



OPJS Newsletter

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Well I was rather hoping that the next OPJS Newsletter would be sent under rather better circumstances as things have moved very quickly since last week that's for sure. As you are aware, we have now moved to a skeleton crew and it is rather surreal at the moment but we will continue to keep our doors open to keyworkers as it is so very important given this challenging time. With everything happening it is easy to forget that we enjoyed a number of activities and events last well so let's catch up on all the news.

OPJS Update

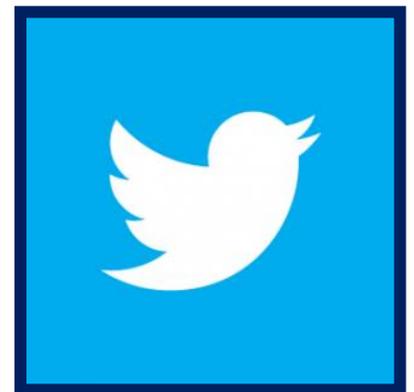
Well done to the OPJS Drama Group who retained their Mid Somerset trophy in the Mime category. A great result and well done to the whole troupe and to Miss Butler for organising. A snapshot is opposite of the winning group. Coupled to this, well done also to the OPJS Choir for a super effort and show at the Mid Somerset Festival too. Many thanks to Mrs Tapscott and Mr Parry for putting it together.



Unfortunately we had to cancel the Mothers' Day lunch last week but we do intend running something similar when we return.

Given the current situation I have resurrected the OPJS twitter account as it is another effective way of communicating any developments as well as news. Do make sure you follow **@OPJS_Bath** and keep an eye on our website as it is important we don't forget what a great school, children and community we are blessed to have.

I hope that all is going as well as can be given the situation. As I mentioned in my update earlier this week, please do ensure that there are lots of opportunities for breaks and, although routine is good, don't hesitate to mix things up. Please find below the basic timetable that we are following at



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OPJS. Finally, it would be great if you could email any pictures of the activities that you get up to with your child to your child's classteacher and we'll endeavour to put them on the website.

OPJS Timetable	
8.30am	Gates open
8.55am	Registration and handwashing
9.30am	Maths (Doodlemaths, Purplemash, timestables, activities etc.)
10.30am	Break (handwashing before and after)
11am	English (Doodlespell, Purplemaths,
Noon	Lunch (handwashing before and after)
1pm	Let's get creative! (A combination of PE, Art, outdoors etc.)
3.15pm	Handwashing and home!

Mill on the Brue

Well, thankfully, we managed to get our Y4s away to their residential at Mill on the Brue last week and what an amazing time they had! Indeed, I had the great pleasure of visiting them in Bruton and what an amazing place MoB is!! Well done to all and many thanks to Mr Newman for organising the trip as well as to Miss Fox, Mrs Warren, Miss Butler, Miss Brown, Mr Parry and Miss Powell for accompanying all the children down there. Snapshots are below:



And finally,

Many thanks for reading another issue of our OPJS Newsletter for what, I would imagine, will be our last for some time. It just leaves me to say that I hope you and your family keep safe and well over the coming weeks. Thank you for your continued support which has been humbling and so very much appreciated. Take care of yourself and your family and I'll be in touch soon.

With every good wish,

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