/art-trail).

We encourage all our families to participate in this exciting event, not only to support our schools but also to celebrate the vibrant arts community in Croydon.



## This Week's Adventures

**Nursery:** Nursery have had a very exciting week welcoming our new children and parents, it has been lovely to meet them all. We are also very proud of our returning children who have been very kind, helpful and friendly with their new classmates. Several of our returners have now become full-time children and all the full-time children have behaved beautifully in the dining hall this week even though it's a new experience for them. Our new friends have settled incredibly quickly and are calm and engaged. We have all been getting to know each other by sharing toys, singing our favourite songs and listening to fun stories. It has also been a joy to see how grown up the old nursery children now look in their new reception classes and how enthusiastic they are about their new adventure too!

**Reception:** In Reception, we have been focusing on settling the children into class. We have talked to the children about classroom routines and expectations. All the adults in Reception have been very impressed with how sensible and confident the children were when exploring the classroom and meeting one another. The children have enjoyed lunch times and have shown excellent manners and behaviour when in the lunch hall. Many adults around the school have commented on how polite and well-mannered they are. This week we have enjoyed reading stories and singing familiar nursery rhymes. Lots of the children shared their favourites and have enjoyed singing along with confidence.

**Year 1:** We have had such a fantastic first week in Year 1 and have really enjoyed getting to know your children. We have tried to help the transition into Year 1 by completing lots of fun, practical activities and hope that everyone has had lots of fun. We are really impressed by the children in Sparrow and Starling and can't wait to see you all again next week.

**Year 2:** The children have settled in so well and already have a great understanding of the expectations of Year 2. This week the children have had a refresher in the systems and routines of the classroom, they have learnt about the 'Zones of Regulation', and we collaboratively came up with our class charters. The children wrote a letter to their future self which we will save and read at the end of the year. It's been a great start to the new academic year, thank you everyone.

**Year 3:** Year 3 have had a great first week back and are settling in nicely to junior life. We have all been getting to know each other, learning our new routines, starting some of our core learning and have also been introduced to some exciting new educational apps – one app even lets us borrow different books online at just the touch of a button. It has been a really great week for us here and the Year 3 teachers want to take this chance to say a HUGE thank you to every student and every adult who has helped make this week such a success.

**Year 4:** This week in Year 4 we have been busy starting our new learning. We have started reading our new book 'Charlie and the chocolate factory' and started to map out our first two plot points. In maths we have been recognising numbers up to 1,000. We have been looking at using number lines to support our counting. We have also been looking at what we have already learnt in Year 3, so we know what we need to learn in our new topics this term!

**Year 5:** All pupils in Year 5 have made a super return to school; Mrs Brophy has been impressed with positive mind-set and Mrs Lula has really enjoyed Heron's focus and joyfulness! Both classes have completed all their topic and math quizzes, well done for your effort and hard work. In maths lessons, we have completed place value and Roman numeral lessons, extending our knowledge and understanding. Whilst in Reading, we have been making inference, looking at vocabulary and completing our first VIPERS reading comprehension. In Geography, the year group are starting to explore the physical and human characteristics of Europe which builds on their knowledge from the previous year's study of the UK. On Tuesday, it was lovely week to see so many parents at the Year 5 meeting, we shall send out the PowerPoint with all our notes.....please do not hesitate to contact the Year 5 team if you have any questions. Lastly, we made a great start to PE with our fitness assessment showing good levels of general fitness and Coach Tia was impressed with her outdoor PE lesson with both classes! Well done for coping with the heat this week to all pupils – the Year 5 team are very proud of you all!

**Year 6:** Year 6 have spent this week settling in and getting back into the school routine. We have been reviewing what to do if we are worried and how we can demonstrate our nine habits and the importance of these. We made class charters based on the UNCRC (Rights of the Child). In maths, we have been applying our number knowledge to help solve some tricky problems and we have started reading our core text, 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom' by Louis Sachar.

### Stars of the Week

Each week, a child in each class is chosen for portraying one of the Oasis 9 Habits.

Sparrow	Deja - Joyful
Starling	Aroush - Self Controlled
Chaffinch	Mia-Belle- Self Controlled
Goldfinch	Orla - Self Controlled
Kingfisher	Mila - Considerate
Woodpecker	Mia-Rose - Considerate
Magpie	Edith - Humble
Owl	Hamedul - Considerate
Heron	Sia - Humble
Raven	Jack - Humble
Eagle	Coco - Humble
Hawk	Kyrelle - Considerate
Children's Choice	Lenny chose Eliza for being Considerate Faith chose Shaniquh for being Considerate

Spelling Shed	Class	Child
1st	Raven	Amari
2nd	Heron	Josiah
3rd	Eagle	Jack

Compassionate	Patient	Humble
Joyful	Honest	Hopeful
Considerate	Forgiving	Self-controlled

Maths	Class	Child
1st	Raven	Godwin
2nd	Eagle	Shae
3rd	Owl	Joshua

### 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: 97.0%    Attendance This Week: 95.3%    Attendance This Year: 95.3%

**Weekly Attendance Awards: Raven, Hawk and Wren all had 100% attendance this week!**

School starts at 8:50 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. If your child arrives after 8.50 then your child is late and will need to go through to the school office and sign in. Children will be sent back from class to the office if the correct procedure is not followed.

## Term Dates 2023-2024

### Autumn Term 1 2023

**INSET Day – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September – School closed for pupils**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September – School open for all pupils

**INSET Day – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October – School closed for pupils**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Last day of term

**Half Term – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

### Autumn Term 2 2023

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – School open for all pupils

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Last day of term

**Christmas break – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December to Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

### Spring Term 1 2024

**INSET Days - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January – School closed for pupils**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January - School open for all pupils

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Last day of term

**Half Term – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February**

### Spring Term 2 2024

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – School open for all pupils

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Last day of term

**Easter Holiday – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

### Summer Term 1 2024

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – School open to all pupils

**Bank Holiday – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – School closed for pupils**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Last day of term

**Half Term – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May**

### Summer Term 1 2024

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – School open to all pupils

**Bank Holiday – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – School closed for pupils**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Last day of term

**Half Term – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May**

### Summer Term 2 2024

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – School open to all pupils

**INSET Day – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June – School closed for pupils**

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Last day of term

**INSET Day – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – School closed for pupils**

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# THE FELIX PROJECT

GOOD FOOD FOR GOOD CAUSES

## FELIX PROJECT ECO SHOP AND UNIFORM STALL

Thank you to all parents/carers who have supported this project over the last few months

Not only are you **saving a fortune** on massively reduced produce, but you are also doing your bit **for the environment** – this food would be going to landfill!



Thank you to all parents/carers who have supported the **uniform stall**

Not only are you **saving a fortune** on perfectly good uniform, but you are also doing your bit **for the environment** – this uniform would be going to landfill!



**Most items are £1.00!**

Think about it – 3 sets of trouser/skirt, shirt, and jumper for £9.00!

Looking forward to seeing you on a **Wednesday, from 3.00p m**, outside the main office.

# Family Language (ESOL) Classes at Oasis Academy Arena



**A free Family Learning Course for  
mums, dads and carers**



**Start: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**Finish: Wednesday 7th February 2024**

**Time: 9:30 am - 12:00 pm**

- \*Improve your English**
- \*Practice speaking and listening**
- \*Find out how to support your child**
- \*Make fun activities for home**
- \*Work towards a reading exam**



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