

Oasis Academy - Children's Centre and Primary Phase

3rd March 2011

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you enjoyed your half-term break. Let's hope we are moving towards some warmer Spring weather for this half-term.

I have had confirmation from Croydon LA that the primary phase will be used as a Polling station on **Thursday 5th May 2011** and therefore the school will be **CLOSED** so unfortunately the two weeks back after Easter are very disjointed. More details below.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Neil Harvey
Head of Primary Phase

Attendance figures

The attendance figures for each Year Group for Spring 1 were as follows:

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

Remember each Year Group has a target of at least 95%. I was recently at a meeting where research has shown that if your child attends 96% of their primary schooling, they are 96% likely to achieve their Year 6 target in English, Maths and Science. This must also have a big impact on their future educational chances.

Thank you Tesco

Many thanks to Tesco's at Elmer End who donated vouchers for our Year 3 VE Day Celebrations to finish off their World War 2 topic. Much appreciated.

Punctuality

Thank you to the hundreds of children and parents who are on time every day for school. However to those parents who are continually late, I would like to see an improvement. The whistle is blown at 8.55am so that children can be in school for 9.00am; the school starting time. We monitor all children who arrive late and if there are persistent latecomers we inform our Education Welfare Officer who will contact you.

It is embarrassing for your child to always arrive late into class.

International Primary Curriculum

I hope that your children are enjoying their new topics. Here are the titles of the new topics that each Year Group is learning about this half-term:

Nursery	'Animals'	Year 4	'Inventions and Machines'
Reception	'Treasure'	Year 5	'Mission to Mars and Beyond'
Year 1	'Patterns and Places'	Year 6	'Revise to be wise'
Year 2	'Flowers and Insects'	Willow class	'The Earth before people'
Year 3	'Rainforests'		

Choirs

We have started two choirs on Thursday lunchtimes - one for Foundation and Key Stage 1 and the second for Key Stage 2 children. Miss Andrews, who leads the choirs, is a very experienced vocal coach and has come highly recommended to us. Already we are having great numbers of children singing each week. Once we are ready to perform, we will enter local events and will perform for you also.

First two weeks after Easter (Summer Term)

Due to Bank Holidays and the school being used as a Polling Station, here are the first two weeks back after Easter so that you can make suitable arrangements.

Monday 25 th April	Bank Holiday - school closed
Tuesday 26 th April	School open
Wednesday 27 th April	School open
Thursday 28 th April	School open
Friday 29 th April	Bank Holiday - school closed (Royal Wedding)
Monday 2 nd May	Bank Holiday - school closed
Tuesday 3 rd May	School open
Wednesday 4 th May	School open
Thursday 5 th May	Polling Day - school closed
Friday 6 th May	School open

Friends of Oasis Academy Shirley Park

Thank you to those parents who came to the meetings. We will be sending out a separate newsletter next week so that you can all get involved in different ways, either by donating or supporting us with offering your time.

If you would like to know more, please contact Mrs Davis (Year 2 teacher) who leads on 'Friends of...'

Jewellery and nail varnish

Please note that it is Academy policy that no jewellery or nail varnish are allowed to be worn during the school day.

Gate opening at the end of the school day

I have asked the office staff not to open the school gates until **3.05pm** each day as children may still be continuing PE lessons or activities outside.

Once in the school grounds please remain in the playground to wait for your child(ren). This is for the safety of all of our children.

Term dates for 2011

Spring Term

Friday 8th April

School closes for Easter at 2pm

Summer Term

Friday 27th May

School closes for half term

Monday 30th May to

Friday 3rd June

Half term

Monday 6th June

Return to school

Thursday 21st July

Last day of school

Friday 22nd July

School closed for staff training day

The term dates for 2011/12 will be sent in the next newsletter in early June.