



# Academy Newsletter

## 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020

### Key dates

#### Teacher Training Days

- Monday 4th January 2021
- Friday 19th March 2021

Children return to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

### Principal Message



We have come to the end of a year that I am sure we would all like to forget. I would like to wish you all a very happy, restful and safe Christmas and New Year. There is no doubt that this festive season is going to be different.

I would like to thank you all for all of your support over this last term. I understand it has been frustrating and heart breaking at times when your children have had to self-isolate. However, I need you all to understand that I am just following guidance and decisions of closure and self-isolation and these are NOT taken by the academy. These decisions are made by Public Health England, Department of Education, along with the OCL National Board and CEO- John Murphy. My job, as Principal is to carry out these decisions.

Covid is remaining with us. I have no doubt that January and February are going to be very testing months with more cases being confirmed amongst staff and children. This will be a time for understanding from us all and recognition of the situation that the country is in. I really hope that I am wrong with my prediction, but only time will tell.

I would also like to thank the staff on your behalf for the sterling work they have done, not only this term but since March. They have always put your children first, quite often at the expense of their own families. To me that shows true dedication to their jobs and your children. We have a wonderful team- so thank you to ALL the OASH staff for everything that you do for the children in your care and may you too have a happy, restful and safe Christmas with your families.

Happy New Year to you all and here is to a better 2021!

*Mrs Lee*

### Attendance 07.12.20 to 10.12.20

RL	0.00%	4J	97.5%
RM	0.00%	4R	97.8%
1F	88.7%	5D	99.2%
1V	98.3%	5G	99.2%
2L	98.3%	6G	0.00%
2R	00.0%	6R	0.00%
3E	98.9%		
3I	92.1%		

Whole School 96.02% Target 97%

### ★ Stars of the week

These children have been chosen this week because of their positive attitudes to learning. If your child is chosen to be 'Star of the week', you'll also be notified through Class Dojo.

**Nursery:** Christian Mirea & Esmae Nevins

**Reception:** Jenson Bickley & Jaison Ram

**Year 1:** Noah Baxter & Jaden Ryan

**Year 2:** Chirag Lal & Jude Williams

**Year 3:** Isatou Bah & Samiksha Sharma.

**Year 4:** Harlie-Mai Hart & Samiksha Sharma.

**Year 5:** Mohamoud Abdi Karim & Corina

**Year 6:** – Riley Nicholls & Kye MacDonagh



### House Points

Week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> December

	<b>St George</b>	<b>65 Coins</b>
	<b>St Andrew</b>	<b>117 Coins</b>
	<b>St Patrick</b>	<b>104 Coins</b>
	<b>St David</b>	<b>89 Coins</b>

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### HUB News



### Class Dojo



Wow! Look how your school community came together last week:



**968**  
messages sent home



**1,358**  
stories shared



**998**  
skills celebrated



**94%**  
positive feedback

A huge thank you to Daisy, Lisa and Jenna for all of their commitment and passion in delivering vital HUB services throughout this COVID lockdown.

If you are in real need of food, please email [thehub@oasisshortheath.org](mailto:thehub@oasisshortheath.org) and one of the Team members will try and assist.

### Ipads

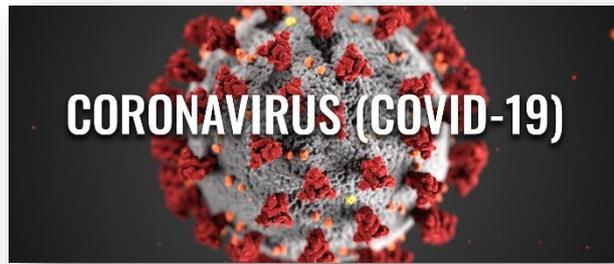
Please ensure that over the Christmas break, your child's ipad is cared for and secured away in a safe place when not in use. We have had several ipads brought to us which have been damaged and although accidents do happen, we cannot guarantee your child will be given a replacement while the device is being fixed.

Also, we have had many children bring in their **ipad charging leads** that have been damaged. It is important that children take responsibility for this equipment. If leads are faulty, then of course we will replace them but in general they should last longer than some of them have been. We cannot replace leads if they have been damaged due to neglect and a new one will need to be purchased.

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## Reporting COVID-19 over the Christmas holidays

COVID-19 exists in our wider community and therefore it is important to be especially aware of how your child is and whether they have symptoms of COVID-19. The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are a recent:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 they must get a test and remain at home for at least 10 days from when their symptoms first appeared until they receive a negative test result. Anyone with symptoms can receive a test by going to <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-acoronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

### Before or on 23rd December

If your child has a positive case for COVID-19 between now and the 23rd December, please inform us as soon as possible by contacting [Secure.DSL@oasisshortheath.org](mailto:Secure.DSL@oasisshortheath.org) so that we can inform close contacts. Please provide us with as much information as possible.

### 24th December 2020 – 5th January 2021

If your child has a positive test for COVID-19 during the Christmas holiday you must inform Public Health England. This will be done automatically if your child receives a test from a testing centre, and you can also do this by using the NHS App. We also require you to let us know by leaving a message by emailing [Secure.DSL@oasisshortheath.org](mailto:Secure.DSL@oasisshortheath.org) Again, please provide us with as much information as possible.

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