

# Newsletter

February 2021



## Welcome back!

I hope you have had a good half term. I am so excited to introduce myself as the Principal of Oasis Academy Warndon. Normally, I would be able to say we could have a chat on the playground or around school, but obviously at the moment, this isn't possible. I will look forward to seeing you all next week when the children all return to school.

I am honoured to have been appointed Principal at Oasis Warndon, which over the last few years has a growing reputation for its dedication to excellence, but more importantly, to the children. As you are aware, I joined the academy in September 2015 as part of the wider leadership team. I have thoroughly enjoyed the journey we, as an academy have been on and I am extremely excited about the future! The school and hub have such a dedicated, hardworking team where children are at the heart of everything that is done.

My vision for the academy is to continue to drive the academy with the equal amount of passion and dedication as my predecessor, Emily Hobson. I am looking forward to enjoying spending time with your children, reconnecting with their individual personalities, learning styles and interests. The team and I are also looking forward to being able to celebrate their successes, small and large. We will encourage them every day and let them know they are valued and have a special place in our school community. Not only am I excited to begin working with your children when schools reopen, but I look forward to the work we will do together also. My goal is to ensure that all children are healthy, happy, and safe, so they reach their full potential. This has been my philosophy throughout my teaching career and one that I think is captured by the academy vision statement of Happy Hearts, Enquiring Minds and Promising futures. I relish the opportunity of serving the community and leading the team as Principal of Oasis Warndon.



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## Academy Leadership Team

We would like to take a moment to introduce the Academy Leadership team and their roles below.



### Mrs Naomi Cooke– Deputy Principal

- Designated Safeguarding Lead
- UKS2 Phase Lead



### Mrs Abi Minton– Deputy Principal

- Deputy Safeguarding Lead
- SENDCO
- LKS2 Phase Lead



### Mrs Nia Powell– Assistant Principal

- Deputy Safeguarding Lead
- EYFS Phase Lead



### Miss Amelia Spicer– Assistant Principal

- Deputy Safeguarding Lead
- Attendance Lead
- KS1 Phase Lead

## Investors in Diversity

We are so pleased to announce we have retained the Investors in Diversity for Schools award this year! The Investors in Diversity for Schools Award is a nationally recognised equality, diversity accreditation that recognises excellence in this area. The academy has been working hard to ensure an inclusive education is available to all students. Oasis Academy Warndon ensures the children have a curriculum that acknowledges their needs and builds on their requirements.



Investors  
in Diversity  
Award

Achieved.  
Valid Until  
February 2023

SCHOOLS

# Covid-19 Update– returning to school

We are excited to be welcoming all the children back to the academy on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. We will be returning to school and following the same processes and procedures that allowed us to stay safe from September to January! A letter with full details has been sent out via email earlier today.

## Key points to remember:

- Children should only bring in lunchboxes, water bottles and their Ipad to school (this can be in a bag).
- Attendance is mandatory, however, do not send your child to school if they are sick or have any symptoms of Covid-19
- Children should wear full school uniform—please get in touch with the hub if you will struggle with this.
- As there was some confusion about the drop off and collection arrangements from the previous communication, please see updated version below.

### DROP OFF

Happy Hearts ONLY	Happy Hearts outdoor area by Reception	8.45am
Children Y1 and below plus older siblings	Edgeworth entrance	8.40am Family groups 8.45am Y1-Y6 only
Children Y2 and above	Shap drive entrance	8.50am Reception 8.55am Pre-School

### EDGEWORTH COLLECTION

Happy Hearts ONLY	Happy Hearts outdoor area by Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Single nursery and reception children 3pm – <b>yellow lanyard</b></li> <li>Single Y1 children 3.10pm</li> <li>Sibling groups 3.15pm</li> </ul>
Children Y1 and below plus older siblings	Edgeworth entrance	
Children Y2 and above	Shap drive entrance	

### SHAP COLLECTION

Children Y2 and above	Shap Drive entrance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.05pm single children Y2 and Y3 – <b>purple lanyard</b></li> <li>3.10pm single children Y4 Y5 Y6 – <b>yellow lanyard</b></li> <li>3.15pm sibling groups</li> </ul>
Sibling groups Y2 and above	Shap drive entrance	

### LUNCH MENU

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 1</b>					
Main	Fish Cakes	Spaghetti Bolognese	Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding	Ham and Cheese toasted sandwich with potato wedges	Cheese Pizza
Veggie	Veggie sausages	Herby Tomato Pasta	Quorn Mince	Baked potato with cheese	Cheese Pizza
Sandwich	Ham or Cheese	Ham or Cheese	Ham or Cheese	Ham or Cheese	Ham or Cheese
Side	Herby diced potatoes	Garlic Bread	Roast potatoes and carrots	Mixed salad	Chips
Dessert	Chocolate Muffin	Flapjack	Jelly	Shortbread	Ice Cream
<b>Week 2</b>					
Main	Chicken Curry with 50/50 rice	Lasagne	Roast Chicken and Stuffing	Baked potato with cheese	Fish Fingers
Veggie	Cheesy Mash and Beans	Vegetable Lasagne	Vegetable Pastry	Baked potato with cheese	Cheese omelette
Sandwich	Ham or Cheese	Ham or Cheese	Ham or Cheese	Ham or Cheese	Ham or Cheese
Side	Naan Bread	Mixed Salad	Roast potatoes and peas	Mixed Salad	Chips and salad
Dessert	Fruit Muffins	Carrot Cake	Jelly	Chocolate Iced Cake	Ice Cream

## Sports News

### 1 – YOGA

As part of the PE and wellbeing offer for both lockdown and when we return the 'normal', we have invested in a bank of online yoga sessions for the children. These are designed to support core strength and mental wellbeing during the continued Covid-19 lockdown and beyond. There are 3 sessions a week, all of which will be uploaded onto your child's TEAMS every Monday. Session 1 is a warm up, session 2 is a yoga story and session 3 is a yoga game. These sessions will be uploaded weekly for the duration of this half term.



### 2 – National Minutes Moving PE Competition

We want as many of you to get involved in a new national 'minutes moving' PE competition where you can compete against all the other children from the Oasis family. Oasis Academy Warndon are also offering prizes for any child who achieves the gold certificate level of 800 minutes exercise in the month of March!

You need to:

- Record every bit of exercise you do during the month of March. It could be your PE lessons, yoga, a home workout or even going for a walk.
- At the end of March, complete the survey which we will send out so we can find out how much activity you have done!

# MINUTES MOVING COMPETITION

Share your activities with your teacher by taking a  
[#healthyselfie!](https://twitter.com/healthyselfie)

How many minutes of  
exercise can you do?

Complete from  
500 - 1000+ minutes of  
activity over the month  
for a guaranteed **Bronze**,  
**Silver** or **Gold** Certificate!

### How to enter

Your school will send you a  
quick Microsoft Forms quiz  
to fill out where you can tell  
us all about your activity!

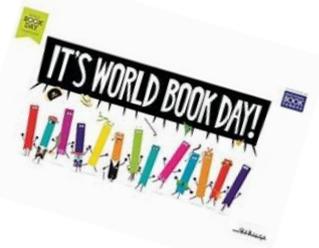


1st March - 26th March



## World Book Day

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March, it is World Book Day. We have adapted the day to make sure that we can still send a powerful and positive message about books and reading, even in lockdown. We would love for your child to dress up as their favourite book character at home.



Please send any pictures to the year group email addresses and twitter (@oasiswarndon). Your child's class teacher will be posting some fun World Book Day activities into the 'General' channel on Thursday for you to have a go at. This will include a bed time story from the Senior Leadership Team! We hope you enjoy the activities and do not forget to keep reading!

We will be giving pupils £1 book vouchers to spend on a book of their choice on their return to school.

## Book Vending Machine



Warndon is very excited to launch our new, fabulous 'Book Vending Machine'.

The machine is all set up and ready for the children to use on return to school. The children will earn tokens by reading regularly and getting 100% on their Accelerated Reader quizzes.

Once the children have 10 tokens, they will receive a gold coin which can be used to pay for a book from the machine. The book can be taken home to read, shared among friends and family and enjoyed by the community. We are very thankful to the FOO for making this possible by contributing towards the price of books. We are looking forward to seeing who gets a gold coin first!



## Red Nose Day 2021

# COMIC RELIEF

Friday March 19th– Comic Relief Day– Calling all superheroes!! We will be having a superhero dress/non uniform day in aid of Comic Relief. Donations can be made via

ParentPay or cash in school. There will be lots of fun events including discos for the younger years and quizzes for the older years. We are also looking at making a joke reel! Keep your eyes peeled for more information.

Check out Mrs Finnimore's  
Comic Relief video here.



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## Music News

We've had the fantastic opportunity to join with all other Primary Academies in taking part in the 'Oasis Lockdown Music Challenge'. Here our children from years 1-6 could submit their work in up to three categories - Solo performance, Original song and Production track.

These submissions have now been entered and will go off to a panel of esteemed judges from the Music world to collaborate and give feedback on particular pieces from all our academies that they single out as being particularly successful. These chosen pieces will be showcased in a collaboration of content shown across all Oasis, as well as prizes given for their outstanding hard work and dedication. Will we have some winners from some of our lovely students here at Oasis Warndon...? Keep your ears open to find out soon!

Either way, Mr. Blow is incredibly impressed and proud at the dedication and enthusiasm of the many candidates who've taken the time to take part within our school, and is so delighted to see the creative music making that is going on at home- keep it up!



# Attendance Week!

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> March
Design a superhero cape for Comic Relief! 	 Rock, Paper, Scissors School Battle!	 Biscuit Day!	Double Raffle Ticket Day! 	Comic Relief non-uniform/dress as a superhero day! 

### Are you worried about a child?

It's normal to feel frustrated, worried or angry about the situation, but it can be hard to know how to communicate in these very emotional or angry moments. This advice aims to support you when your child has angry feelings or outbursts and may help you start a conversation and talk about each other's feelings

Very Angry - Stay calm. Stay safe. walk away if possible and make sure you don't engage with your child until you are both calm. Frustrated -

Reflect what you can see in your child. 'I can see that you're angry/upset' 'I understand that this might be difficult for you.' 'I understand when you did x this made you feel..

Calm – Use this time to explore your concerns and ask questions like “what happened here? How did you feel?” If there has been lots of conflict reassure them and remind them that you still love and care about them.

For more advice visit [Supporting Parents Helpfinder \(youngminds.org.uk\)](https://www.youngminds.org.uk)

**YOUNG MINDS**  
fighting for young people's mental health

## Where Can I Access Support and Advice?

We have collated details of local and national organisations to help you access support and services during the coronavirus pandemic. This list will be regularly updated, and was correct at the time it was written.

- **Oasis Warndon Community Hub** - Facebook page: as typed above, email: [CommunityHub@oasiswarndon.org](mailto:CommunityHub@oasiswarndon.org)
- **Official Government Advice Website** - <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>
- **NHS 111 Coronavirus Service** - <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>
- **Worcestershire County Council Here2Help** - <http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help>
- **Worcestershire Health Visitors** - 0300 123 9551