

E-Bulletin

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Dear Parents/Carers

Another very busy two weeks have flown by! Read on to find out about our National Poetry Day celebrations, parents forum and FOALs activities.

If you missed the *Maths With Parents* meeting on Friday, please don't worry. Your child's teachers can give you details of how to register online and the first activity will be posted on Friday.

National Poetry Day

We had a fantastic time this week playing with words, rhyme and rhythm and enjoying poems. On Wednesday all children took part in a fun activity to inspire their poems. Year 5 for example enjoyed a potions workshop, reception went on an autumn forage and Year 4 toasted marshmallows round a bonfire.

Children recorded their ideas as they took part in these activities and wrote their poems the following day. On Friday the whole school shared their poems in a special performance during assembly. Please ask your child about the poem they wrote

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FOALs

Friends of Oasis Academy held their AGM last week. It was a chance to say an enormous thankyou to Vicky and Chris who have done a fantastic job of supporting the school over recent years. A new group of people are now taking the helm and are looking for people to join and help raise as much money as possible so that we can provide amazing experiences and opportunities for our children. FOALs have already planned some exciting events including:

- **Halloween Disco : October 19th**
(The team will be selling tickets on Friday's 3pm and Wednesday's 8.30am)

FOALs have also kindly agreed to fund a pantomime for the whole school next term.

If you can help please contact Clair Thorpe, Laura Self and Alice Neate

Helping In School

Thank you so much to all parents who have let me know that they would be able to spare some time to help in our school.

Parents know their children better than anyone else and it makes an enormous difference when you are able to offer support.

We need people to help in many different ways including,

- Accompanying classes on trips (without enough adults some trips have had to be cancelled)
- Cooking with small groups of children (from time to time) in our teaching kitchen
- Gardening with small groups of children
- Reading with individuals.

If you are able to help with reading, perhaps for one hour a week please come to a meeting on Friday 5th October at 9.00.

Harvest Festival

We will be holding our harvest festival on Wednesday 3rd October.

This is a time when we encourage staff and children to think about others who are facing hardship and give what they can spare.

This year we will be collecting for the Foodbank and a volunteer from the foodbank will be coming to talk to children.

Please bring any tinned or dried goods which you can spare as a contribution. Tinned fruit and veg, fruit juice, pasta, and soup are always much appreciated



Parents' Forum

We held our first parents' forum of the year on Thursday morning. These meetings happen termly and are a chance for us to share ideas and work together to provide the best opportunities we can for our children.

On Thursday's meeting I shared some of our improvement priorities for the coming year. These include developing engaging and creative writing, teaching times tables, helping children improve behaviour for learning and enriching provision with music and art.

Parents have told me that they would like to know how to help children with phonics and handwriting, and how to help children learn their times tables.

We will hold a session for all parents about how to help children with phonics and handwriting on Tuesday 16th October from 3.00-3.30. We will plan a session on how to support with multiplication tables for early in term 2.

Coming Up Soon

DATE	DETAILS
3rd October	Harvest festival– please give generously
12th October	School closed for Teacher Development day
16th October	Phonics meeting YR-Y2
19th October	FOALS Halloween Disco– more details to follow
20th October	Trowbridge Carnival-please support Year 5 who are in the procession
23rd October	Sharing learning in classes– from 2.30
24th October	Last day of term 1.