



# OPJS Newsletter

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## Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the first OPJS Newsletter of the term and I hope that you managed some sort of break last week given the challenges we all face at the moment. Things have certainly changed since I wrote to you last and it has made us refocus and redouble our efforts to try and ensure that our school can be safe as can be. On that, many thanks for continuing to wear face masks at pick up and reinforcing the importance of hands and space to your child. Let's lighten the mood a little by catching up on all of the news from the last week of term.

## OPJS Update

- It was great to end term on a real high with OPJS FC playing the first BaNES football match against Moorlands. No crowds were present due to obvious reasons and they missed a cracker of a game as our Y6 squad ran out 8-0 winners! It's fair to say that Mr Gunning, Mr Newman and I were slightly stunned and extremely impressed by the teamwork, skill and attitude of the team! A great way to end a tough term that's for sure and a snapshot is opposite.
- It's been rather busy over half term as we've had a few improvements around the place! Specifically, new fire doors in both Y5 classes, new flooring in Y3 with the infamous hump squished and a new container delivered so that we can clear the Memorial Hall so that indoor PE can resume. Do keep an eye out for the new coop for the chickens and, fingers crossed, they'll be in their new palatial pad next week!
- A HUGE well done to Erin and her sister Lanah who cycled 150 kilometres over half term from Bath to Henley-On-Thames and raised over £700 for cancer and dementia research. They decided to do the ride as their Grandma has dementia and 3 other family members have suffered with cancer in recent years. Both girls had a huge amount of fun on the ride despite the wet weather and muddy conditions! So much so they are already planning their next trip which they think might be to cycle the British coast to coast Route that starts in the Lake District! Yikes! Well done girls and if you would like to sponsor and donate to say well done for



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their efforts then do please log onto:

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/erinrowanella?utm\\_source=Sharethis&utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=erinrowanella&utm\\_campaign=pfp-email&utm\\_term=31926aa3a9014ffb946bfc3af4f1d74](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/erinrowanella?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=erinrowanella&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=31926aa3a9014ffb946bfc3af4f1d74).

- 📌 Forest School continues to go from strength to strength and it was Y4's turn to get into the great outdoors just before half term. It's Y5 this week so do keep an eye out for the tweets!
- 📌 As you may be aware I had a meeting with Dine Romero our local councillor on the last day of term to discuss the parking and traffic issues around our school. It was a positive meeting and I am hopeful that we can access funding so that we can have zig-zag lines to reinforce that there should be no parking outside school. I'll keep you updated as to how I get on!
- 📌 Many thanks for your continued support in wearing a face mask at pick up and also reminding your child about 'Hands, Face and Space'. We will continue to reinforce this message as we work through these challenging times!
- 📌 Our value for this month is 'Friendship' and we will be looking at how we can make friends, be good friends and care for one another. All in all, pretty apt given everything!

## OPJS PTA Update

Many thanks for participating in the many activities prior to and during half term. Indeed, it was great to see our children in mufti, some with a spooky twist (see snapshot 'I ain't afraid of no ghost!' opposite), to raise much needed funds for our PTA. I do hope also you managed to take part in the Create a Pumpkin competition as well as Half Term Autumn Trail. On that, don't forget to submit your entry by tomorrow by the way! Finally, as those Autumnal nights draw in and we approach another lockdown, what better way to enjoy them with a class of local 'special apple juice' brewed by local legend Jonny Branston from the apples and pears in his and other local orchards. All profits will be going to the PTA so if you do fancy a tipple then do get in touch with Jo Branston on [jobranston@yahoo.com](mailto:jobranston@yahoo.com) and she will arrange payment and collection. Prices are as follows:

Cider 5ltr box selling at £12.50

Cider 2.5ltr container at £6.50

Perry 1ltr container at £3.50



## Zoom Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November

You will have received, as in previous years, an invite from Steve for you to sign up for an appointment slot. However instead of popping to OPJS for your child's appointment, we will be Zooming instead! What could possibly go wrong?! LOL! Needless to say, you will receive the Zoom code from your child's teacher and all you need to do is log in just before your allocated time and wait to be invited in. Once in you'll have the usual 10-minute meeting and then you leave and the next one will be allowed in. Simple!

Honestly! 😊

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## Remembrance at OPJS

Steve has been in touch but just a reminder that we are asking children to wear red on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November and bring in a £1 which will go straight to the Royal British Legion. Really straightforward in that all your child will need to do is pop the £1 in a bucket on the way in and they can collect a



poppy off the allocated year group table if they wish. There will also be a range of 'goodies' available to buy which will have been 'bubbled' and will be sold as such. If your child is interested, please ensure the correct amount of cash is brought in as we will not be handling the cash and so will be unable to provide change. Finally, as you are aware, some of our School Councilors' usually lay a poppy wreath at Bath Abbey. This year I am hopeful that we can do the same within the restrictions but we will also be laying a wreath at the Remembrance Garden in Oldfield Park too.

## Firework Safety

Although firework displays have been cancelled, there will be a number of us who will be doing our own at home. Given this Avon Fire and Rescue have sent through guidelines which are highlighted on the next page. Needless to say, please do follow the firework code and stay safe.

## Dates for the Diary

Here's some dates for the diary:

- 📅 **Today: Y5/6 Football Club**
- 📅 **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November: Forest School Nurture Group and BaNES Y3/4 Cross Country**
- 📅 **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November: Outdoor Classroom Day and Y5 Forest School**
- 📅 **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November: Youth Climate Summit**
- 📅 **Tuesday: 10<sup>th</sup> November: Parent/Carer Consultation Evening – ALL CLASSES**
- 📅 **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November: Remembrance Day, Forest School Nurture Group, Y5 Climate Event – Save the rainforest from your plate, Y4 Climate Event – Big Food and Farming and Riddell Parent/Carer Consultation Evening**
- 📅 **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November: Parent/Carer Consultation Evening (Except Riddell Class) and Y6 Forest School**
- 📅 **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November: Skipping Fundraiser**

**And finally,**

Once again many thanks for your support and here's to a great term 2 – regardless of the challenges that we will be facing! Indeed, keep going, keep smiling and please do keep safe and take care.

**With every good wish,**

**Mr Dave Goucher**

**Headteacher.**



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## Fireworks Safety

### Bonfire safety

If you're planning on having a bonfire, ensure you make it as safe as possible for you and your family by following this advice:



- Build your bonfire well clear of buildings, garden sheds, fences, trees and hedges. Make sure you have a bucket of water or garden hose nearby
- Only burn dry materials and never use flammable liquids or accelerants
- Never leave the bonfire unattended
- Keep your loved ones well away from the bonfire
- Candles and Lanterns

### Fireworks

If you are purchasing your own fireworks this year, make sure you make your own fireworks display as safe as possible:



- Ensure they are marked with the British Standard safety number 7114 or the CE safety mark - A reputable retailer will sell fireworks that comply with this standard.
- Keep your fireworks in a closed box or tin and out of reach of children.
- Light fireworks at arm's length and make sure everyone stands well back.
- Never return to a lit firework: if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode!

### Sparkler Safety

Sparklers are a fun way for children to enjoy firework celebrations but they can cause injuries if not used safely:



- Always supervise children when using sparklers and follow the instructions on the packaging
- Light sparklers one at a time
- Ensure children are wearing gloves and keeping their sparklers at arm's length
- You could even put the sparkler in the end of a carrot, making it even safer to hold!
- Keep a bucket of water nearby to put sparklers in after use

[www.avonfire.gov.uk/safety-advice/events-and-celebrations/bonfire-night](http://www.avonfire.gov.uk/safety-advice/events-and-celebrations/bonfire-night)



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# COVID-19 information

## A quick guide for parents and carers



Please follow the advice in this guide. Only contact the school if your child is having a test and to let us know the result. Your school will not be able to advise beyond the information given here. **Please remember to only get tested if you have COVID-19 symptoms.**

### YOU SHOULD BOOK A TEST IF YOUR CHILD HAS:

**a high temperature**

**OR**

**a new continuous cough**

**OR**

**a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste**

This means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure their temperature)

This means coughing a lot for more than an hour; or three or more episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough it may be worse than usual)

This means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

**If your child DOES NOT have symptoms of COVID-19** but has other cold-like symptoms, such as a runny nose, they do not need to be tested and they or members of your household do not need to self-isolate.  
**Your child can attend school if fit to do so.**

What to do if...	Action needed	When can my child return to school?
<b>My child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not send your child to school</li> <li>Book a test for your child</li> <li>Whole household &amp; support bubble to self-isolate</li> <li>Inform school immediately about test result</li> </ul>	<b>If test is negative and child is well enough, and not advised to self-isolate by test and trace service</b>
<b>My child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not send your child to school</li> <li>Child to self-isolate for at least 10 days from when symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms)</li> <li>Inform school immediately about test results</li> <li>Whole household &amp; support bubble to self-isolate for 14 days from day when symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms)</li> </ul>	<b>They can return to school after 10 days as long as they have not had a fever in the previous 48 hours. They can return after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell / taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone</b>

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What to do if...	Action needed	When can my child return to school?
Somebody in my household & support bubble has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not send your child to school</li> <li>Household &amp; support bubble member with symptoms to book a test</li> <li>Whole household &amp; support bubble to self-isolate while waiting for test result</li> <li>Inform school immediately about test results</li> </ul>	When household & support bubble member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms and if child has not been advised to self isolate by test and trace services
Somebody in my household & support bubble has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not send your child to school</li> <li>Whole household &amp; support bubble to self-isolate for 14 days from day when symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if they test negative during those 14 days</li> <li>Inform school immediately about test result</li> </ul>	When they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without symptoms. They must self-isolate for 14 days even if they test negative during that time
NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not send your child to school</li> <li>Child to self-isolate for 14 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace) - even if they test negative during those 14 days</li> <li>Rest of household &amp; support bubble does not need to self-isolate, unless they are also a 'close contact'</li> </ul>	When they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without symptoms. They must self-isolate for 14 days even if they test negative during that time
Your child has been in contact with someone who has been identified as a 'close contact' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend school as normal</li> <li>If your child does not have any COVID-19 symptoms they should carry on with normal activities</li> </ul>	Attend school as normal
We / my child has travelled abroad and has to self-isolate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not send your child to school</li> <li>Whole household &amp; support bubble to self-isolate for 14 days - even if they test negative during those 14 days</li> </ul> <p><b>Travel reminders:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not take unauthorised leave in term time</li> <li>Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel</li> <li>Provide information to school as per attendance policy</li> </ul>	When the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days
We have received advice from a medical / official source that my child must resume shielding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not send your child to school.</li> <li>Contact school as advised by attendance officer/pastoral team</li> <li>Child to shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again</li> </ul>	When school / other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again