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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2023

We have had a very good start to our new year, with children approaching their journey into 2023 with enthusiasm and enjoyment.

As we start a new term I would just like to inform you of the key dates /events planned for the Spring term as well as provide some general information/reminders.

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

Many children were delighted and very proud of receiving their attendance badges, certificates and prizes at the end of last term (please encourage your child to wear their bronze badge every day!) We hope to have many more prize winners at the end of the spring term.

Covid 19 - Please note that the DFE guidance for Covid 19 is very clear in stating that children should be attending school as much as possible.

Holidays – may we remind you that requests for holidays must be submitted at least 6 weeks before the holiday is due to take place. Following new guidance, the vast majority of holidays will be subject to a fixed penalty.

### **Punctuality**

It is essential that your child is punctual in their arrival to the Academy. Lessons start at 8.50am and so all should be in their classrooms by 8.45am. Every minute counts!

Despite the need for punctuality children should not be arriving at the Academy before 8.25am.

### **Uniform**

Once again I'd like to thank families for the support given to our uniform policy. Our high expectations for uniform contributes to our culture of high expectation in everything we do, however, we are currently having some issues with a number of pupils not having PE kit. It is an expectation that every child has full PE kit – white OCPPA T-shirt, black shorts and plimsolls.

During the spring term, all classes will be studying gymnastics and shorts must be worn for these sessions – not jogging bottoms or leggings.

PE kit needs to be in the Academy every day. Please can you ensure your child has full PE kit by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Car Parking**

Thank you for the support of so many parents in our request to NOT use Orde Avenue as a drop off / pick up area. We still have a number of families still choosing to park on Orde Avenue at the start and end of the Academy day, which is causing a risk to the safety and wellbeing of our children and families. The highway signage and markings clearly indicate that Orde Avenue should not be used for parking. We simply ask that parents/carers comply!

### **Cycles and skateboards**

It is great that we have so many children travelling to school in ways that contribute to healthy lifestyles. Please can we ask parents/carers to help us in reminding children to not ride cycles and scooters on the academy site, particularly at the end of Academy day.

### **Reading Champions**

Following the success of our Reading Champions programme during 2022, we are keen to recruit Reading Champions (volunteers who help support children practise their reading skills). If you feel you could help us please contact Mrs Watkins as soon as possible. Please note volunteers will be expected to have a full DBS check.

### **Book Fair**

Thank you for the tremendous support given to the Book Fair which took place in December. As a result the Academy gained over 70 free books which the children will be able to enjoy. We look forward to a similar event in March 2023.

### **Dates for Your Diary**

23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Phase 3 After School Clubs start
24 <sup>th</sup> January	Class Group Photographs
06 <sup>th</sup> February	Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy Eco Week
10 <sup>th</sup> February	End of Spring Term 1
27 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evening
02 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day and Book Fair
06 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic Relief Day
31 <sup>st</sup> March	End of Spring Term 2

Yours sincerely



Mrs K Rutherford

Principal