

NEWSLETTER: SEPTEMBER 2021

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Dates for the Diary:

Swimming:

Year 4 classes will go swimming every Friday afternoon, this will end during the last week of January. Please ensure that the children have their towels and swimsuits with them each week.

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| • Wed 29 th September | Academy Hub Council Meeting |
| • Wed 6 th October | School photo day |
| • Thurs 7 th October | School Census day |
| • Thurs 7 th October | Party food in the dining room |
| • Mon 11 th October | YR2 SATs parent meeting 3.30 – 4.00pm – remote |
| • Wed 13 th October | YR2 SATs parent meeting 3.30pm-4.00pm remote |
| • 18-21 October | Parents evening week (more information to follow) |
| • Fri 22 nd October | NO SCHOOL – Inset day |
| • Mon 25-Fri 29 October | Half term – no school |
| • Sun 31 st October | Halloween! |
| • Mon 1 st November | First day back in school |
| • Fri 5 th November | Nasal flu vaccinations (for those who have given consent) |
| • Thurs 11 th November | Remembrance Day |
| • Fri 12 th November | Children in Need |
| • WC 15 th November | Anti-Bullying week |
| • Mon 15 th November | Wear Odd Socks Day – anti bullying week |

School photos

Photographers are coming into Watermead on Wednesday 6th October. The children will have their photo's taken during the academy day. Please ensure your child is in full academy uniform – PE will not take place on this day, so if your child normally has PE they will need to come in normal school uniform also.

Due to the current climate of COVID and trying to minimise risk of contamination in the school, we are not currently able to offer the normal service of having sibling photos prior to school starting, this is something hopefully we can re-instate during the next academic year.



School holidays and Inset days

Oasis Academy Watermead follows the school holidays set by Sheffield City Council. All the school holidays for this academic year are on the Academy Website. The holidays are listed and also available to download.

We currently have 2 inset days set – with 4 more to confirm:

- Friday 22nd October
- Friday 24th June



After school clubs

Afterschool clubs are starting next week, you will receive a text to confirm whether your child has a place on the club. All clubs will end at 4.15pm promptly.

Piano Lessons

Piano lessons are starting this week. We have had an over whelming response of children who are wanting to take lessons and only 14 places available. The children who have been successful in getting a place have been notified via text. If you have not received a text confirming a place then we will add your child to waiting list in case a space becomes free.



Cashless school

We are slowly working towards becoming a cashless school – all trips/dinners/donations etc to be paid either on a debit/credit card or via an app – more information to be sent out in the coming weeks.

In the meantime – we would appreciate any payments to school to be made using either a debit or credit card. Payments can be made in the school office, over the phone or on the gate as children are coming into the academy.

Under no circumstances give your child money to hand into teacher to then pass to the office – this can get lost or not get handed in.

Party food in the dining hall – Thurs 7th October

To celebrate the return of children back in school and also census day, we have decided to have a little fun in the dining hall on Thursday 7th October - the kitchen will be serving hotdogs and burgers for lunch. If your child is in KS2 and normally brings in a packed lunch, they are able to change and have dinners on this day – just pay at the office. Meals are £2.30 per day.



School Dinners

Just a reminder that school dinners must be paid in advance. Payments to be paid to the office, in person or over the phone, or Mrs Machon on the school gate in a morning, preferably every Monday for the week ahead. We appreciate your co-operation with this.

Menus

School menus are on the school website. This week's menu is currently WEEK 2. The menus are on a rolling 3-week cycle.

Class Dojo

Class dojo is a platform that we use to communicate home with parents and for parents to communicate with class teachers. We are using class dojo more and more to send home important information; therefore it is vital that you have access so that you do not miss any updates. Dojo is a valuable tool for parents to direct message the class teachers about the children. Please note that there is no expectation that class teachers will respond to any direct messages out of school hours.

If you don't have access then please speak with your class teacher at the end of the day to ask for access.



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