



The Oaklands Primary School
A NINESTILES ACADEMY



NEWSLETTER
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year. I trust you had a relaxing and fun holiday with your children.

We have an exciting year ahead of us at The Oaklands. We will be continuing to work with Unicef as we strive to become a Rights Respecting School. Later this term we will invite you in so that you can find out more. As part of our commitment to the arts we will be working with City of Birmingham Orchestra on a big project and children in Y2 and Y3 will be supported by a professional dance and drama teacher from Artis. Across school we will be learning about the importance of talk and drama to help with our writing skills.

Sport is another important part of our curriculum for the year ahead. We will be adding running to our after-school

clubs now that we have a new running loop around our grounds, provided by Run Birmingham. We will continue to offer a wide range of sporting opportunities, clubs, competitions and trips.

Ensuring children are skilled in the use of technology to support their learning will be another key focus. We will be sharing a new online learning platform with you shortly alongside a relaunch of a dedicated pupil area on our school website.

Learning Powers and PATHS will continue to provide our children with the skills they need to play a full and active role in school.

It's going to be busy and we will have lots of fun! We all look forward to sharing the journey with you.

Mr Davis

KEY DATES

12/9/16—Eid

3/10/16—Ninestiles Academy Trust Awards Evening

4/10/16 & 5/10/16—Parent Consultation Evenings

21/10/16—School closes for half-term

1/11/16—School opens to pupils

16/12/16—School closes for Christmas break

Eid ul Adha

Happy Eid Muburak to all our families and staff who will be celebrating on Monday 12th September. If you are celebrating on Monday we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday. We will be having an Eid party on the afternoon of Friday 16th. Please send in party food and party clothes to change into on the day.

Thank you.

Water bottles

As advised before the break we will now be asking that children take water bottles home for cleaning. We will send **all** water bottles home every Friday. If you wish for your child to take their bottle home daily we ask that you ensure they return them the next day. **Please only send water in the bottles.** Thank you for your support.



Zebra Crossing on Dolphin Lane

Following discussions with parents and our Academy Council, we raised our concerns in the summer with Jess Philips MP about the safety of our children on Dolphin Lane due to the speed of traffic near our school. We were delighted to return to school and hear that a zebra crossing is planned for outside school. This is a great example of our community working together to ensure the very best for our children and families. It is anticipated that the crossing will be completed by spring 2017.



Parking

Please consider others when you are parking outside school. We have received several complaints from neighbours and parents. Cars must not enter the carpark when dropping off or collecting children. Please avoid parking on the school markings or blocking in local residents. This will ensure that our children are safe at the beginning and end of each day. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Learning Ambassadors

Our children have been working hard on their Learning Powers. To celebrate we have chosen some excellent role models as our Learning Ambassadors. We will be taking them to the theatre to see Roald Dahl's 'George's Marvellous Medicine' play to say thank you for their excellent attitude to learning last year.

Congratulations to all our winners!



Our Learning Ambassadors are:

Faith (2M) Aiden (6C) Delava (2M) Sophie (4B)
Emilia (1S) Laiba (5D) Lexie (2S) Jack (3EB)
Jake (1P) Kayur (3AB) Keisha (1P) Hayden (1P)
Anneliese (6C) Mahwash (5D) Eplu (RM)
Victoria (1P) Moustafa (1P) Nisha (2M)
Kushnoor (2S) Faahim (3EB) CJ (3AB) Cailum (4B)
Tasneem (4T) Jadon (5D) Maisey (6C)

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

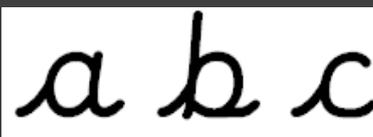
CHANGE OF DETAILS

Please ensure that you inform the school office if you change your address or contact details. This enables us to keep all our records up-to-date and ensures we are able to contact you when required. We will also be asking for an email address so that we can share information with you more quickly. Thank you!



Cursive Script

We have introduced a new handwriting style for our children to help them develop fluency in writing. All letters start on the line which is easier for children to remember. To find out how you can support your child please ask your class teacher for advice.



Y6 Secondary Transfer Drop-in Session 9:00 - 9:30