

# Bulletin

17th February 2023



## Message from Interim Principal



@OAShortHeath

The term has passed by so quickly and we have just finished another fantastic week.

It was Mental Health week last week and the theme for this year was connection. Children performed a dance routine to the whole school and I was so proud of every individual for their contributions and for bringing joy to everyone.

We are very excited to announce that from Spring 2, we will be launching a new curriculum, devised by Oasis. More information will be available on our academy website very soon so you'll be able to see what your children will be learning about!

We will also be offering a wider range of after school this year catered for children from Reception to Year 6. Netball, Calligraphy, Computing, British Sign language just to name a few of the clubs that will come available.

I'd like to thank all those parents who have been able to attend the parent workshops. These workshops have been very well received and your support and encouragement means a lot to our pupils and helps them to continue striving for success.

These newsletters will come out every half term and will summarise key events and messages. I hope you will find them useful.

Have a restful half term break and we look forward to seeing all children return on Monday 27th February.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Darnley

Attendance	
Class	Percentage
RM	92.6%
RJ	94.3%
1J	92.6%
1F	96%
2R	92.3%
2V	96.3%
3L	96.6%
3Q	97.3%
4J	95.8%
4G	98.2%
5R	91.7%
5G	95.1%
6L	98%
6D	98.3%
School	95.4%

**Target 97%**

## MCAS

Being a cashless school and using MCAS for our payments is going really well. We are so grateful to parents / carers who are using this system effectively.

There are some outstanding payments in the system for dinners, breakfast club, iPad damages etc. and we would be really grateful if these can be cleared before we are back after half-term.

Thank you once again for working with us.

## Turkiye-Syria Earthquake

### appeal



A huge thank you to everyone who has donated money today for the Turkiye-Syria appeal. We have raised £337.33. This will be shared between Human Appeal and Oasis Just Giving campaign.

## Notices

### Online Safety

This week National Online Safety are sharing their free guide to parents on 'Tips for Encouraging Open Discussions about Digital Lives'. In connection with safer internet day tomorrow, Tuesday 7th February, this guide is written to remind us all that online experiences can be both good and bad, and that talking about our online lives regularly helps to keep us all safe by allowing others to recognise warning signs that something is wrong that we ourselves might miss.

## Key Dates

### Half Term

Monday 20th February-Friday 24th February. Children return on Monday 27th February.

### NEU proposed strike day

Wednesday 1st March 2022

More information on a separate letter via dojo

### Reception Tea Party

Monday 27th February

### Reception iPad Meeting

Friday 3rd March 3pm-3.30pm

### Year 5 Parent workshop- Maths

Monday 6th March

### KS1 Parents Evening- date has changed

Monday 27th March

### Nursery and Reception Parents Evening- date has changed

Tuesday 28th March

### Key Stage 2 Parents Evening- date has changed

Wednesday 29th March

Booking information will come out soon

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## School Dinner update

We are aware that some of our children are not happy with the current Sodexo food menu. Sodexo are selected National-ly to deliver the food provision in Oasis Schools, and it is not up to individual academies on who they choose. Thankfully, we have a great team working at Short Heath who welcome feedback from parents/carers and will continue to make changes to the menu until the children are happy. Parents play a key role in supporting children to develop healthy eating habits, so it is important we continue to work in partnership on this important matter. We would like to invite you to attend a Sodexo tasting session on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 2pm. You will be able to sample food that is on the menu and talk directly with the chef about the types of food you want to see on the menu. Please click on the link to book your place.



## Sporting Achievements

Wow! What a half term this has been for sports. From years 3 and 4 athletics to Years 5 and 6 basketball and of course, our brilliant boys and girls football teams, our children have been amazing throughout. As a school, our children have shown teamwork, determination, and hard work to compete in a variety of different sports throughout the half term. Our football teams are both 2<sup>nd</sup> in their respective leagues with the opportunity of winning the league after half term, which is truly amazing for a group of children who only play football during school hours. We have had children who have never played basketball before, competing against Sutton schools, and competing with distinction, and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the athletics against 10 other schools, just shows what a credit our children are to us as staff but also parents/carers at home. We look forward to seeing what our children can achieve over next half term. Well done to everybody involved!



## Buddy

A huge warm welcome to Buddy the Therapy Dog. Buddy will be in the academy every Friday and visiting the children. Therapy dogs are dogs trained to provide therapeutic benefit to children and staff in schools. They can help with stress relief, social skills, learning activities, well-being, and a sense of belonging.



## Parking reminder

A respectful request to our parents who drop off and pick up their children using their car. PLEASE REFRAIN FROM PARKING ACROSS LOCAL RESIDENTIAL DRIVES AND DROPPED CURBS. We have had a number of complaints from the local residents on Turfpitts lane and Streetly Road, who are having their drives blocked daily by parents of the school. Please help us to respect their property and to keep the good reputation of the academy in place.