



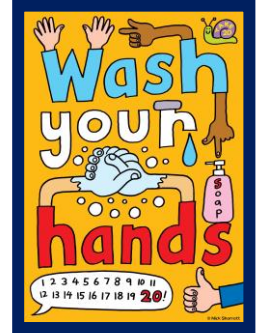
OPJS Newsletter

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Phew! Well what a positive week it has been! I hope that you and yours are well and the new term has met you well. It's been a rather busy start but, moreover, a successful one as we have welcomed the majority of our Y6s back to school. I have been so impressed with how our Y6s have returned and approached the new OPJS and the procedures we have had to put in place to keep everyone as safe as possible. Indeed, the increased handwashing (see poster opposite and a blank is included for children to colour at end of our newsletter), social distancing (a couple of snapshots are below) and new way to approach play has been embraced and many thanks to all (parents/carers, staff and children) who have made this possible. The following includes a few reminders as well as some new bits and bobs!



Y6 Snapshots – Social Distance Style!



A few reminders

- Just a note 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/>.
- Do have a look at the second best film of the year and I hope that it raises a smile or two: <https://www.oldfieldparkjuniorschool.com/938/announcements/announcement/71/opjs-airways-is-go> Now not to be outdone, our amazing Y6 produced their own eggcellent film! It really did bring a smile to all of our faces as well as reinforce how much we're missing not only Y6, but all of the OPJS family! Do follow the link below: <https://youtube/ar1abAR49IQ>
- Please do remind your child about all the online safety lessons that they have had at school as it is so important that children are safe when accessing the internet. Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any questions or queries.



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- ☒ Please do follow the link to see how OPJS has changed over the past few months:

<https://youtu.be/zu1hZESV1UE>.

- ☒ Here's the timings for drop off and pick up once again:

Group	Drop Off	Pick Up
Y6 Pods 1&3:	8.40am-8.50am	3pm-3.10pm
Y6 Pods 2&4:	8.50am-9am	3.10pm-3.20pm
KW Pods:	9am-9.10am	3.20pm-3.30pm

- ☒ Please find below the names of the teachers taking on home learning responsibilities and do not hesitate to contact them if you have any questions or queries.

Year Group	Teacher
3	Mrs Tapscott and Mr Loveys
4	Mrs Samways, Miss Fox and Miss Powell
5	Miss Butler, Mrs Van Roy, Miss Hunter and Miss Puckey
6	Mrs Jenner and Miss Young will ensure that the Y6 work is on the website and will respond to any queries from Y6 parent/carers

OPJS Update

Quite understandably it is easy to focus upon Y6 at the moment as well as the current situation. However we do still need to keep an eye on what we would normally be doing at this time of year. On that, please find below a quick update.

- ☒ Normally Y3, Y4 and Y5 parents/carers would have received a letter regarding classes next year and, specifically, friendship groups. Given the unique and unprecedented situation we find ourselves in, coupled with that nigh on a third if not half of the academic year is going to be lost, I have decided that we will keep the same classes for next year. I believe that this will offer stability for our children as well as familiarity when we do return. Many thanks for your understanding with regards to this.
- ☒ Although the classes will remain the same, the class names will change. I think that this is important as it will give the class a sort of fresh start and will hopefully draw a line under what has been a tough year for all. As always, I ask the staff for suggestions and then there's a vote and, as a result, for the academic year 20/21 classes will be named after authors.
- ☒ Linked to the above points, I am still finalising the staff 'batting order' for the next academic year. Once completed we will then be working hard to ensure a thorough and supportive transition for our children.
- ☒ On that note, I have sent an initial letter to our new Y3 parents/carers and I am looking forward to welcoming them to the OPJS family.
- ☒ Finally, I am in the process of reading and commenting upon children's end of year reports and they should be with you in a few weeks.

And finally,

As always, thank you for your continued support during these challenging times and here's to a good start to term. Do keep an eye out for another OPJS Book Swap next week by the way (Mrs Cannadine will be in touch) and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries.

With every good wish,

Mr Dave Goucher

Headteacher.

