



# OPJS Newsletter

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## Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the final OPJS Newsletter of what has been a 'different' but, moreover, successful term! I think it is fair to say that we've all been on a bit of a journey together over the past eight weeks as we've embraced what life is like now. Needless to say, I am so very pleased and proud of everyone at Team OPJS at how we've approached school life. Here's to a well-earned and safe half term break and thank you for your continued support.

## OPJS Update and Reminders

- 📌 A couple of newsletters ago I included a fab piece of art by Elliot which was a nod to Robert Smith - ask your folks kids 😊. Needless to say, it was a cracking portrait which has been subsequently exhibited in the Black Swan Gallery. A snapshot of a very proud Elliot with his portrait is opposite. Great work fella and here's to next year's entry!
- 📌 A big well done to Alex and Ophelia who are showing off the new books opposite that they've chosen for the school library. They raised over £130 with their hair-cutting party and took a trip down to Harry's bookshop on Moorland Road to choose some fabulous books. Mrs Cannandine (#Legendary Librarian) has put them all on display in the library; they include the darkly thrilling 'Enemy' series by Charlie Higson, some ever-popular 'Amelia Fang' titles, the latest of the 'Storey Treehouse' books and the wonderful 'Sofia Valdez, Future Prez'. Thank you girls! Brilliant work!
- 📌 You will hopefully have received the email from Steve regarding next term's extra-curricular clubs. We have tried to ensure an even



spread across the school as much as possible as they will be taking place in bubbles. The majority of clubs will last for a four-week period and all will follow the relevant guidance and safety measures.

As you are aware we have been really focussing upon Black History Month throughout October. Indeed, we have been studying and learning all about prominent people through history as well as important areas such as the Black Lives Matter campaign and slavery. Find opposite a great piece of work from Y4 as part of their presentation they made yesterday. Well done to all and thank you to Mrs Green for her hardwork in organising the month.



Y3 really embraced last week's Forest School and snapshots are opposite. Well done to all involved and on that, I popped out earlier and saw Y4 getting stuck in too! Fantastic and thanks to our very own OPJS Forest School Crew of Mr Parsonage, Mrs Van Roy and Hayley. Here's to the rest of the school, as well as



specific nurture groups, enjoying our amazing grounds.

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.

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

📌 I have put in the diary Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November for Parent/Carer Consultation which will be via Zoom! Appointments will be sent out tomorrow by Steve and I will send details regarding log in after half term.

📌 Just a reminder regarding the rather splendid sportswear available on the Team OPJS Sportshop. A snapshot of the 'Y3 Fantastic Four' looking rather smart in their OPJS apparel is opposite and do follow the link if you would like to purchase any kit:



[https://www.oneills.com/uk\\_en/shop-by-team/education/schools/oldfield-park-junior-school.html](https://www.oneills.com/uk_en/shop-by-team/education/schools/oldfield-park-junior-school.html)

📌 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 a meeting this coming Friday with our local councillor (Dine Romero) to discuss the challenges and dangers we face outside our school on a daily basis. Here's to getting some zig-zag lines outside OPJS!

## COVID Update

Just a note to say thank you for all your support since September with regards to the protective measures we have put in place. Indeed, wearing facemasks at the end of the day really does provide that extra reassurance and safety measure which is especially important at this time. We will continue to follow this approach next term.

## OPJS PTA Update

Regardless of the challenges we are facing, our amazing OPJS OPTA has been busy coming up with ways of trying to raise money for our school. To put it in perspective, usually the PTA annually raise £10k+ for our school which is then spent on those things that we sometimes can't afford. With both the Summer and Christmas Fairs being cancelled, coupled with other events falling by the wayside (i.e. Pumpkin Party, Quiz Night etc.) it means that income has had a significant hit. However that hasn't stopped them thinking of novel and interesting ways of raising money for our school! Here's the list of events/activities that have been planned so far:

### 📌 PTA Mufti Day tomorrow

Pretty straightforward in that you **pay £1 (or more if you wish!) into the PTA account (Sort Code: 30-90-89 Account No.: 53969968)** using your child's surname as the reference so as to allow your child to wear their own clothes. The reason we are doing this is so as to minimise risk and handling of money given the current restrictions. Many thanks for your support in this.

### 📌 Create a Pumpkin Competition - £1 to enter

This could be colouring a pumpkin drawing, carving the real thing, modelling one from clay, lego or plasticine, decorating a pumpkin biscuit or cake....the possibilities are endless!! Please email [opjspta@oldfieldparkjuniorschool.com](mailto:opjspta@oldfieldparkjuniorschool.com) if you would like to take part & pay via bank transfer using PKIN and your child's initial and surname as the reference (eg. PKINJDOE). The closing date

is **Wednesday 4th November** and the children will be judged within their year group with small prizes for the winners, with me choosing an overall winner who will receive a special prize.

Exciting!

 **Half Term Autumn Trail - 50p to take part**

You should have been emailed a pumpkin template yesterday as well as your child been given a raffle ticket by their class teacher. The template should then be coloured in or decorated and displayed in your window along with the raffle ticket. If you do not have access to a printer your child can collect a template from the school office. Please email [opjspta@oldfieldparkjuniorschool.com](mailto:opjspta@oldfieldparkjuniorschool.com) if you would like to take part. When we receive payment, we will email you a 'Spot the Pumpkin' list where you tick off all the numbers you find around! Try and spot your friends' pumpkins and see how many you can find! Bring in your sheets by **Wednesday 4th November** in exchange for a treat. The child who has spotted the most pumpkins will win a special prize.

 If you have paid for the Autumn Trail you should have received an email from the OPJS PTA.

 Finally, as those Autumnal nights draw in what better way to enjoy them with a class of local 'special apple juice' brewed by local legend Jonny Branston from the apples and pears in his and other local orchards. All profits will be going to the PTA so if you do fancy a tippie then do get in touch with Jo Branston on [jobranston@yahoo.com](mailto:jobranston@yahoo.com) and she will arrange payment and collection.

Prices are as follows:

Cider 5ltr box selling at £12.50

Cider 2.5ltr container at £6.50

Perry 1ltr container at £3.50

## Remembrance

It is approaching that time of year whereby we remember the fallen, those affected by war and, of course, the thirty-three ex-pupils of our school who are commemorated as part of our WWI Memorial. Mrs Green has been working hard putting together what we will be covering so do please keep a lookout over the next couple of weeks!

## Dates for the Diary

Here's some dates for the diary:

 **Today: Y4 Forest School**

 **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October: End of Term 1, PTA Mufti Day and OPJS FC v Moorlands FC**

 **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October: Secondary School Application Deadline - ATTENTION Y6 Parents/Carers!**

 **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November: Start of Term 2**

 **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November: Forest School Nurture Group**

 **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November: Outdoor Classroom Day and Y5 Forest School**

**And finally,**

Once again many thanks for your support over the term. I do hope that you have a safe and enjoyable half term and here's to a great end to this week. 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?
<b>My child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not send your child to school</li> <li>Book a test for your child</li> <li>Whole household &amp; support bubble to self-isolate</li> <li>Inform school immediately about test result</li> </ul>	<b>If test is negative and child is well enough, and not advised to self-isolate by test and trace service</b>
<b>My child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not send your child to school</li> <li>Child to self-isolate for at least 10 days from when symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms)</li> <li>Inform school immediately about test results</li> <li>Whole household &amp; support bubble to self-isolate for 14 days from day when symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms)</li> </ul>	<b>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</b>

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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"> <li>Do not send your child to school</li> <li>Household &amp; support bubble member with symptoms to book a test</li> <li>Whole household &amp; support bubble to self-isolate while waiting for test result</li> <li>Inform school immediately about test results</li> </ul>	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"> <li>Do not send your child to school</li> <li>Whole household &amp; 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</li> <li>Inform school immediately about test result</li> </ul>	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"> <li>Do not send your child to school</li> <li>Child to self-isolate for 14 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace) - even if they test negative during those 14 days</li> <li>Rest of household &amp; support bubble does not need to self-isolate, unless they are also a 'close contact'</li> </ul>	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"> <li>Attend school as normal</li> <li>If your child does not have any COVID-19 symptoms they should carry on with normal activities</li> </ul>	Attend school as normal
We / my child has travelled abroad and has to self-isolate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not send your child to school</li> <li>Whole household &amp; support bubble to self-isolate for 14 days - even if they test negative during those 14 days</li> </ul> <b>Travel reminders:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not take unauthorised leave in term time</li> <li>Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel</li> <li>Provide information to school as per attendance policy</li> </ul>	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"> <li>Do not send your child to school.</li> <li>Contact school as advised by attendance officer/pastoral team</li> <li>Child to shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again</li> </ul>	When school / other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again