

**Oasis Academy - Children's Centre and Primary Phase**

**11<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly, welcome back to school after the Christmas break. I hope that 2011 is a successful, healthy and prosperous year for us all. The children have settled very well into the routines of school and are already enthusiastically working on their new IPC topics.

Mr Neil Harvey

Head of Primary Phase

**Attendance figures**

The government sets all primary schools a floor target of 95%. OfSTED also uses attendance as a measure of how well a school is doing within their inspections. Mr Lillo has been doing a brilliant job in ensuring that we are reaching our target and I am pleased to say that in the first part of the Autumn Term the attendance rose from 93% to just over 95% (95.4%).

The attendance figures for each Year Group for Autumn 2 were as follows:

Reception	86%	Year 4	95%
Year 1	92%	Year 5	96%
Year 2	93%	Year 6	92%
Year 3	93%		

With the focus on raising attainment throughout the Primary, please ensure that the children are attending school regularly and punctually. If your child's Year Group is below 95%, the children are missing a great deal of learning time.

### **Parking and Dropping off in the morning**

Do NOT park on the yellow zig-zag lines during the busy morning or afternoon dropping off times and please do NOT stop in the middle of the road and let your child exit the car. This is for the safety of all our community. Please can you also be considerate of our local residents when parking i.e. not blocking driveways etc.

### **International Primary Curriculum**

I hope that your children are enjoying their new topics. Here are the titles of the IPC topic that each Year Group is learning:

Nursery	'Colour and Pattern'	Year 4	'Dinosaurs'
Reception	'Houses and Homes'	Year 5	'They See the World like This'
Year 1	'Toys'	Year 6	'Go with the Flow'
Year 2	'How are you?'	Willow class	'The Earth before people'
Year 3	'They made a difference'		

### **Change of INSET day to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2011**

We have been informed by the government that **Year 6** will have their SATs tests the week beginning Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2011. I intend to use this week also as a testing week for other year groups. As I want the children properly prepared for their tests and to give them the best chance, **I am cancelling the INSET day on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2011 for the children to attend school.**

**I am changing the INSET day to the last day of this half-term, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2011.** Therefore school will close to the children on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at the normal times.

To date, I am unable to confirm the INSET for Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011 as no decision has been made London-wide on the actual date for the referendum.

## **Collecting your child**

Occasionally events happen that mean you may be late in collecting your children from school. Please telephone us as soon as you can so we can let your child know that you are on your way. However, if we don't receive a call from you or if we don't have notice that a different person is collecting your child, we will call you to ensure that you give us permission to release your child to this adult. In order to avoid confusion, please inform us in the morning in person or in writing that a different person will be collecting your child. This is for your child's safety.

There are a number of children who are persistently collected late. This is unfair and often embarrassing for your child. Please be prompt.

## **Behaviour and Golden Rules**

I must congratulate the children on the remarkable changes that I have witnessed in behavior throughout the school from September. The children are calm, focused and following their class rules and the whole school Golden Rules.

### Golden Rules

We listen.

We are kind and helpful.

We are honest.

We work hard.

We look after property.

Congratulations to all the staff for being continually consistent with all the children to ensure that new whole school procedures are reinforced and clear for the children.

Thank you also to all the parents/carers who are so supportive of the measures that we have introduced to ensure your child receives the best education that they deserve.

## **Jewellery**

**Please note:** Oasis Academy Shirley Park Primary Phase has a no jewellery policy. This includes small earring studs. Please ensure that your children do not wear these or any other items of jewellery to school.

## Using the internet at home

Please make sure that you are aware of what your children are searching for and using on the internet. This also applies to computer games. Are they suitable for young children?

## Friends of Oasis Academy Shirley Park

We are launching the 'Friends of...' group on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 3.30pm in the Main Hall. The 'Friends of...' group is similar to a PTA but much less formal. We want to gather ideas about what events to run over the school year to raise funds for the school and if you can offer your support in helping. This is a very informal meeting so please mark in your diary to come along.

## Term dates for 2011

### Spring Term

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	School closed for Bank Holiday
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	First day of term
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Evening
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Evening
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>School closed for INSET</b>

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February to  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February

Half term

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February

Return to school

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April

School closes for Easter

### Summer Term

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	School closed for Bank Holiday
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of term
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	School closed for Bank Holiday (Royal Wedding)
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	School closed for Bank Holiday
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Possible closure for Election 2011</b>
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>School open</b>
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	School closes for half term

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May to  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Half term

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June

Return to school

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July

Last day of school

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

School closed for staff training day