



Newsletter 2

Work Hard
Be Nice
Show Character

Back to School:
Mon. 7th Jan. 2019

Dear Parents, Carers & Friends,

Welcome to our Term 2 Newsletter! It's been a brilliant term and a great year so far! The children have again worked really hard! And it's paying off! - For example, Year 6's recent tests were consistently the best in the Oasis Trust across the country (across 35 schools!). But it's not just the academic elements were the pupils are doing well: the music provision in the school goes from strength to strength; they are getting brilliant PE lessons and there are some wonderful art pieces being produced.

The Christmas events this year both at school and the church have been wonderful. I'm incredibly proud of the way the children have performed and very grateful for the incredible support of their parents and family friends. I must also take this chance to thank the parents & friends who organised the Christmas Fayre: it was incredible.

I and our team wish you and your families a joyful Christmas and a peaceful New Year. We look forward to seeing you in 2019!

Best wishes, David Wayland

Christmas Holiday Reading

We do hope that there will be time for you to share and to enjoy books with your children at home during the Christmas holidays. Sharing and talking about a good book together, is a calm and fun activity to enjoy on a cold, wet day and it will also really support your child with their reading skills. We hope that your child will enjoy the book given to them for Christmas, from the Academy.

We look forward to hearing about all the books your children have read over Christmas, when we return to school in the New Year.



TERM DATES 2018/19

Term	From	Until
3	Mon. 7 th Jan. 19 (INSET day – Fri. 15 th Feb. 19)	Thurs. 14 th Feb. 18
4	Monday 25 th Feb. 19	Fri. 5 th April 19
5	Tuesday 23 rd April 19 (Bank Hols – Mon. 22 nd April & Mon. 6 th May 19)	Fri. 24 th May 19
6	Mon. 3 rd June 19	Fri. 19 th July 19



Year 1 have had a very exciting term learning all about the different seasons from our new book 'Tree.' In our Literacy lessons we

have written letters to the trees to find out more information. We have even challenged ourselves to extend our knowledge of adjectives into expanded noun phrases. We are still enjoying our Maths Mastery lessons and have become confident in solving subtraction and addition equations. We are excited to have started learning to tell the time. Year 1 have been practising the nativity really well. The children are real performers and have done a really good job at learning their lines as well as all the songs. We were all very excited to perform to all the grown ups that came to watch. We can't wait to start the New Year with the same positive attitude to help us with our learning.
Miss Baker

Reception have had a very busy term learning more about how we celebrate special days and festivals. We started the term creating fantastic firework pictures, baking cakes and making playdough. We continued our learning journey by finding out all about the Hindu festival of Diwali. We worked as a team, listening to each other's ideas and taking turns to act out the story of Rama the brave warrior, his wife Princess Sita and Hanuman the monkey king. In maths we have been using ten frames to explore, more, less, addition and also subtraction, we will continue this in the new year when we begin to learn our number bonds. Finally, in the final weeks we have been talking about Christmas. By performing 'Wriggly Nativity' we have learnt the story of baby Jesus and have spent lots of time talking about how we spend special time with our families and friends at this time of year. We have really grown as a class this term and Mrs Friend would like to thank all of the children for showing amazing character, friendly behaviour, and determination in taking charge of their own learning. Merry Christmas to all of the families in Reception – I am really looking forward to an exciting New Year with you all. Mrs Friend.





Term 2 has 'rocked' for **Year 3!** We have been studying how the earth formed millions of years ago and how that has shaped our planet today. During week 1, we learnt about the three

different ways rocks formed. We turned our pupils into young geologists, identified the rocks with magnifying glasses and documented it. The young geologists then found another use for Starbursts to help them understand the rock cycle and even though the sweets were very tempting, they all made it to the final experiment. This term has also seen us rock in another way, as we continue our music tuition with Preludes and shape musicians of the future. The children have continued to develop their skills on the claves and recorder. We can now play three different notes and control our sound beautifully. Mrs White

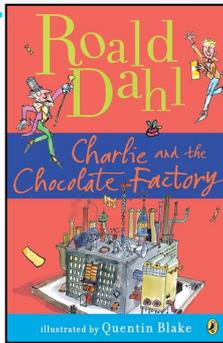


This term our **Guinea Pigs** have really grown. They are happy residents of the school and enjoy their visits from different classes and sometimes, sneaky visits from children with tasty treats. They have enjoyed exploring the school by visiting book club and especially spending time with our Reception Class. They are trying to be very good, hoping for a visit from Santa to their Guinea Pig mansion.



Nursery have had a great time this term learning about different celebrations, we have celebrated bonfire night, Diwali and have spent the last few weeks learning about Christmas traditions and sharing our own Christmas traditions from our homes. We had a cheeky Elf sent from Santa who is living in our classroom at the moment! He has been causing a bit of trouble but the children were great at helping him to be a good Elf! We have practised hard for our "Wriggly Nativity" and loved performing for our families! Have a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the new year! Mrs Fitz-Gerald and Mrs Hilton

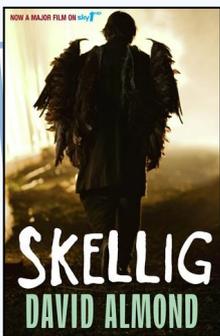
Year 4 have had a fantastic term. The children have worked extremely hard and are showing great leaps in progress with their reading as they are reading lots and lots at home – Thank you to all the Year 4 parents for your support. The more you read.... The better you get! The children are incredibly enthusiastic about learning their times tables and are demonstrating fantastic determination to correctly answer 30 questions, with only 5 seconds to answer each question! They are doing brilliantly! Keep it up Year 4! Also, spelling scores have gone through the roof as the children have developed a healthy competitive spirit. The class have loved reading 'Charlie and the chocolate factory; and there has been some excellent and thought-provoking discussions about how we can be compassionate to others who may not have as much as we do, like Charlie Bucket. Year 4 have also loved being taught how to play Basketball by some of the Bristol Flyers! All in all, it has been an incredibly impressive term. Merry Christmas from Year 4. Miss Owen



Year 5 have had a very busy term learning about the Mayans, where they come from and their civilisation. The children have worked incredibly hard writing stories and non-fiction pieces around our book 'The Hero Twins'. Year 5 have also continued to work hard within their music lessons showcasing their new-found musical expertise in the carol concert at St. Peters church earlier this term. We have also researched Spanish speaking countries and have created a fact file



about a certain country. We look forward to seeing you after the Christmas holidays, having had a good rest, ready to work hard in term 3! Mrs Tyler.



Term 2 has been an extremely successful term in **Year 6!** We have been studying the book 'Skellig' and alongside some superb writing, the children have also produced some amazing art work looking at positive and negative space. It is my hope to display them in the school corridor so they can be appreciated by everyone! Year 6 have also completed their first official set of SATs

mocks where the results were incredibly promising for the year to come. In both grammar and reading, 80% of the children passed the paper which is absolutely superb and shows the phenomenal hard work the children have put in over the past 15 weeks. I hope the children have a restful Christmas break, ready to work just as hard in January. Miss Parsons.

Year 2 have had a busy term finding out all about the life of an Emperor Penguin in the Antarctic. We have focussed on non-fiction and have written explanation and information texts. We had a wonderful time preparing for our

Christmas performance and thoroughly enjoyed sharing it with our parents and carers. Maths with Parents have shared some fantastic data with us; so far this year you have: completed **173** games and activities with your children, left **238** feedback comments, and spent an amazing **35** hours learning maths with your children outside of the classroom. Thank you so much for your engagement and continued support with this it makes a huge contribution to your children's overall outcomes. Mrs McLaren and Mrs Goodgame



Attendance

MISSING
(SCHOOL) =
MISSING
OUT

At Oasis Academy Bank Leaze we feel that punctuality is a fundamental life skill that is often over looked. Research shows that attendance and punctuality are the most important factors in school success.

If your child is 10 minutes late every day, over the whole school year they will miss over a week of school.

Every day begins with guided reading; pupils arriving late and missing part or all of these sessions will be severely disadvantaged. Arriving late to this session is really difficult for a child as they have to slip in and try to get up to speed with what's being read and piece together what has already been discussed with their peers.

School starts prompt at **8.50am** with registers being taken.

If your child arrives **after 9:00am**, they will be marked as **late**.

If your child arrives **after 9.30am**, they are marked **away for the morning session** - This will often be an unauthorised absence.

8 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period may trigger a request for a Penalty Notice fine of £60 per parent per child.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's attendance please see me or the class teacher and together we will support your child to attend school.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support on ensuring your child or children attend school every day and on time

Nursery

77.6%

Reception

93.4%

2.6% lower than most schools

Year 1

94.1%

1.9% lower than most schools

Year 2

97.1%

1.1% higher than most schools



Year 3

98.1%

2.1% higher than most schools

Year 4

97.4%

1.4% higher than most schools

Year 5

95.3%

0.7% lower than most schools

Year 6

95.9%

0.1% lower than most schools

ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



Whole School (excluding nursery)

96.4%

0.4% higher than most schools

100% Attendance

A HUGE WELL DONE to the following pupils for coming to school *on time*, every day this year!

(Correct 18/12/2018)



Aaleyah (Y2)	George (Y6)	Mason (Y6)
Aaron (Y2)	Harrison (Y5)	Max (R)
Adam (Y3)	Harvey (Y4)	Megan (Y4)
Aiyonia (R)	Issac-Eddie (Y2)	Mia (Y2)
Alisha (Y2)	Jacob (Y3)	Michael (Y2)
Amelia (Y3)	James-Lee (Y6)	Nikola (Y4)
Briannah (Y1)	Keagan (Y2)	Owen (Y4)
Callum (Y6)	Keira (Y3)	Rhia (Y4)
Cameron (Y3)	Kiera (Y5)	Riley (Y6)
Courtney (Y4)	Laci (Y1)	Sharelle (Y2)
Ella (Y2)	Lataya (R)	Tirion (Y6)
Ellie (Y6)	Leon (Y3)	Venusina (Y1)
Elliott (Y2)	Liana-May (Y3)	Vincent (Y3)
Erin (Y2)	Lottie (Y6)	Zac (Y5)
Fatou (Y1)	Majka (Y4)	
Francis (R)	Mantas (Y6)	