



OPJS Newsletter

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Dear Parent/Carer,

First and foremost, I hope all is well with you and yours and you are safely getting out and about. Indeed, since writing to you last things have continued to change and some restrictions ease. However, at OPJS we will continue with our bubble approach as well as ensuring that we adhere to the staggered drop offs/pick-ups, our one-way system and, of course, all that handwashing! Fingers crossed things will continue to improve and we can get back to how things were before the end of the year, if not by September. Thank you for your continued support and let's catch up on all of the news!

OPJS Update

- Let's start with a big shout out to our amazing Y6 who have been superstars this week as they complete their end of KS2 assessments. Although the SATs have been cancelled this year due to the obvious, I thought it important for our children to have a go so that we can not only pass on the most up-to-date information to the secondary schools, but also ensure that parents/carers have this also. Well done to the children and I am so pleased they have been enjoying their well-earned treats! Oh and let's not forget about the amazing Y6 Activity Week that has been planned that includes a trip to Paultons' Park and Thoulstone Activity Centre as well as a Glastonbury themed festival! A HUGE thank you to the amazing Y6 team for making this week go smoothly as well as for organising a fantastic activity week.
- Sticking on the subject of assessments, just a note for the diary of Y3, Y4 and Y5 parents/carers in that we will be holding end of year assessments from Tuesday 22nd June.
- Just a note to say how great it is to see our children access the school grounds through not only playtimes and lunchtimes, but also as part of Forest School. It was great to see Y3 getting stuck into some Forest School Egyptian style last week and a snapshot is opposite. Thanks to Mr Parsonage for putting on the sessions and to Mrs Van Roy for organising.
- Just another reminder that there are still places available in Y5 Hockey (Friday), Y6 Hockey (Thursday), Y4 Little Dancers (Monday), Y3 Chess



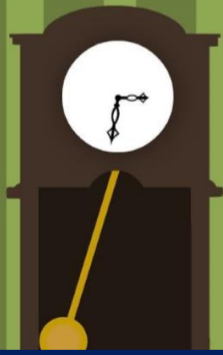

(Tuesday), Y6 Judo (Wednesday) and Y5/Y6 Football (Tuesday). Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you would like your child to sign up!

- 📢 Yes it's that time again as we welcome back the legendary Mr Newman's Maths Puzzle! Hooray! Have a look at the opposite and give it a go!
- 📢 Just a note to keep an eye out for the letter coming home next week to Years 3-5 regarding friendships and next year. Indeed, we are planning to revert back to how it was by mixing up the classes for the next academic year and, as always, we ask for each child to choose a number of friends to join them in their new class.

Term 5 Oldfield Maths Challenge

An old grandfather clock strikes once at one o'clock, twice at two o'clock and so on. Each strike lasts for one second followed by a one second break before the next strike.

How long does it take the clock to strike twelve times at midnight?



Local History Month – Update from Mrs Green

Over the last year we have all been enjoying our local geography, getting out on local walks and discovering new areas near where we live. Well, this month is Local History Month and I wanted to encourage you all to engage with our local history. We are so fortunate to live in such a beautiful city with so much history surrounding us, from the Roman Baths to the plethora of Georgian buildings at every turn in our city centre.

Our local museums are full of the stories from our past. They have had a difficult year but wouldn't it be great to get out and support both them and the Local History Month when they begin to open – subject to Government guidance - over the next few weeks. Discovery cards are probably long out of date in your purses and wallets, but most museums are honouring free entry if you can prove that you live in Bath, so pop a bill or driving license into your bag, book yourself an online slot to visit and let's get supporting our local history...

- 📢 **The Roman Baths** will reopen on 17th May and is always worth a visit to remind us of how our city first began its journey of importance.
- 📢 **The Fashion Museum** reopens on 18th May and for all of you interested in shoes, it is starting with a special world-class collection of shoes titled, 'Shoephoria!'.
- 📢 **No 1 Royal Crescent** reopens on 2nd June and has developed a new immersive experience where you will get to meet the family and servants and experience a day of the Georgian Bath season.
- 📢 **The Herschel Museum of Astronomy** reopens on 19th May and is dedicated to the Herschels who were 'distinguished astronomers as well as talented musicians'.
- 📢 **The American Museum** reopens on 21st May with a special exhibition on Britain and America in the 1970s.

- 🏛️ **The Museum of Bath Architecture** reopens on 17th May and is well worth a look for all of its architectural treasures and models of our famous city.
- 🏛️ **The Museum of East Asian Art** reopens on 19th May and is a lesser known museum in our city but squished full of beautiful East Asian treasures.

And don't forget the beautiful art galleries that we are fortunate enough to have within our city too...

- 🏛️ **The Holburne Museum** reopens on 17th May and has a number of special exhibitions running as well as their rather lovely café too! They have some half term activities organized which will need booking in advance.
- 🏛️ **The Victoria Art Gallery** reopens on 18th May with a special exhibition by Kurt Jackson highlighting issues around Biodiversity.

And don't forget all of our lovely parks and gardens which nearly all give marvellous views of our local history. Fingers crossed the weather will become more consistently warm soon and we can properly enjoy the outdoors. This is by no means an exhaustive list, just a starter! We'd love to see pictures of you and your families enjoying the local history, please do send a snapshot to

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Many thanks for the update Mrs Green and please do send photos in folks as I'd love to put a few in the OPJS Newsletter!

Dates for the diary

Here's some key dates for not only the next few weeks, but also up until the end of term!

🏛️ **Tomorrow: Class and Sports Teams photos**

Just a reminder that we have our class photos and please ensure that your child is in their school uniform and school hoodies will be allowed. On that, here's a blast from the past with a pic of our BaNES Lacrosse Winners looking rather splendid in the kit!

🏛️ **Friday 21st May: Saltford FC v OPJS Y6 FC**

Well it's been a while but we're really looking forward to restarting the footy season with a game away at Saltford! Good luck Y6!

🏛️ **Monday 24th May: Saltford v OPJS Y5 FC**

🏛️ **Tuesday 25th May: Y4 Forest School**

🏛️ **Wednesday 26th May: BANES Y6 Football Festival**



Thursday 27th May: OPJS Playday

Excitement is certainly building as we all look forward to our 'seaside' themed OPJS Playday! For those of you that are new to the school, Playday is a day of unstructured play and lots of fun. However, it will look a little different to normal as children will still be in their bubbles, due to Covid restrictions. The theme for this year is 'At the end of the OPJS Pier' (even better than the Grand Pier at Weston!) and will combine lots of Arts & Crafts and inflatables. In addition, we will be having a Food Den where children



can choose from a 'pick and mix', candy floss, or an ice cream, for just £1. Please can you therefore ensure that your child brings in **£1 cash on the day** (for the PTA to manage). To help make the day even more successful, we will be very grateful to receive donations of old cardboard and plastic bottles which will be used for 'junk modelling'. We would ask that these **donations are handed in by the end of this week** please (so that they can be placed in their own 'isolation'). Please note that the lunch menu will be amended slightly, so that Fish Fingers and Chips will be served on Thursday (instead of Friday, which means that Friday's lunch menu will be Beef Meatballs). Please note that puddings etc will remain as per detailed on the menu. The outdoor activities are of course weather dependent, but should it prove to be a warm, sunny day (fingers crossed), please do send your child in with a hat and suntan lotion applied.

Thursday 27th May: PTA meeting at 7pm

Friday 28th May: Start of Voices for Life Ontario Project

Friday 28th May: End of Term 5

Tuesday 1st June and Wednesday 2nd June: OPJS Holiday Club

Please contact Mark Gunning via email on markgunningteaching@outlook.com if you would like to book a place for your child.

Monday 7th June: Start of Term 6

Friday 18th June and Monday 21st June: INSET Days

Here's to a long weekend and please do make the most of it!

Tuesday 20th July: End of Term 6 and Academic Year

Monday 6th September: Start of Term 1 and 21/22 Academic Year

And finally,

Thank you for your continued support and here's to a great and rather busy bongo rest of term!

With every good wish,

Mr Dave Goucher

Headteacher.