

OPJS Newsletter

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the second OPJS Newsletter of the term and what a busy and eventful start to term it has been! Let's catch up on all of the OPJS news by starting off with our very special day yesterday.

Remembrance at OPJS

It was a poignant day at OPJS yesterday as we remembered those affected by war, the fallen and, of course, the thirty-three OPJS and South Twerton boys who went to war and never came back. As part of this we laid a wreath in the Oldfield Park Memorial Garden, paid our respects at our WWI Memorial and raised over £300 for the Royal British Legion. On that, thank you for your support and generosity, especially during these challenging times. Finally, we all





respectfully observed the two-minute silence as well as participated in a special assembly organised by Mrs Green. Many thanks to her and the powerpoint can be found on the History subject page on our website:

https://www.oldfieldparkjuniorschool.com/925/subject-information/subject/21/history-mrs-green A snapshot of a tweet is above as well as a lovely picture of some Forest School Remembrance Art.

OPJS Update

- Following the recent announcement by the government we have decided to postpone the forthcoming four week clubs session. Although there has been a subsequent change/u-turn in the guidance whereby clubs can take place, I have decided that we should follow the original guidance.
 - Club leaders have been in touch with the relevant update in that some have decided to cancel, offer refunds or rearrange. Needless to say, I am hopeful we can have our clubs back early in the New Year.
- There have been a few more 'Spectacular Starts' and a snapshot of Y5 on board OPJS Airways as they head away to who knows where?!?!



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Prior to the announcement we did manage to squeeze in a bit of sport as our Y4 Cross Country Squad participated in the BaNES Y3/4 Cross Country Championships. The squad did exceptionally well with the boys finishing second overall and girls





fourth in the team section. Moreover, Jonny won the boys' race and Lexie-Mae came third! Snapshots of both Lexie-Mae and Jonny, as well as the whole team are above.

- Thank you for your support of our Christmas Card fundraising efforts as it has brought in a whopping £545.23! HUGE well done and thank you to all and to the staff and Mrs Van Roy for organising. The funds will be used to support art activities in our school and thank you for your support!
- After a rather bumpy start to our Parent/Carer Zoom Consultation Evening, it all went rather well in the end! Your child's teacher will be in touch with a new Zoom code and here's to this evening's meetings! Thank you for your support and please do not hesitate to contact the school office or your child's teacher if you have any questions or queries.
- Mrs Cannandine Librarian Extraordinaire has managed to organise our usual Book Fair regardless of the fact that we're in lockdown! Hurrah! The selection of books can be found by following the link below:

https://oldfieldjunior.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/document/The-Book-Fair.pdf?t=1605111132?ts=1605111412

Dates for the Diary

Here's some dates for the diary:

- Today: Parent/Carer Consultation Evening (Except Riddell Class) and Y6 Forest School
- Tomorrow: Children in Need

We would usually be having a Pudsey mufti however we have decided to support Joe Wicks by being a bit physical! Indeed, we will be holding an OPJS Skipping Challenge Fundraiser on Tuesday 15th December instead. The money raised will be split between Children in Need, The Anti-Bullying Alliance and OPJS PTA. Mr Newman will be in touch with all the details next week!

- Monday 16th November: Skipping Workshop, Anti-Bullying Week and OPJS at Jamie's Farm all week!
- Thursday 19th November: Y3 Forest School and Y5 Cookery
- Friday 20th November: Anti Bullying Alliance Odd Sock Day
 For a bit of fun we would like our children to wear odd socks to mark the end of Anti-Bullying
 Week. No money is required to be brought in, rather a bit of fun!

And finally,

Once again many thanks for your support and what a busy week! Here's to many more! Keep going, keep smiling and please do keep safe and take care.

With every good wish,

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Headteacher.

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COVID-19 information

A quick guide for parents and carers



Please follow the advice in this guide. Only contact the school if your child is having a test and to let us know the result. Your school will not be able to advise beyond the information given here. Please remember to only get tested if you have COVID-19 symptoms.

YOU SHOULD BOOK A TEST IF YOUR CHILD HAS:

a high temperature

This means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure their temperature)

This means coughing a lot for more than an hour or three or more episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough it may be worse thanusual)

Or a new continuous cough Or a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste

This means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child DOES NOT have symptoms of COVID-19 but has other cold-like symptoms, such as a runny nose, they do not need to be tested and they or members of your household do not need to self-isolate. Your child can attend school if fit to do so.

What to do if	Action needed	When can my child return to school?
My child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms	 Do not send your child to school Book a test for your child Whole household & support bubble to self-isolate Inform school immediately about test result 	If test is negative and child is well enough, and not advised to self-isolate by test and trace service
My child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	 Do not send your child to school Child to self-isolate for at least 10 days from when symptoms started (orfrom day of test if no symptoms) Inform school immediately about test results Whole household & support bubble to self-isolate for 14 days from day when symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms) 	They can return to school after 10 days as long as they have not had a fever in the previous 48 hours. They can return after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell / taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone

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Whatto do if	Action needed	Whencenmy child return to school?
Somebody in my household & support bubble has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms	Do not send your child to school Household & support bubble member with symptoms to book a test Whole household & support bubble to self-isolate while waiting for test result Inform school immediately about test results	When household & support bubble member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms and if child has not been advised to self isolate by test and trace services
Somebody in my household & support bubble has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	Do not send your child to school Whole household & support bubble to self-isolate for 14days from day when symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if they test negative during those 14days Inform school immediately about test result	When they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without symptoms. They must self-isolate for 14 days even if they test negative during that time
NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact'	Do not send your child to school Child to self-isolate for 14days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace)—even if they test negative during those 14days Rest of household & support bubble does not need to self-isolate, unless they are also a 'close contact'	When they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without symptoms. They must self-isolate for 14 days even if they test negative during that time
Your child has been in contact with someone who has been identified as a 'close contact	Attend school as normal If your child does not have any COVID-19 symptoms they should carry on with normal activities	Attend school as normal
We / my child has travelled abroad and has to self-isolate.	Do not send your child to school Whole household & support bubble to self-isolate for 14days – even if they test negative during those 14 days Travel reminders:	When the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days
	Do not take unauthorised leave in term time Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel Provide information to school as per attendance policy	
We have received advice from a medical / official sourcethat my childmust resume shielding	Do not send your child to school. Contact school as advised by attendance officer/pastoral team Child to shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again	When school / other agencies inform youth at restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again

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