



OPJS Newsletter

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Well it continues to be rather busy as we seem to be zipping round and the number of weeks before the end of term are dwindling! Yikes! Needless to say, the busier the better is what I say! It has been super welcoming our Y6s for pretty much a full week and we are very much looking forward to seeing the rest of the school from Monday 6th July. There'll be an update about that later as well as other bits and bobs! Finally, can I just say a HUGE thank you to all the parents/carers who have waived their school trip refunds and donated them to the PTA. Indeed, during lockdown we will have missed the disco, quiz night and, of course, the Summer Fair. All in all we've missed out on approximately £5k of funding for our PTA so any donation is gratefully received and welcomed. Here goes with the news!

OPJS Update

- I'm really pleased that the second **OPJS Bookswap** went so very well. Once again, many thanks to Mrs Cannadine for organising and we will have the next one this **Friday** (please note the different times due to our new Year 3s visiting):
9.45am-10.45am: Year 3 and Year 4
1.15pm-2pm: Year 5 and 6
- Here's a reminder of the 'batting order' for the next academic year – with class names too!

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

- Linked to the above, please do take note of your child's new class name as it will be needed regarding registering with the NHS Flu Immunisation Programme that will be rolled out in the Autumn. Do have a look at the email sent earlier this week.
- A big thank you to our amazing PTA who have bought the school a brand new washing machine! A 10Kg beast which will mean that we can fit in all the sports kit in one go! Woo hoo!
- In other PTA news, we will be holding a second hand uniform sale (in a socially distant way) at the end of term so do keep an eye out for that. Plus, to help support the PTA, it would be great if you could send in any old or spare uniform. Just pop it in a carrier bag and we'll wash it (using the new machine of course!) and put it in sale to raise funds.
- Just a reminder that if anyone in your household develops symptoms of Covid-19 (any of the following: high temperature; new, continuous cough; loss or change to your sense of smell or taste), then please do phone the NHS on 111 or go to <https://111.nhs.uk/>.

Lockdown Legends

Well it's fair to say that one of things that I have missed has been accompanying the Learning Heroes down to Moorland Road to collect their well-earned prize. To make up for this I asked our staff to nominate a number of 'Lockdown Legends' which are children who have been heroic over the past few months. I gather we could have had even more nominations than the 20+ that I received! WOW! Well done to all and each child will receive a certificate and a £5 book voucher to spend at Oldfield Park

Bookshop on Moorland Road. On that, Harry send his regards and thanks all parents/carers who have been popping in and ordering books. It has been much appreciated during this challenging time.

Plan for the remainder of Term 6

First and foremost many thanks for replying swiftly to the email regarding whether you intend on sending your child back. It does look as though that over 90% of our children will be returning from the 6th July which is fantastic news! Below is a reminder of the plan for the next three weeks:

Plan – Week Beginning 29/6/20

- **Year 6** provision of the four pods (Mrs Jenner, Mrs Green, Miss Miller and Mr Newman) in school Monday-Thursday – 4 days in total.
- Friday will be used for Y2 to visit OPJS as part of transition.
- Monday-Friday: The Key Worker and Vulnerable pod provision will continue.

Plan – Week Beginning 6/7/20

- **All year groups** follow a part-time model resulting in each class attending school two days a week. Each class will be split into two pods and their respective pod attends either on a Monday and Tuesday **or** Wednesday and Thursday.
- Friday will be used for Y2 to visit OPJS as part of transition.
- Monday-Friday: Key Worker pod provision will continue.

Plan – Week Beginning 13/7/20

- **All year groups** follow a part-time model resulting in each class attending school two days a week. Each class will be split into two pods and their respective pod attends either on a Monday and Tuesday **or** Wednesday and Thursday.
- Friday: Y6 Celebration Day
- Monday-Friday: Key Worker pod provision will continue.

Steve, or as he is now affectionately known as ‘Spreadsheet Steve’, has pulled all the lists together and will be informing you of the days (Monday and Tuesday **or** Wednesday and Thursday) that your child will be in. This will be done by Monday 29th at the very latest. There will be a number of children who will be part of the Key Worker pod and you will be informed too.

New Y3 Parents/Carers

It has been great getting in touch with the parents/carers of our new Year 3s from September. I am very much looking forward to welcoming the new batch this Friday for their first of three transition visits. To support and aid transition we have set up a special section on our website that contains all the information both children and parents need to know:

<https://www.oldfieldparkjuniorschool.com/1523/welcome-new-year-3-parents>

Just a reminder of the plan for Friday’s Transition Sessions:

Squirrel Pod 1 who attend OPIS on Monday and Tuesday: Session at OPJS 9.15am-11.15am

Rabbit Pod 1 who attend OPIS on Monday and Tuesday: Session at OPJS 9.30am-11.30am

Squirrel Pod 2 who attend OPIS on Wednesday and Thursday: Session at OPJS 1pm-3pm

Rabbit Pod 2 who attend OPIS on Wednesday and Thursday: Session at OPJS 1.15pm-3.15pm

I have been in touch with the parents/carers of children at other schools (Twerton Infants, Moorlands and St Mary’s) and I am very much looking forward to welcoming them to the OPJS family.

And finally,

As always, thank you for your continued support during these challenging times. Phew it’s busy but it’s very much welcomed and here’s to the next three weeks! Stay safe and take care.

With every good wish,

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