



OPJS Newsletter

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Well here we are! The thirtieth and final OPJS Newsletter of the year – and what a year it has been! To say that it has been rather a challenging, successful, different and unique year is quite an understatement and one that I won't forget in a hurry! It has been, and continues to be, a privilege being headteacher of OPJS and thank you for your support over this 'interesting' year. The following OPJS Newsletter contains a look back at this rather eventful year, an update with regards to how things will look in September and a few thank yous and farewells at the end. Here goes!

Farewells

Well we start by saying a final goodbye to our amazing Year 6. They have been such a credit to our school, even more so during this challenging time and they can be proud of themselves. We're all looking forward to the mini celebration this coming Friday and a reminder of the timings is below:

Teacher	Pod	Time
Mrs Jenner	Pod 1 (Clueless)	9.15am-10am
Mr Dack	Pod 2 (Bubbly Bears)	10.15am-11am
Mrs Jenner	Pod 3 (Squirrel Squad)	11.15am-Noon
Mr Dack	Pod 4 (Orcas)	12.15pm-1pm

After 10 very successful years we say goodbye to Mrs Tapscott who heads to pastures new at Castle Primary. Mrs T will be sorely missed by us all and, I'm sure that you will agree, she has made great contributions across the board to our school. Finally, we say goodbye to Mr Parry and, it's fair to say, the place won't be the same without him! Well it will be a little quieter! ☺

WOW! What a year!!

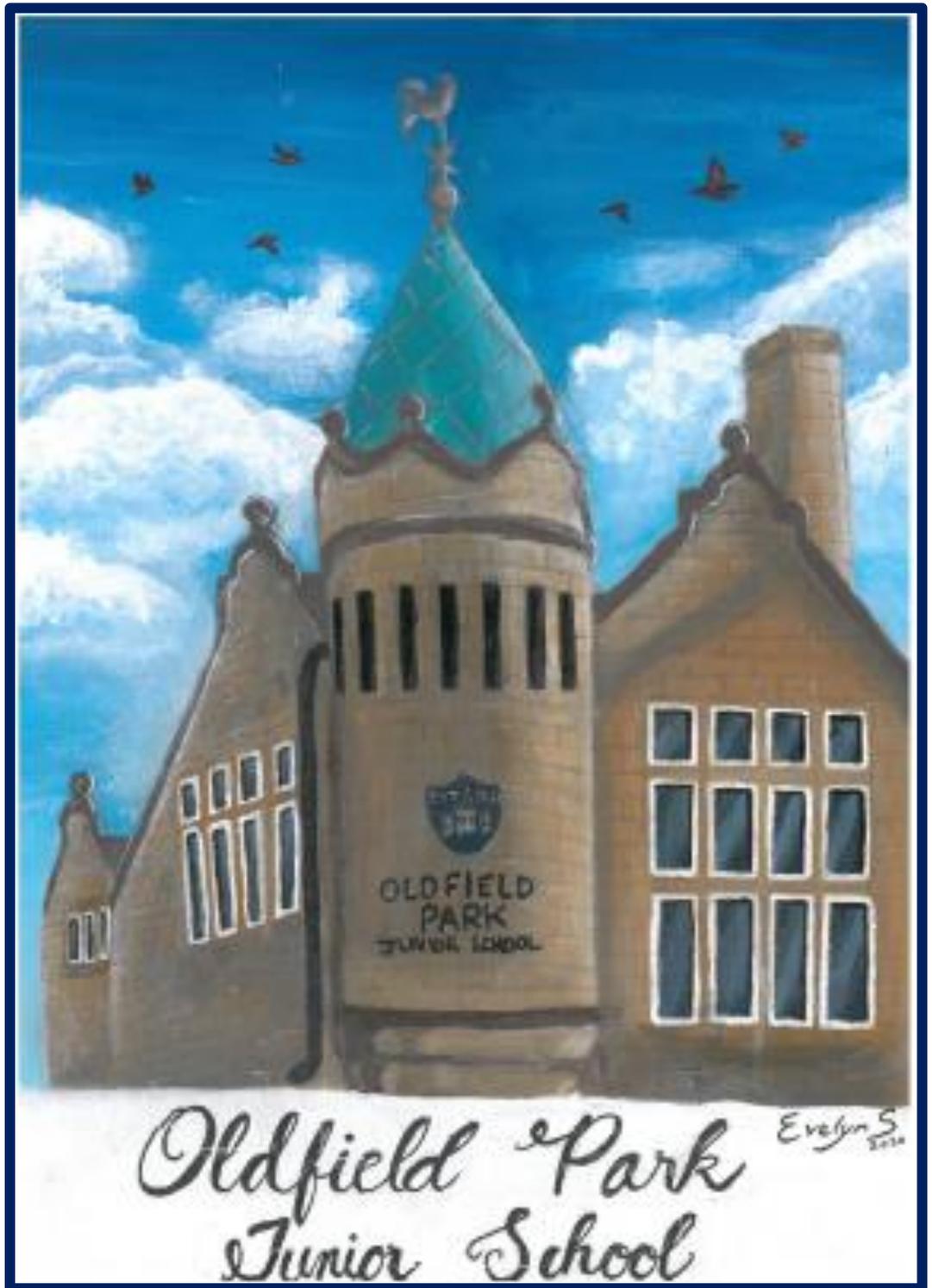
September 2019 seems so very long ago! Regardless of the current challenges, it has been an action packed and successful



OPJS Update

Here we go with a cheeky update:

- 👤 We have been busily prepping our school ready for September as well as undertaking lots of maintenance. This has included repairing guttering, installing new lights in the Stadium, sorting out our damp problems in a couple of classrooms as well as having a good old spruce! Here's to a fresh start in September!
- 👤 Evelyn in Year 6 painted a stunning picture of OPJS and it is highlighted opposite. Needless to say, we will be framing it and putting it our School Office!
- 👤 Speaking of gifts, can I just say thank you on behalf of us all for all of your kind cards, comments and gifts. It is much appreciated and very kind, Thank you.
- 👤 Mrs Cannadine has been busily sprucing the library ready for its relaunch in September. We do intend on our children using the library, in a socially distant way of course, so that reading continues in our school. On that, following feedback from the Parent/Carer questionnaire back in March, the expectation for reading will be at least three times a week. Indeed, we would rather



focus on ensuring quality over quantity and foster further a love of reading. Look out for further details regarding this and the plan of how the library will work in September.

- 📺 I had the great pleasure, along with Miss Miller and Mrs Van Roy, of having a Zoom meeting with our new Y3 parents/carers. As one chapter ends for our Year 6, another one opens as we welcome our new intake.
- 📺 Do keep an eye out on our website for the amazing Y6 Greek performance!
- 📺 I hope that the comprehensive update that I sent out last week regarding provision in September met you well. If you did miss it please do head to our website for the full details. In a nutshell, we will be welcoming back all of our children into class and, although it will be slightly different, we intend to crack on with teaching and the curriculum. A brief reminder of how it will work is below.

What will September look like? A reminder 😊

- Here's the batting order once again:

Current Year, Class and Teacher	20/21 New Year, Class and Teacher
OPIS Year 2: Squirrels	Year 3: Anthony Browne – Mrs Van Roy
OPIS Year 2: Rabbits	Year 3: Oliver Jeffers – Miss Miller
Year 3: Ghana – Mrs Tapscott	Year 4: Elizabeth Jade – Miss Fox
Year 3: Botswana – Miss Miller	Year 4: Chris Riddell – Mrs Green
Year 4 Japan Class – Mr Newman	Year 5: A.A Milne – Mr Dack
Year 4 Singapore – Mrs Samways and Miss Fox	Year 5: Dr Seuss – Mrs Samways and Miss Butler
Year 5 Fiji – Mrs Van Roy and Miss Butler	Year 6: Malorie Blackman – Mrs Jenner
Year 5 Tonga – Mrs Green	Year 6: Benjamin Zephaniah – Mr Newman

- **All** children will be expected to attend. DfE Guidance is being followed with regards to any exemptions to this: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19>
- Children will be with their respective classes and teacher(s).
- **Uniform** is compulsory although children will need to wear OPJS PE kit to school on their allotted PE day so that there's no need to change.
- Each class will have a separate break and lunch time on a designated area of the playground or field.
- We will be minimising the use of shared spaces and resources.
- Pupils will have their own resource pack provided by school. **No pencil cases.**
- There will be staggered drop off/pick up/break/lunch times – to maintain social distancing.
- There will be increased cleaning throughout the day.
- Each class will have a designated toilet.
- **No extra-curricular clubs** in Term 1.
- OPJS Breakfast Club will not run.
- YMCA Breakfast Club and After School Club will run and details will follow from Becca.
- There will be no cooked school lunches for the first three weeks so it will be packed lunches. These will be eaten in classrooms. Please ensure that packed lunches are **nut free**.
- Children entitled to Free School Meals will have a packed lunch if required.

- Children will need to bring in their **own water bottle**. There will be opportunity for children to refill their bottles at set points throughout the day.
- Children will be **outside** as often as possible.
- **Social distancing** will be in place in line with DfE guidance.
- DfE guidance has formed the basis of our plans and also notes what the school will follow with regards to any possible COVID-19 outbreak: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>
- The above guidance will be used in conjunction with advice from Public Health England. Please note that you will need to be ready and willing to:
 - book a test if you or your child is displaying symptoms. Your child must not come into the school if they have symptoms, and will be sent home to self-isolate if they develop them in school.
 - provide details of anyone you have been in close contact with if they were to test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test and Trace.
 - self-isolate if you have been in close contact with someone who develops coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19).

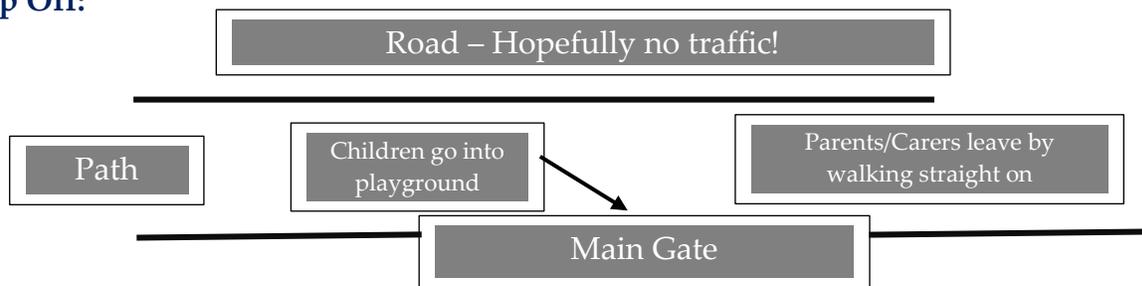


Drop off and Pick Up

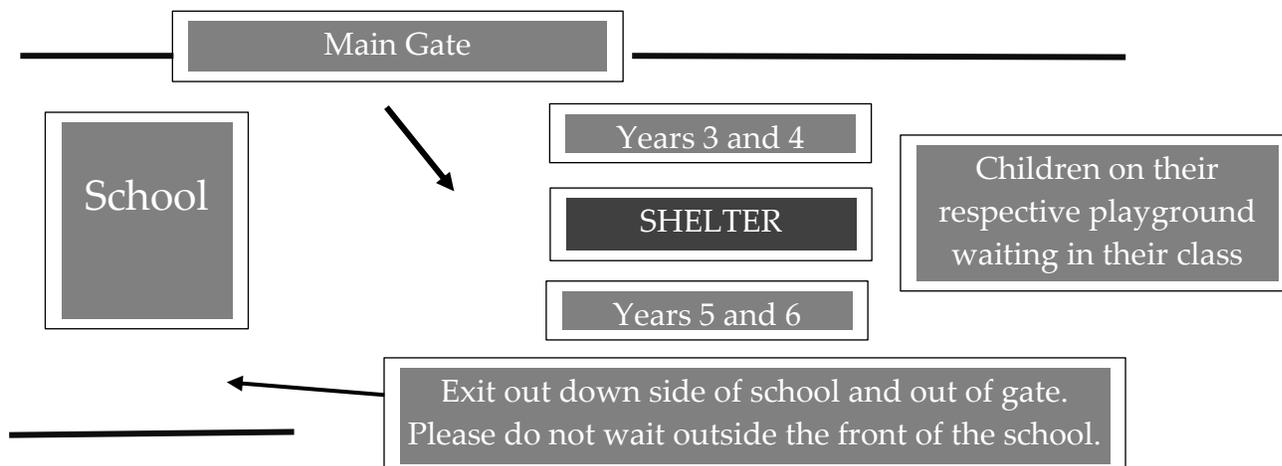
A few points:

- 🚗 Children in Years 3, 4 and 5 **must** be accompanied and collected from school by one adult. Y6 children may walk to and from school only if the permission form is completed.
- 🚗 We would like **all to walk** to school as much as possible so as to avoid any parking issues.
- 🚗 With regards to parking, we would appreciate if you intend to travel to school by car then please park away from the school and Church.
- 🚗 There will be a School Crossing Patrol.
- 🚗 **Drop Off** – Children will enter through the main gate, no parents/carers will be allowed onto the playground. Please queue outside of the main gate and observe social distancing. It's a case of simply walking up the path and dropping child at gate then walking onwards. Diagram is highlighted on the following page:

Drop Off:



 **Pick Up** – Parent/Carer entrance is through the main gate onto playground. Collect your child and leave via the top gate (the side gate at the top of the school near the office):



Drop off and Pick Up Times

Find below the drop off and pick up times. The chances are that one or two of you may have a clash of timings as you may have a child at OPIS. This is fine and not an issue as we will keep your child until they can be collected. Do please let either the School Office or your child's teacher know if this applies to you.

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

Please note: Given the number of children and parents at the end of the day, we would appreciate a swift exit off the playground to ensure a smooth flow through the school and avoid any bottlenecks.

And finally,

Once again, thank you for your continued support over the year. Just a reminder that the end of the academic year is **Friday 17th July** and the start of the next academic year is **Wednesday 2nd September**. Have a great Summer, stay safe and take care.

With every good wish,

Mr Dave Goucher

Headteacher.