



OPJS Newsletter

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the third OPJS Newsletter of the term and what an action packed week it has been – regardless of the current challenges! It almost feels like the good old days! Let's catch up on all of the news as well as what we can look forward to over the next festive four weeks.

OPJS Update

As part of our drive to keep fit, and in my case get fitter after lockdown!, Mr Newman has used some of our PE and Sports Premium to purchase a skipping rope for every child and member of staff. We welcomed Mr Rouse (SSCo) who taught us all how to skip as well as how to have some fun and games. A snapshot is opposite and thanks to Mr Newman and Mrs Edson for sorting and to Mr Rouse for skipping in!

Linked to the above, you will have received a letter all about a skipping fundraising day on Tuesday 15th December. Well, Mr Newman and I have knocked our heads together and got our creative juices flowing and we've renamed it as 'Skip to Santa'! Indeed, we are tasking each child (and member of staff btw!) to skip for at least 30 minutes! This will then cover the 2100Km from OPJS to Santa's Grotto in Lapland! We're looking to raise funds for a number of great causes that include Children in Need, The Anti-Bullying Alliance, Save the Children and our OPJS PTA. All in all, a fab four to raise funds for! Please do support as best you can as I know it's pretty challenging and thank you for your generosity and support.

Just a note to say thanks to all those who took part in a litter pick this week. About 15 bags of rubbish were collected from around the Oldfield Park/Sandpits area. The litter pick was arranged by the Oldfield FACE group (Families Acting on Climate Emergency) - a very friendly bunch. If you'd like to get involved in FACE, email Alice Boden (aliceboden@googlemail.com). Snapshots of Team Hickey and Team Oldham are above.



- ☒ Just a note to say that the proposed INSET day on Thursday 6th May has now been rearranged for the Wednesday 23rd July. Therefore, the last day of the academic year is Tuesday 22nd July.
- ☒ Our Forest School continues to go from strength to strength and I do hope that your child is coming home buzzing, if not rather muddy! Thanks to Mr Parsonage, Mrs Van Roy and all the staff for getting stuck in!
- ☒ 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 and do get your order in by Monday:

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

- ☒ Following quite a few years having to teach with some very old whiteboards, we have had seven new super all singing and dancing whiteboards installed. All rather splendid and will no doubt enhance the learning experience for our children even more!
- ☒ Speaking of an enhancing learning experience, a number of our children have spent some time at Jamie's Farm. Snapshots are below and, as you can see, they have been getting stuck in and been cracking farmers! Well done to all and thank you to Miss Butler for organising and the staff at Jamie's Farm and our staff who have made the week possible!



- ☒ Well it's fair to say that Christmas will be slightly different at OPJS this year! It's such a shame as if we cast our minds



back to last year we would be busily preparing for our Christmas performance as well as our annual appearance at the Hayesfield Concert and PAT Bath Abbey Concert. We have a few things lined up and a couple of events are listed below. Do keep a lookout as I'm sure there'll be a few more festive surprises!

Dates for the Diary

Here's some dates for the diary for the next festive four weeks :

- ☒ **Thursday 26th November: Y4 Forest School Day**
- ☒ **Thursday 3rd December: Y6 Forest School Day**
- ☒ **Monday 7th December: Y5 DT Cookery Project**
- ☒ **Thursday 10th December: Y5 Forest School Day**
- ☒ **Monday 14th December: Jack and Beanstalk Panto and Christmas Mufti ALL WEEK!**
- ☒ **Tuesday 15th December: OPJS 'Skip to Santa' Challenge**
- ☒ **Wednesday 16th December: Christmas Lunch**
- ☒ **Friday 18th December: End of term**
- ☒ **Monday 4th January: INSET Day**
- ☒ **Tuesday 5th January: Start of Term 3**

And finally,

Once again many thanks for your support and faith in what we're trying to do! Keep going, keep smiling and please do keep safe and take care.

With every good wish,

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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

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 schoolBook a test for your childWhole household & support bubble to self-isolateInform 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 schoolChild 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 resultsWhole 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 Travel reminders: <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