



OPJS Newsletter

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the fifth OPJS Newsletter of this rather interesting, but equally as busy, term. I hope that you and yours are well during this ever changing time. It continues to be a positive time at OPJS and many thanks for your support. Here we go with our update!

OPJS Update and Reminders

First and foremost, thank you for all of your amazing Harvest donations! It was certainly back breaking stuff getting all those tins and packets up to Sainsbury's that's for sure! It was quite humbling to be fair and such an amazing indication of our community's generosity. A HUGE thank you as I know it will make a massive difference during these extremely challenging times! A snapshot of the two full trollies, a full container and a mini Goucher is opposite.



We welcomed Max from ITV West Country as they interviewed our three amazing amigos regarding the Clean Air Zone proposed by BaNES. It is fair to say that Flo, Poppy and Cara did our school and, in fact Greta, proud! It was a super report and they were excellent putting across both points of view! Well done to them and here's to supporting and saving our environment!

This year's flu vaccination went very well on Monday and many thanks to the team at Virgin Care for popping in. If your child did miss their vaccination, then do please contact Virgin Care on 0300 247 0082 to book an appointment.

Hopefully you caught a glimpse of the email from Mrs Van Roy regarding the forthcoming Forest School opportunity for all of our children. It all sounds rather exciting and it'll be great to see so many would be Bear Grylls' doing their stuff. Keep a lookout for the snapshots and it all starts tomorrow for Year 3! Many thanks to Mrs Van Roy for organising as well as Mr Parsonage for running the activities.



📣 Our Y6 were standing up for their rights last week by holding a rather vocal protest outside OPJS. Very important and pertinent issues ranging from Black Lives Matter through to Climate Change were being, quite rightly, shouted from the rooftops! It was great to see lots of support from passers-by - in the form of constant beeping! Well done to all of our great Y6 and to Mrs Jenner and Mr Newman for being great demo organisers!

📣 Just a reminder with regards to uniform and layering as the weather turns a bit chilly! Many thanks for keeping our children looking smart!

📣 Please find opposite a quick reminder regarding drop off and pick up times. In terms of drop off, the closer to the start of your allotted time the better as it means children can get in, wash their hands and get to work.

📣 Just another reminder regarding parking and many thanks to those of you who are helping by parking away and walking into school. It really does help to make life safer and easier that's for sure!

📣 I have provisionally put in the diary Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th November for Parent/Carer Consultation which will be via Zoom! Appointments will be sent out shortly.

📣 Finally, we will be running a couple of clubs next term which will be based as their bubbles (i.e. in year groups). Further details will follow so do keep a lookout!



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

COVID Update

Following recent announcements, as well as having updated our school's risk assessment which is available on our website, just a quick reminder regarding facemasks. Many thanks to all of you who are wearing face masks at pick up time. Given that it is exceptionally challenging to keep a 2m distance inside the school grounds due to the sheer number of people, it does help and promotes a safe environment.

Dates for the Diary

Here's some dates for the diary:

📣 **Tomorrow: World Maths Day and Y3 Forest School**

📣 **Tuesday 20th October: OPJS PTA AGM at 6pm via ZOOM**

Please contact the OPJS PTA on opjspta@oldfieldparkjuniorschool.com if you would like to attend.

📣 **Thursday 22nd October: Y4 Forest School**

📣 **Friday 23rd October: End of Term 1 and PTA Mufti Day**

📣 **Monday 2nd November: Start of Term 2**

And finally,

Once again many thanks for your support and please do keep safe and take care.

With every good wish,

Mr Dave Goucher

Headteacher.

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

OR

a new continuous cough

OR



a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste

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 than usual)







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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to school Child to self-isolate for at least 10 days from when symptoms started (or from 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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What to do if...	Action needed	When can my child return to school?
Somebody in my household & support bubble has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to school Whole household & support bubble to self-isolate for 14 days from day when symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if they test negative during those 14 days 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' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to school Child to self-isolate for 14 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace) - even if they test negative during those 14 days 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' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to school Whole household & support bubble to self-isolate for 14 days - even if they test negative during those 14 days <p>Travel reminders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	When the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days
We have received advice from a medical / official source that my child must resume shielding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again