



OPJS Newsletter

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Although a little bit earlier than usual, I thought I would send you a newsletter that, amongst other things, highlights the arrangements for all pupils to return to OPJS on Monday. Before that though, let's catch up on more news and what has been happening on the good ship OPJS!

OPJS Update

- 🎉 A big well done to Ethan (Y3 – Silver Award), Charlie (Y4 – Silver Award), Lana (Y6 – Gold), Violet (Y5 – Silver), Eva (Y5 – Silver) and Noah (Y3 – Gold) who had a really good go at the 'Feel Fab February' activity sheet and did rather well to be fair! HUGE congrats to them and they will be receiving their certificate from Mr Newman next week when they return to school.
- 🎉 Speaking of certificates, it's fair to say that I'm a little behind on giving out my Term 2 Learning Heroes as well as Term 3 Lockdown Legends certificates and book tokens. No worries as I aim to give them out, in a socially distant style of course, in year group assemblies next week.
- 🎉 Term 4 continues with our amazing theme '3, 2, 1 Blake Off!' using the 'Daisy Fairy' as a stimulus for our work. It been a super two first two weeks and we're looking forward to a mini whole school 'Spectacular Start' with 'The Heist' next week!
- 🎉 Well Pearl only has a few days left to dress up as part of her amazing fundraising efforts for Save the Children. At the last look she was pushing £9k which is truly amazing! Let's hope she can close to magical £10k and here is the JustGiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/pearl-dressingup?fbclid=IwAR0IZ9fSJycioX3eDvyYkxWVTJvhgmuXqcUx4rSZRLK7pr-BVmlf6zcnqXA>

A reminder of reopening on Monday 8th March - What will we be doing and what will it look like?

- 🎉 We will continue to maintain our year group bubbles.
- 🎉 Each year group will have allocated toilets and areas of school.
- 🎉 We will continue to minimise the use of shared spaces and resources.
- 🎉 Pupils will continue to have their own resource pack in school.
- 🎉 Mobile phones are discouraged. If they are brought in then they must be handed into the teacher.
- 🎉 We will continue to have staggered drop off/pick up times as well as adhere to social distancing.
- 🎉 We will continue our cleaning regime as well as regular handwashing in place for all.
- 🎉 Children will be expected to wear school uniform but will be allowed to wear school PE kit on the allocated PE days.
- 🎉 School lunches will return to normal with hot dinners available.
- 🎉 YMCA Breakfast and After School Clubs will continue.
- 🎉 There will be no extra-curricular clubs in Term 4 but we will be looking at having them back in full swing in Term 5.

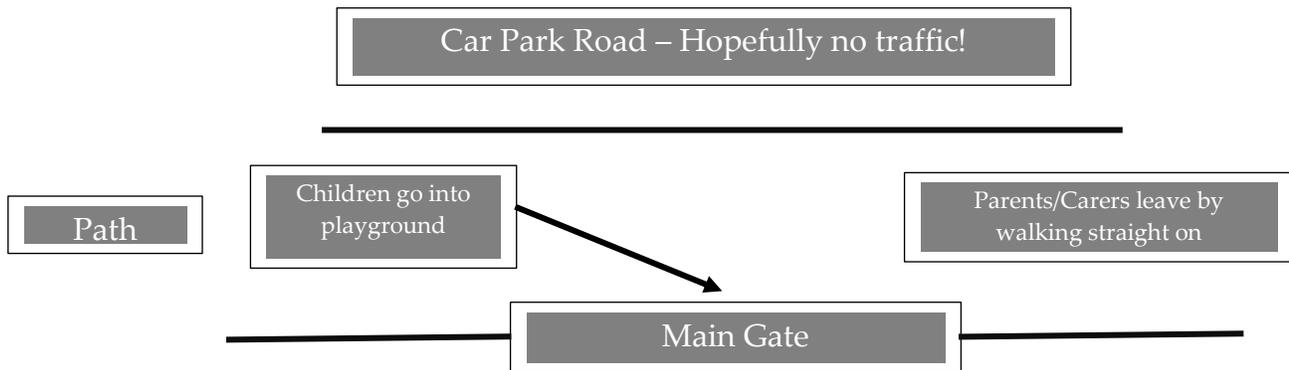
Drop off and Pick Up

A few points:

- 🚗 Children in Years 4-6 are allowed to walk to and from school as long as OPJS is aware and we have your permission. Please contact Steve or Lia for a form.
- 🚗 If a child is being picked up/dropped off, then they **must** be accompanied and collected from school by **one** adult so as to ease congestion.
- 🚗 We would like children to walk to school with their parent/carer as much as possible so as to avoid any parking issues.
- 🚗 With regards to parking, we would appreciate if you intend to travel to school by car then please park away from the school and church. Likewise, please do not 'idle' and leave your car running.
- 🚗 School Crossing Patrol will continue.

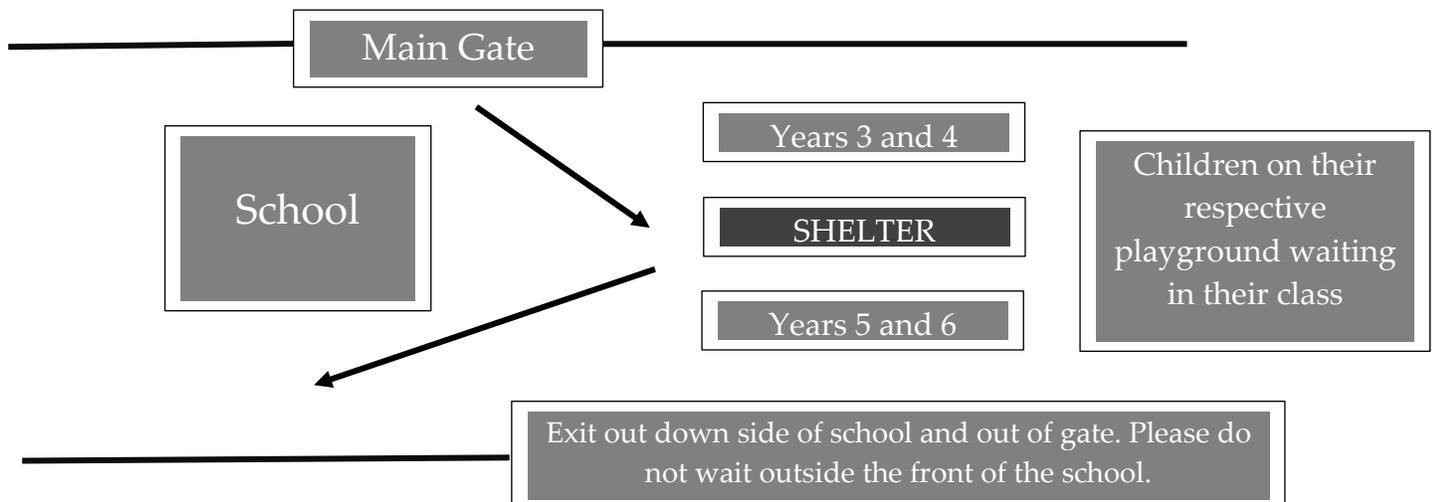
Drop Off

- 🚗 Children will enter through the main gate and no parents/carers allowed onto the playground.
- 🚗 Please queue outside the main gate and observe social distancing.
- 🚗 Straightforward approach of walking up the path and dropping child at gate then walking onwards.



Pick Up

- 🚗 Parent/Carer entrance is through the main gate onto playground. Collect your child and leave via the top gate (the side gate at the top of the school near the office). Facemasks will need to be worn at all times on the playground.



Here are the timings which are the same as they were at the start of the year:

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

Home Testing

From 1 March 2021, members of households, childcare or support bubbles of school staff and pupils are able to get home testing kits to carry out twice-weekly tests. If you're a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of staff or a pupil you can get a twice-weekly test:

- 📍 Through your employer if they offer testing to employees.
- 📍 At a local test site.
- 📍 By collecting a home test kit from a test site.
- 📍 By ordering a home test kit online.

Please do not contact school as we will not be ordering or distributing these tests. Further information can be found by following this link:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff?utm_source=1%20March%202021%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DFE%20C19

To find a test site to collect your home test kits please use the following link:

<https://find-covid-19-rapidtest-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk>

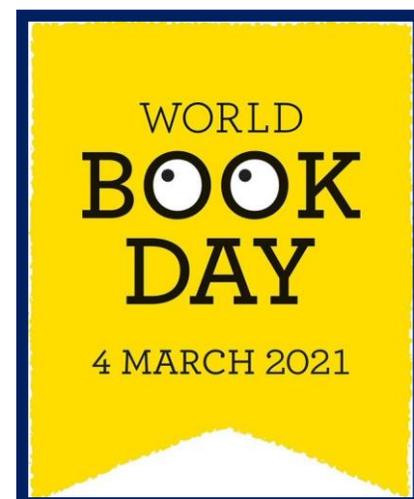
Returning of Devices

If you were loaned a device from school, please return these to the office during week beginning 8th March. Please call or email the office on to arrange a time to drop them off. These will need to be signed in and checked by Steve or Lia.

Dates for the diary

Just a few reminders are below as well as a few new dates:

- 📍 **March: Start of Women History Month**
We will be looking at this throughout March and do follow the link to find out more: <https://womenshistorymonth.gov/>
- 📍 **Tomorrow: World Book Day**
As mentioned in Mr Dack's email we will be having a low key WBD this year. However, we are hopeful that, once things do settle down, we can have our own version in Term 5 or 6.
- 📍 **Tomorrow: Virtual DJ Masterclass with DJ Paul Carroll at Komedia at 6pm**
Details have been sent on an email earlier in the week and it sounds



like a fantastic opportunity! A flyer is highlighted on the final page of this week's newsletter.

📅 Tomorrow at 10am-11am: Second Hand Uniform Sale

The chances are that one or two children might have grown a little over the last three months so please do pop along if you do require some new uniform. Please note that social distancing will be in operation and a face mask will need to be worn.

📅 Friday 5th March: INSET Day

Please note that there will be no work set by teachers during this day as it is an INSET Day. However, please do have a look on our website as there are activities from '3, 2, 1 Blake Off' as well as on 'Creative Activities and Links' page if you would like to do something. Conversely please just enjoy the long weekend the best you can!

📅 Monday 8th March: All children to return to OPJS and British Science Week

📅 Wednesday 10th March: Y4 Forest School

Starting with Y4, each year group will have a day with Mr Parsonage to enjoy the Burrow and our school's amazing grounds!

📅 Wednesday 17th March: Y3 Forest School

📅 Thursday 18th March: Global Recycling Day

📅 Friday 19th March: Comic Relief Red Nose Day

We will be keeping it simple by asking children to wear a splash of red in return for a small contribution of a £1 for this great cause. Details will follow over the next few weeks.

📅 Monday 22nd March: World Water Day

📅 Wednesday 24th March: Y5 Forest School

📅 Wednesday 31st March: Y6 Forest School

📅 Monday 29th and Wednesday 31st March: Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings via Zoom!

Details will follow from Steve in due course regarding booking a time.

📅 Thursday 1st April: Easter Competitions and end of Term 4

We will be celebrating the end of our rather busy Term 4 with our annual and legendary Easter Competitions! Details will be out next week!

📅 Monday 19th April: Start of Term 5

And finally,

It is fair to say that the past three months, and indeed since 23rd March last year, have been exceptionally challenging for us all - but particularly for our children. As we embark on another return following a lockdown, be assured that we will be keeping a careful and close eye on all of the OPJS family to make sure that everyone settles back in. If you do have any questions, queries or concerns about Monday, then please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the school office. It just leaves me to say many thanks for your continued support and I hope that you have an enjoyable long weekend. Here's to a great start on Monday and a fabulous Term 4!

With every good wish,

Mr Dave Goucher

Headteacher.



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