

# Newsletter

20th December 2019



## Note from the Principal...

Well the 20th December brings us to another term complete at Warndon! This has been a big one with our visitors from Ofsted, events and all of the Christmas activities. We were thrilled that the Ofsted report itself reflected so much of the focus we have on character education— this is the work behind our super results and league table successes that I hope you spotted in the Worcester News in Decembers articles. I want to say thank you so much for your support both on the playground, around the academy and online too. We should all be immensely proud of the education and suture possibilities we provide for our fantastic and very special young people.

It's been lovely to see you all during December at the various events, workshops, nativities etc. and we've really enjoyed a busy and fun-filled month in the academy. Remember to check out the twitter feed for pictures and events: @oasiswarndon



An couple of important messages:

- Please ensure you take care when parking near the academy and don't block main roads/bus routes as the congestion in a morning is making roads unsafe for pedestrians. The local Community Officers are going to put in additional patrols to support this too.
- We had an unfortunate event where members of staff were verbally abused by a parent onsite. I know some parents came forward that were also concerned with the behaviour. This behaviour will not be tolerated and we can enforce a legal ban where necessary— which we have done in this case.

Finally, I look forward to seeing you all this term in the numerous events and workshops that are planned. Please do catch us on the gate or pop into the office with any feedback.

*E.J. Hobson*



Happy Hearts  
Enquiring Minds  
Promising Futures

## Attendance Leaders

**EVERY  
SCHOOL DAY  
COUNTS**



Attendance for Reception to Year 6 from September is

Let's get to **96%** and reach our target!

<b>KS1 Overall Attendance Winner</b>	<b>2R 98.04%</b>	
<b>KS2 Overall Attendance Winner</b>	<b>3M 97.91%</b>	
<b>Year Group Totals September to date</b>		
Position	Year Group	Attendance
1st	3	97.04%
2nd	6	95.54%
3rd	2	96.41%
4th	1	95.44%
5th	4	95.27%
6th	5	95.2%
7th	R	94.04%

## Attendance update:

Firstly, let's start off with a big well done to all pupils and parents this term as we have made significant improvements in our attendance. We are currently over 0.5% above where we were in terms of attendance this time last year which is a massive gain. It's nota bout the numbers though, this 0.5% translate to more hours of learning and opportunities for our children.

I am pleased to note that the number of term time holidays has significantly reduced this term and as a result children are able to maintain consistency in their learning. If you do need to request leave of absence, then forms are available in the school office.

Please can we take this opportunity to remind parents that where possible medical appointments must be made out of school time. If this is not possible, then please bring your children to school before the appointment or return them to school afterwards as this will mean that their attendance will only be affected by a maximum of 1/2 day.

We look forward to welcoming all of the children back to school on Monday 6th January! Have a lovely well-earned Christmas break!



# Key Dates

January	6th	Spring 1 term starts
January	6th– 14th	Novel Study Launches. Y1—6th / Y2 - 7th / Y3—8th / Y4—9th / Y5—10th / Y6—14th.
January	15th & 16th	Y6 visits to the Think Tank
January	16th	Y5 Young Voices
January	30th	Y5/6 Author Workshop
January	31st	Y3/4 Author Workshop
February	3rd, 5th & 7th	Y4 visits to Think Tank
February	5th	Portrait photos
February	14th	Reception story time 2:45 – 3:15pm
February	14th	Last Day of Spring term 1
February	17 –21st	Half Term
February	24th	Spring term 2 starts



## Pre-School Visit to Smart Trees

The Pre-school children visited Santa at Smart Trees in Bishampton, last week. They followed a Christmas treasure trail, stroked the reindeer, had a tractor ride and all met Santa in his grotto. The children had a fantastic time and their adults were very proud of them.

## Happy Hearts Visit to the Santa Safari

Our youngest children had a wonderful visit to see Santa at West Midlands Safari Park this week. They got to see all the animals and were so excited to meet Santa himself.

## Reception Visit to the Snow Dome

The children in reception visited the snow dome earlier in December where they got to play in the snow and have a special visit to see Father Christmas. They had a wonderful time and it really got them into the Christmas spirit.



## Early Years Nativities

Our early years nativity plays were a huge success this year, with the children acting and singing superbly. Everyone who attended was amazed at how well the children had done!



## Ofsted Update

It is with great pleasure that we are now able to share the Ofsted report from our visit in November. This was a section 8 inspection where we were visited to see if we were still a good school, or had worsened or improved provision for our young people.



Of all the possible outcomes, the highest is 'good with marked improvement'. This is what we have been graded in this inspection. This means that at the time of the visit, had it been a full section 5 inspection, there was sufficient evidence to suggest the school is currently outstanding. This will be published on the Ofsted website from the 7<sup>th</sup> January and is already on our own website.

We are incredibly proud that our vision and commitment to our young people, our innovative curriculum and absolute passion that the Warndon community gets the best possible education for all has been recognised in this way. As well as having the highest academic aspirations for our pupils, we are determined that our bespoke Character Curriculum enables them to develop into respectful, articulate and well-rounded young citizens. The report shows what an impact this is having, and we look forward to building on this further and confirming an 'outstanding' judgement in the next visit.

## Christmas Meal/Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 13th December we had our annual Christmas lunch and celebrated Christmas Jumper Day! The fantastic catering team cooked up a storm and the children had an amazing time being served by their teachers. To make the day feel even more festive everyone dressed up in Christmas Jumpers and festive outfits, whilst raising money for Save the Children.



## Children in Need

This half term was kicked off with a visit from Pudsey Bear. Just a couple of weeks later, the academy took part in raising money for BBC Children in Need with a non uniform day. An amazing £396.09 was raised. Well done to all who took part.





## PE and Sports News

This half term, sport at Oasis Academy Warndon has begun in earnest with the start of the football and netball leagues. Both teams played their first league fixture away at Cranham on a wet and windy afternoon. Both teams played extremely well, with netball losing a close game by 8-10 and the footballers losing too. Despite the results, all pupils performed admirably with new players making their debuts representing the school team, some as young as Year 4.

Kidderminster Harriers FC have been in to work with our Year 4 pupils where they have been delivering their Health Kick programme. As well as pupils receiving lessons during curriculum time, they were challenged to complete various tasks at home around leading healthy lifestyles, with many of the children showing great enthusiasm and receiving a medal at the end for their efforts.

Finally, since our last newsletter we have had a visit from the national sporting organisation The Youth Sport Trust. They watched lessons, met with staff and pupils and recommended us for their Gold Mark award for our fantastic PE and sport provision. Chris Smith, Development Manager for Youth Sport Trust, said "Oasis Academy Warndon has a positive culture where PE, Sport and physical activity play an important role in achieving wider school outcomes, behaviour and attainment improvements."



### School Lunches

You will have received this week a copy of the menu and booking forms for after the Christmas break. The menu isn't changing yet, so if you wish to keep your booking the same there is no need to do anything, but if you wish to make a change to your child's meal choices please return the form to the office as soon as possible. After the February half term break there will be a change to way that dining in the academy takes place with the introduction of family dining. Please look out for more information coming to you in January.

### Warndon's Big Bedtime Story

Oasis Academy Warndon held its first Big Bedtime Story this half term. Children and their parents were invited back into the academy to hear different bedtime stories and all children got to take a book home with them. Thank you to everyone who came along as we were able to raise a brilliant £XXX to buy new books for school.



### Pantomime time...

A fantastic annual tradition, children from pre-school to Year 2 enjoyed watching Beauty and Beast performed by the West End Theatre Company in school. Children in KS2 went to see Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at the Swan Theatre. A brilliant time was had by all, with the children coming back saying it was one of the best shows they had ever seen!



### End of Term Events

Across school children have been taking part in lots of end of term activities celebrating all that they have been learning since half term.

Happy Hearts hosted a Christmas workshop on Friday 13th. The children enjoyed working with parents to make paper chains, biscuit decorating, cards, Christmas trees and much, much more. Many thanks to all the parents who came along.



Year 1 have loved spending the run up to Christmas in School. We have done lots of exciting activities, many of which have linked with our Polar Worlds topic. One of our favourites was learning about and creating snowflakes and watching the pantomime.

On Wednesday 4th December, year 2 performed their African Showcase to their parents. The children sang, danced and shared their knowledge of Africa. Thanks to everyone who was able to attend.



Year 3 have recently hosted a Reading Workshop. They would like to say a big thank you for all the positive parental engagement. The children really enjoyed sharing their learning with you.

Year 4 enjoyed held a XXX

**CRACKER JACK**



*Esme Yapp 1K*  
07/11/2019



*Keiron Howell 5P*  
29/11/2019



*Keira-Leigh Martin-Powell 4A* 07/11/2019



*Imogen Smith 3M* 29/11/2019



*Ivy-Jane Massey 1C* 15/11/2019



*Amy Parry 4T*  
22/11/2019



*Ikey Janes 4B*  
15/11/2019



*Maisey Bazley 1R* 22/11/2019

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### A Fond Farewell...

We are sad to be saying goodbye to one of our longest serving members of staff at Oasis Academy Warndon this Christmas. Mrs Wood has been a teaching assistant at the school for 25 years and we know that many of you know her from your own time at the school and not just as parents. She has chosen to retire this Christmas to spend more time with her expanding family. I am sure that you will all join us in wishing her well and letting her know that she will be missed by all of us.

### Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

All the staff at Oasis Academy Warndon would like to wish each and every one of our pupils and parents, past and present, a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you for all the cards and presents that have so thoughtfully been gifted at this time of year and for your continued support of the academy.



## Friends Of Oasis News

### Hello from the Friends of Oasis!

We would like to start by saying a massive thank you to all who attended this year's Christmas fayre. As usual we were humbled by the effort parents had made in contributing donations for the tombolas and cake stalls and we thank you for your continued support. An incredible group of people gave up their time to ensure the event was a success and without them and the staff at Oasis, it just wouldn't have happened. Over £1,000 was raised with the exact figure still to be counted up.

In other exciting news, we have been working jointly with school to decorate a tree for Worcester Cathedral! The Friends purchased the tree and decorated it with some of the beautiful Christmas wishes that all children took part in making. It looks amazing and if you'd like to see it in person, it's in the Cathedral cloisters until 1st January. Finally, we'd like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and if you're interested in joining the Friends, please contact us in the new year via: [friends@oasiswarndon.org](mailto:friends@oasiswarndon.org).



Many thanks,

The Friends of Oasis

