



# OPJS Newsletter

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## Dear Parent/Carer,

First and foremost I hope you had a great half term and it has been super welcoming our children back for what is going to be another action packed term. There's lots to catch up on as well as look forward to so here we go!

## OPJS Update

- 📢 I'm sure that you've noticed our amazing new playground markings! We're all very excited and keep a lookout for details regarding scooter days. Well done to Hayley for her hard work and fundraising as well as the OPJS PTA for their donation. Coupled with this, the Burrow has had a bit of a makeover which makes our playtimes even better!
- 📢 Well done to the OPJS Swimming Team highlighted opposite who finished a very creditable 7<sup>th</sup> in the BaNES Swimming Championships. Great fun was had by all and the team were a real credit to our school and community.
- 📢 A big well done to the OPJS Girl's FC who progressed through to the quarter finals of the BPSFA Cup with a 7-2 win against Chandag. It was a super performance by the team in a very keenly contested game. Here's to the quarter final which will be a local derby against Roundhill!
- 📢 We marked Safer Internet Day by reinforcing our message of using the internet appropriately and safely. As always, we will continue to support and educate our children in how to use it in the right and age appropriate way. As ever, please do not



hesitate to contact Miss Miller at school if you have any questions or queries regarding internet safety as well as the approach we adopt at OPJS.

- Keeping on the sporting theme, well done to the OPJS Quicksticks team who finished runners-up in the BaNES Quicksticks tournament. The two teams played exceptionally well and both made the semi-finals with the A team squeaking through against Saltford but the B team losing narrowly against WASPS. It was a closely fought final but WASPS ended coming out 3-1 winners. Needless to say a great performance to have finished 2nd and 4th in BaNES!! Here's to the West of England



Championships in April which is the fourth year in a row that OPJS has qualified for!!

- Just a note about school money in that all arrears are paid to date, please be aware that we will not be able to accept cash from Term 5 onwards.
- Just in case you might have missed it, the INSET day planned for Friday 19th June has been moved to Thursday 7th May due to OPIS being designated as a Polling Station.
- We're looking forward to tomorrow's House Pancake Races and please note the pudding change on our school menu. Furthermore, don't forget the Pancake Party being held at Ascension Church and a flyer is highlighted later in our newsletter.
- Do have a look at your inbox as Steve has sent the invitation for the forthcoming Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March.
- Don't forget to check out the latest edition of the Palladian Academy Trust Newsletter by following the link: <https://mailchi.mp/394ee38a0b1c/parent-newsletter-issue-3-feb-2020>
- We thoroughly enjoyed welcoming Doodlemaths back into OPJS to remind us what a fantastic resource it is that helps our children with their Maths. Please do encourage your child to engage with Doodlemaths each day and not only improve their maths, but also get those streaks up! Many thanks to Mr Newman for keeping an eye on all things Doodlemaths and please do not hesitate to contact him if you have any questions or queries.
- As part of our diverse RE curriculum all of our children actively engaged and enjoyed the Experience Eucharist Week held at Ascension Church. Many thanks to Sarah and the team of volunteers for running the workshops as well as to Mrs Edson for making it possible.
- Before half term I sent out a survey with regards to reading, homework and maths at OPJS. Indeed, follow the link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GQXFNJQ> to add your response and please note it will be closing this Friday.
- As part of our recent BaNES Safeguarding Audit, please note the website link <http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/neighbourhoods-and-community-safety/crime-prevention->

[and-community-safety/domestic-violence](#) that signposts support for those who are at risk of domestic violence or as a support for those who may know of someone at risk. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you do have any concerns or questions or queries.

## Dates for the Diary

Here we go with some of the key dates right up until Easter:

- 📅 Today: OPJS Netball Team v Bathwick Netball and Mill on the Brue meeting at 3.30pm
- 📅 Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February: OPJS House Pancake Races and Pancake Party at Ascension Church 3.30pm-5.30pm
- 📅 Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February: OPJS Netball Squad at U11 High 5 Netball Tournament, Y3/4 BaNES Gymnastic Competition and OPJS Hockey Squad friendly versus St Stephens
- 📅 Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March: OPJS Netball Squad at Ralph Allen Netball Tournament
- 📅 Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March: Fair Trade Assembly and Y3/4 OPJS FC versus Moorlands
- 📅 Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March: World Book Day – Fancy dress a must!!
- 📅 Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March: Start of British Science Week
- 📅 Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March: INSET Day
- 📅 Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March: Parent/Carer Consultation Evening 3.45pm-6.15pm
- 📅 Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March: Parent/Carer Consultation Evening 3.45pm-6.15pm
- 📅 Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March: Y5 trip to Bath Taps into Science
- 📅 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March: Mother's Day Lunch 11.45am-1.15pm and PAT STEM evening 4pm-5pm at Ralph Allen
- 📅 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March: Y4 at Mill on the Brue
- 📅 Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March: BaNES TAG Rugby Tournament
- 📅 Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March: OPJS at Dance Umbrella
- 📅 Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March: Archie Scarecrow Dress Up Day
- 📅 Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March: Easter Assembly at Ascension Church
- 📅 Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April: BaNES Basketball Tournament and Y3/4 Easter Disco 6pm-7pm and Y5/6 Easter Disco 7.15pm-8.15pm
- 📅 Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April: Easter Competitions, Easter Raffle and End of Term 4
- 📅 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April: Start of Term 5
- 📅 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May-Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May: VE Commemoration Week
- 📅 Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May: INSET Day
- 📅 Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May: VE Day Bank Holiday

**And finally,**

Many thanks for reading the first issue of our OPJS Newsletter for this term as well as your continued support. Do keep an eye on your inbox as there's bound to be further information making its way to as well as, of course, Steve's legendary community email every Friday!

**With every good wish,**

**Mr Dave Goucher**

**Headteacher.**

# PANCAKE PARTY



**TUESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 3:30PM-5:30PM**  
***Ascension Church, Claude Avenue***



*Join us for a pancake party in the hall!*

**YUMMY PANCAKES**  
**SUPER FUN ACTIVITIES**  
**FOCUSING ON THE ENVIRONMENT**

(suggested donation £1 per child)

Contact Sarah Sanderson @

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