

# Phase 1 InfoZine

Oasis academy  
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## Celebration

The staff in the Early Years would like to wish you a belated happy New Year and thank you for all your cards, gifts and good wishes for Christmas. Our children have returned to the Academy happy and very settled.

## Diary Dates

Half Term 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> February 2011

End of term Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2011

Summer Term starts Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2011



## Curriculum

To help our children develop personal, social and emotional development we have created our...

### Golden Rules

Golden Rules will help us develop behaviour for learning and working alongside each other  
They are based around 'The Hadley Way'.

1. **Aspire** – We will try our best and will always be polite.
2. **Achieve** – We will always listen and do our best.
3. **Care** – We will always be kind, caring and honest.
4. **Endeavour** – We will enjoy a challenge and never give up.

They are displayed in both Reception classes so that children and staff can refer to them during the day.

Here in the EYFS we love to celebrate children's achievements. We are starting '**Star of the week**'. Every week a child from each reception class will be chosen by the staff and the children to be the '**star of the week**' due to their effort and achievement during the week. These children will receive a certificate to take home.



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## Note and Reminders

- Home learning is an important part of your child's education. We really value the partnership we have with you and ask that you complete your child's homework with them each week. Your child will come home with a homework task on a Friday and we ask that you complete it over the week end and return it to the Academy on Tuesday morning.
- In the next few weeks your child will be bringing home a reading book from our newly purchased reading scheme. More information will follow about how you can support your child's early reading journey.
- We would like to remind all parents that we are unable to give medication to children unless it has been prescribed by a doctor. Medication can only be given if the medication is in a clearly labelled container and a care plan has been completed with a member of the Academy staff. Antibiotics can only be given 48 hours after the first dose given at home.
- We would like to thank all our parents and carers for their patience during the completion of our entrance and exit gates. It is so nice to see our families arriving and going home through our official entrance in Bell Lane.
- We would like to welcome Lorraine Thomas to our staff team who joined us in late December. Lorraine is an early year's assistant in Amber class.
- Can we please remind all parents that the academy day starts at 9am sharp children coming into class after this time will receive a late mark.

## Focus on...

## Literacy

During the holiday all our wonderful new books have arrived in the Academy. We have purchased the Oxford Reading scheme for home reading. Over the next few weeks your child will begin to bring books home. The class teacher will give you more information about this in the coming weeks. We will also be doing guided reading each day in class and we have purchased the Rigby Star scheme for this purpose. The books have been a large investment and the staff are very pleased with them and we hope you will be as well. They are full of lively stories and brilliant illustrations. Home reading is an important part of your child's education and we hope that you will make the time to read with your child each day.

Happy Reading!

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## Community Information

### 1. Have you applied for free school meals?

Is your child entitled for Free School Meals but not taking them?  
It's easy to claim Free School Meals –

#### Who is eligible?

A child can receive free school meals if:

The parent is receiving any of these:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Employment and Support Allowance (IR)
- Assistance as an Asylum Seeker
- Child Tax Credit, provided that your annual income is less than £16,040
- The guaranteed part of Pension Credit



**The Academy receives extra funding for each child who is registered so its important eligible parents and carers apply even if their child rings a packed lunch.**

Those just receiving Working Tax Credit cannot apply.

### 1. Are you thinking about working with children?

**Community Aid** are having an 'Introduction and Enrolment Day' on Tuesday 1st February between 9.30pm-3.30 at Vincent House, Ponders End. It is a drop in session for anyone interested in gaining an NVQ level 2/3 qualification in the following areas: Childcare, Carework, School support work

### 2. Are you thinking about going back to work?

**Your Work** is a free programme run by Gingerbread who are a UK charity providing expert advice, practical support and help getting a job for single parents.

Barclaycard fund this programme which offers you 3 days of pre-employment training linked to 2 weeks work experience with a variety of employers and job types

If you are lone parent bringing up school aged or younger children and are eligible to work in the UK **Your Work** can get you back to work.

***For further information on all community incentives and events  
Please see Deborah Reid (Community Outreach / Parent Support Advisor)***