



OPJS Newsletter

Friday 8th January 2021
Academic Year 2020-2021



Dear Parent/Carer,

Well what a start to 2021 and what a rather interesting week! First and foremost, thank you for your support this week as it has been rather a rollercoaster for all of us. Needless to say, well done to one and all for 'taking it on the chin' and making the best of the current situation! Let's crack on with a few reminders, update and, most importantly, a message to our amazing children!

A message to the amazing OPJS children!

Peace be with you! I hope you had a really good and great Christmas! Now I would usually be asking you what were the best bits? Most of you would say presents, some of you would say chocolate and, of course, Christmas lunch (except the sprouts!). I guarantee also, but in different times, that some of you would say seeing and spending time with lots of your family and relatives. That hasn't happened this year which made me really sad and I'm sure it did you too.

Indeed, Charlie, Ollie (pictured opposite in OPJS Teletubby Land on Christmas Day), me and Mrs G had a lovely Christmas. However, as you can guess, I was really looking forward to seeing you guys and the OPJS Family coming back to school! D'oh! I know that you're equally as sad as me and, like me, want it all back to normal. That's going to take a bit more time than we thought so in the meantime think of all the stupendous things that we have experienced at OPJS, the fun we have and the friends we've made! You are amazing and a credit to your families, school and community and I know you will give your best over the coming weeks. Take care guys and I'll see you next week on a Zoomy! Stay safe! Mr G 😊



OPJS Update

Well it's fair to say that we've been pretty much clogging everyone's inbox this week – and that's even before Steve's legendary email later! Here goes:

- 📌 We finished the term with our legendary Christmas Competitions and many thanks to all who gave it a really good go! The standard was exceptionally high and a snapshot of a tweet is opposite.
- 📌 I hope that you managed to get to Ascension Church to 'Follow the Star'. Christmas was certainly different but it was great to hear our children singing Silent Night when I popped in on the last day.
- 📌 The last week of term also saw a huge amount of fundraising activity that included our 'Skip to Santa' as well as the great OPJS version of Band Aid's 'Do they know it's Christmas'. At the last count we were pushing towards £1500 raised which is a super achievement given the circumstances. If there is any more to collect then please BACS transfer it to the PTA account:

Oldfield Park Junior School PTA
Account Number: 53969968
Sort Code: 30-90-89



📺 Just a reminder to any prospective 2021 Y3 parents/carers to have a look at our film: <https://youtu.be/mi33PSqdBnE> as well as have a look on our website for all the information regarding coming to OPJS: <https://www.oldfieldparkjuniorschool.com/1827/welcome-prospective-new-y3-parents>

📺 It was great to see so many children pop in for the first OPJS Bookswap of the year. There's going to be more so do keep a lookout for the comms and many thanks to Mrs Cannadine for braving the sub-zero temperatures and manning the book stall! A snapshot is opposite.



Remote Learning and Key Worker/Vulnerable Children Provision

As mentioned previously, there's been a lot of correspondence sent out this week and many thanks for your support and patience in reading it all! Indeed, my letter on Tuesday highlighted our provision and is available on our website as is yesterday's letter about Key Worker and Vulnerable children provision. We will continue to monitor how we are going about things and, of course, any feedback is welcomed. On that, thank you so much for your kind and positive messages, emails and comments on the gate. Do let us know if you have any questions, queries or require extra support. Finally, from next week I will be holding Zoom Assemblies and the timetable is below:

Monday 1pm-1.30pm: Y4 and Y6

Monday 1.30pm-2pm: Y3 and Y5

Tuesday 1.30pm-2pm: Y3

Wednesday 1pm-1.30pm: Y4

Thursday 1.30pm-2pm: Y5

Friday 1pm-1.30pm: Y6

Keep a lookout for the invite and it would be great if your child could drop in and we can give each other a wave!

Access to Technology

We are working hard to secure further tech for a number of our parents/carers. At the moment ten laptops have been distributed and we are currently refurbishing a number of others as well as accessing the DfE website from the 18th January to secure more. In the meantime, please don't forget that you can access the OPJS website through gaming consoles and here's the instructions for an Xbox:

1. Go to "my games and apps"
2. Go to "apps" you will see Microsoft Edge (blue back ground White E) Click to load it.
3. Move the left stick to the search bar + click then type in "oldfield park junior school"
4. Move the left stick to the website and click on it.
5. Once the site has loaded move the left stick to hover over children then move it down to "class pages and remote/home learning" click on it.
6. Once loaded use the right stick to scroll down the page until on the left hand side you can see "Year 5 Seuss and Milne" Hover over it then click it.
7. Use the right stick to scroll down the page to the day of work they need and click on the one that has .pdf on the end

And finally,

Well I think that's quite enough for one week! Once again thank you so much for your support and please try and have a peaceful and restful weekend, take care and stay safe.

With every good wish,

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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?
My child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Do not send your child to schoolBook a test for your childWhole household & support bubble to self-isolateInform school immediately about test result	If test is negative and child is well enough, and not advised to self-isolate by test and trace service
My child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Do not send your child to schoolChild to self-isolate for at least 10 days from when symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms)Inform school immediately about test resultsWhole household & support bubble to self-isolate for 14 days from day when symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms)	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

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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"> Do not send your child to school Household & support bubble member with symptoms to book a test Whole household & support bubble to self-isolate while waiting for test result Inform school immediately about test results 	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"> Do not send your child to school Whole household & 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 Inform school immediately about test result 	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"> Do not send your child to school Child to self-isolate for 14 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace) - even if they test negative during those 14 days Rest of household & support bubble does not need to self-isolate, unless they are also a 'close contact' 	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"> Attend school as normal If your child does not have any COVID-19 symptoms they should carry on with normal activities 	Attend school as normal
We / my child has travelled abroad and has to self-isolate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to school Whole household & support bubble to self-isolate for 14 days - even if they test negative during those 14 days Travel reminders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not take unauthorised leave in term time Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel Provide information to school as per attendance policy 	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"> Do not send your child to school. Contact school as advised by attendance officer/pastoral team Child to shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again 	When school / other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again