



OPJS Newsletter

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Well what a great start to the return from Lockdown#3! A HUGE well done to all for making it such a seamless return to OPJS and thank you for your continued support as well as following our routines! Indeed, it is really important that we keep going with washing hands, keeping our space and ensuring that we follow the rules in terms of mixing with other households. Let's catch up on all of the news as well as a few dates that we can look forward to.

OPJS Update

- With the whole school returning it was great to have another 'Spectacular Start' with the amazing 'The Heist'! Well done to all for getting stuck in as well as to Mr Dack for putting the film together! Some great work has been produced that's for sure!
- It was super to catch up with our Term 2 Learning Heroes as well as Lockdown #3 Legends. I hope all nigh on fifty children enjoy well deserved certificates and book tokens! Here's to Term 4's Learning Heroes!
- Speaking of heroes, well Pearl finished her amazing fundraising effort and managed to raise a whopping £9637.62 for Save the Children. What a cracking achievement and well done to Pearl and Elliot as well as their support team for this remarkable feat!
- Still on the fundraising and heroes theme, a big well done to William and Daniel pictured opposite who raised £600 for Julian House as part of the Big Sleep Out! Great work #TeamBrown as it was rather chilly last Friday night that's for sure! Here's the link if you would like to make a donation to the Just Giving page:
[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/SL-BROWN?utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transaction_transactional -- donation received -- nth_donation&utm_content=955978a6-a28e-4cc1-973d-b5e748a5fae5&utm_medium=email&utm_source=postoffice&utm_term=1615137783201](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/SL-BROWN?utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transaction_transactional--donation_received--nth_donation&utm_content=955978a6-a28e-4cc1-973d-b5e748a5fae5&utm_medium=email&utm_source=postoffice&utm_term=1615137783201)
- Compared to previous years we had a somewhat limited World Book Day – although it was fair to say that we did have a good time regardless! Indeed, I did rather enjoy my hot choc! Well done to one and all and we're looking forward to our own OPJS Book Day, whereby we will be asking for



book donations, in the Summer term. On that, if you do have unwanted books then please do send them in as they will help our library enormously!

- Many thanks to Jo of the PTA who held a second hand uniform sale last week. If you do need anything then please do not hesitate to contact Jo by emailing her at jobranston@yahoo.com.
- Just some cheeky good news in that we will be visiting Mill on the Brue twice over the next year! Indeed, our current Y4 will be heading off in September 2021 and next year's Y4 will be visiting in March 2022! Great news and Miss Fox will be in touch further!
- OPJS has signed up for the Times Tables Rock Stars competition that's taking place between the 12th and 18th March. It looks rather splendid and all you need is to use your log in and off we go!



The banner features a central white speech bubble with the text "ROCK DOWN RELIEF UK" in red. To the right, a red circle contains the text "COMIC RELIEF RED NOSE DAY". The background is teal with various colorful stars and shapes. Below the main text, there is a section for "Timings" with the following details:

Start date:	End date:	Daily open times:
12th March 2021, 09:30	18th March 2021, 15:00	09:30 - 15:00

At the bottom of the banner, it states: "Your school is now enrolled in this competition"

- Well it's not often you get the accolade of being the person who has named a waterslide. Opposite is a rather splendid slide called 'Cadence' which is the name that Rudy in Y4 came up with! It's fair to say you won't see it down Bath Sports Centre that's for sure, rather in villas in tropical places! Needless to say, it's a great claim to fame Rudy and well done you!



- It's great to see the OPJS Forest School swing back into action and do look out for when it is your child's year group's turn. As always, many thanks to Mr Parsonage for running the days as well as to Mrs Van Roy for organising.

- ☒ Please find below a reminder of the timings for drop off and pick up and many thanks for sticking to the timings so that we avoid any congestion.

School Timings		
Group	Drop Off	Pick Up
Y4 & Y6	8.30am-8.40am	3pm-3.10pm
Y3 & Y5	8.45am-8.55am	3.15pm-3.25pm

- ☒ Although all of our children have returned back to school, it is easy to forget that other restrictions still apply and are in force. On that, please can we continue to keep to the guidance and ensure that we keep ourselves to ourselves and only meet people in line with the guidance, visit parks at quieter times of the day and ensure that there are no sleepovers arranged.

Home Testing

Just a reminder that from 1 March 2021, members of households, childcare or support bubbles of school staff and pupils are able to get home testing kits to carry out twice-weekly tests. Please note that this is voluntary. If you're a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of staff or a pupil you can get a twice-weekly test:

- ☒ Through your employer if they offer testing to employees.
- ☒ At a local test site.
- ☒ By collecting a home test kit from a test site.
- ☒ By ordering a home test kit online.

Please do not contact school as we will not be ordering or distributing these tests. Further information can be found by following this link:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff?utm_source=1%20March%202021%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

To find a test site to collect your home test kits please use the following link:

<https://find-covid-19-rapidtest-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk>

If you are undertaking home tests and it does return a positive, you must follow up with the PCR test.

Indeed, the DfE guidance states:

All positive results from rapid tests undertaken at home do need to be confirmed with a standard PCR test. This is because these tests are not conducted in a controlled environment and will not have trained staff on hand. Following positive LFD test at home, a confirmatory PCR test should be booked online or by calling 119. Whilst awaiting the PCR result, the pupil or student and their close contacts should self-isolate. If the PCR test is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD test (at home only) and a child can return to school.

Dates for the diary

Just a few reminders are below as well as a few new dates:

March: Start of Women History Month

We will be looking at this throughout March and do follow the link to find out more:

<https://womenshistorymonth.gov/>

Sunday 14th March: Virtual Bath Half

Wednesday 17th March: Y3 Forest School

Thursday 18th March: Global Recycling Day

Friday 19th March: Comic Relief Red Nose Day

We will be keeping it simple by asking children to wear a splash of red in return for a small contribution of a £1 for this great cause.

Monday 22nd March: World Water Day

Wednesday 24th March: Y5 Forest School

Wednesday 31st March: Y6 Forest School

Monday 29th and Wednesday 31st March: Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings via Zoom!

Details will follow from Steve in due course regarding booking a time.

Thursday 1st April: Easter Competitions and end of Term 4

We will be celebrating the end of our rather busy Term 4 with our annual and legendary Easter Competitions! Here are the categories:

For Children

-  Make an Easter Decoration (i.e. Bonnet, Easter scene)
-  Decorate an Easter Egg (preferably hard boiled!)
-  Make an Easter Card.
-  Decorate an Easter Digestive Biscuit.

All children who take part will receive a little Easter treat! The children will be competing against their own year groups, and will be judged on originality of design, creativity and effort. All judging will take place in the respective bubbles and will be COVID secure!

For Adults

-  Make and decorate an Easter Cake

You will need to follow the usual recipe from local lass Mary Berry which can be accessed by following this link: https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/mary_berrys_perfect_34317 Decoration wise, well it's over to you!

Monday 19th April: Start of Term 5

And finally,

What a cracker of a full first week back and here's to more of the same over the next three weeks!

With every good wish,

Mr Dave Goucher

Headteacher.

