



OPJS Newsletter

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Dear Parent/Carer,

First and foremost I hope all is well and welcome to the second OPJS Newsletter of our rather interesting year! It continues to be positive round and about school and I have been so impressed at how our children have embraced the 'new normal'. As we do get further into term we are tweaking a few things here and there, within the relevant guidance of course, to try and ensure that we provide the best education we can – regardless of the challenges! As ever, many thanks for your support in this and for you playing your part. Here goes with a few updates, reminders and a few dates for the diary.

Testing Times!

As you may be aware we have had a number of children and parents/carers recently undertake a COVID test. I'm afraid this is the new normal and will, understandably, be happening on an even more regular basis. Given this, we will of course inform you if there is a positive test and, with support from Public Health England and NHS Test and Trace, follow the appropriate course of action.

OPJS Update

- 📌 All of our year groups have made their respective 'Spectacular Starts' to their Theme this term. Indeed, Year 5 have a problem as their theme is 'Honey, I've shrunk the class!', Year 3 are heading 'Under the Sea', there's 'Gainsborough's Glorious Bath' in Year 4 and Year 6 are 'Fighting for their rights!'. Do keep an eye out for the letter from your class teacher with regards to what your child will be covering as well as specific information such as PE days etc.
- 📌 Given the current situation and restrictions with regards to school trips, we won't be asking for our usual school trip payment this year. Instead we will use the 'pay as you go' method and when school trips are back online we will ask you for your contribution then.
- 📌 I hope that the OPJS Home and School Agreement that we sent out earlier this week met you well. It is really important that you do read, sign and return it to school as it shows all of our commitment to ensure your child reaches their potential. As part of the agreement there is a section that focusses upon the use of the internet and children accessing websites. Unfortunately we have been informed that there has been an issue with Tik Tok whereby disturbing videos are being shared. Please do ensure that your child is safe and refrains from going on these websites.
- 📌 I have asked our children to have a go at redesigning and renaming the rather tired Stadium. I'm looking forward to seeing what they produce and our School Council will shortlist the best designs that will then be up for the vote. I'll keep you updated!
- 📌 Just a note that our Value of the Month is 'Respect' and we will be covering this extensively in our assemblies.
- 📌 I hope you managed to see the article in the latest edition of Bath Parent magazine. A snapshot is opposite of the article.



A Year 6 pupil at Oldfield Park Junior School in Bath has painted a stunning picture of the school as a thank you for her time there.

Evelyn was asked to create the painting by Headteacher, Dave Goucher, who explained, "Evelyn joined us late this academic year, pretty much just two months or so prior to lockdown. However, in that short period of time it was clear that she was a very talented artist. Indeed, the portrait of OPJS wasn't her first masterpiece. I asked her one day if she could have a go at drawing our school and, hey presto, this was the result!"

"I joined OPJS a couple months before the lockdown and my time there, while short, was very enjoyable and fun," added Evelyn. "I had a lot of fun creating the painting of the school, I must be honest in that I was very nervous as this was the first time I had painted a building but thankfully it turned out pretty good."

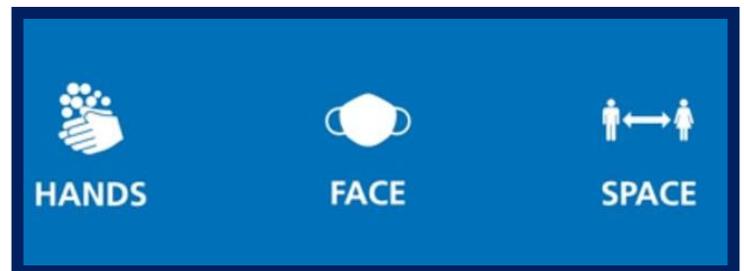
Hot Pots are GO!

As the weather becomes more Autumnal I asked Chartwells to have a look at their menu and see if they could fast track and put some hot food on for our children. I'm pleased to inform you that Jackie and the team will be providing hot food from Monday, starting with pizza and wedges. A snapshot of the menu is below and Steve will send the complete menu for the next three weeks as part of his legendary community email. Finally, the cost of a school meal remains £2.35 and please pay through the School Money App in advance.

Week Beginning Monday 14 th September 2020					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Main Dish	Cheese and Tomato Pizza** with Potato Wedges Served in a takeaway box	Beef Burger with Potato Wedges Served in a white paper bag	Roast Turkey Bap Roast Potatoes Served in a white paper bag	Beef Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta Served in a takeaway box	Fish Fingers and Chips Served In a white paper bag
Vegetables	Carrot & Cucumber Sticks Served in a white paper bag	Cucumber Sticks Served in a white paper bag	Peas Sweetcorn Served in a white paper bag	Tomato Wedges Pepper Sticks Served in a white paper bag	Peas Sweetcorn Served in a white paper bag
Desserts	Raspberry Yoghurt Cake	Shortbread Biscuit with Peach Slices	Flapjack with Fruit Slices *	Chocolate Apricot Brownie	Vanilla Ice Cream

Just a few reminders and a few tweaks

- 📌 We are continuing with **year group bubbles** which is working well.
- 📌 We have opened up a few cloakrooms to create more space in classrooms as it was getting rather cluttered in class.
- 📌 We actively encourage Y6 to walk home as it does prepare them for secondary school. This has been really helpful at the moment as it does ease congestion at the end of the day. In a similar vein, I am more than happy for Y5 children to either walk home or part of the way as long as you are happy too.
- 📌 **Uniform** is looking great but please could we ensure that hairstyles are appropriate and do remember that children will need to wear OPJS PE kit to school on their allotted PE day.
- 📌 **Social distancing** continues in line with DfE guidance and please remember 'Hands, Face and Space'.



And finally,

Once again, thank you for your continued support and have a great weekend, stay safe and take care.

With every good wish,

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