



OPJS Newsletter

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the penultimate OPJS Newsletter of our rather busy and eventful term! It is fair to say that nothing really surprises me anymore, least of all as to how we are cracking on regardless of the current challenges! On that, let's get cracking and catch up on all of the news as well as what we can look forward to in the last week of term.

OPJS Update

- It has been great to see Y3 back at OPJS! Indeed, they have returned on fine form to what has been a busy week for them given everything! Well done to Team Y3!
- Speaking of being busy, Y5 are immensely busy as they have been undertaking their DT project by spending time in the cookery room baking Christmas cakes and, for good measure, enjoying their Forest School as well. A snapshot of some of our Y5s with their amazing cakes is opposite.
- I have sent a letter out to Y2 parents and carers regarding the possibility of their child joining us in September 2021. Please do pass on that we do have a specific page on our website:



<https://www.oldfieldparkjuniorschool.com/1827/welcome-prospective-new-y3-parents>

- Linked to the above, do also have a look at the great youtube video that Mr OPJSpielberg (aka Mr Dack) put together! It's amazing what he can do with those special effects and an airbrush!
<https://youtu.be/mi33PSqdBnE>
- Steve has been keeping you in the loop regarding everything OPJS so do make sure you read his community email. One thing that he is pulling together are next term's extra-curricular clubs. Fingers crossed we'll be back to some sort of normal in Term 3!

Christmas at OPJS

Here's our rundown for this year's OPJS Christmas! Here goes!

- The Christmas Postbox is open for business but closes on Friday! Deliveries will be made next week.
- Just a reminder that it is Christmas mufti all next week with the only exception for PE and, indeed, our Skip to Santa on Tuesday. Mufti has to have a Christmas theme btw!
- We will all be enjoying Jack and the Beanstalk panto with the legend that is Blue Peter's very own Peter Duncan! Did anyone mention Flash?
- Christmas lunch is next Wednesday which is always a highlight!
- Christmas parties are next week too! All within the rules of course and it'll be nice to have some fun!
- All classes will be visiting Ascension's Christmas experience of 'Follow the star' next week. Indeed, it's going to be a lovely walk through the church highlighting the Christmas Story and the reason for the season.

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📌 Christmas Competitions - For Children

- 📌 Make a Christmas Decoration — Cracker, bauble or who knows!
- 📌 Make a Christmas Card.
- 📌 Decorate a Christmas Digestive Biscuit.

All children who take part will receive a little Christmas treat! The children will be competing against their own year groups, and will be judged on originality of design, creativity and effort. All judging will take place in the respective baubles, I mean bubbles, and will be Christmas COVID secure! Now you need not feel left out as there are a few competitions for the 'big' children' and these are highlighted below!

📌 Christmas Competitions for Adults

- 📌 Make and decorate a Christmas cake
- 📌 Make and decorate a Christmas yule log

Given that this year is slightly different(!), we won't be following the usual recipe from local lass Mary Berry. Instead it's over to you to come up with something that requires not too much effort but, more importantly, tastes good! We will hold the competitions on Friday 18th December with the winners announced via Zoom in the afternoon.

- 📌 Just another reminder that you will have received a letter all about our 'Skip to Santa' next Tuesday. Indeed, we are tasking each child (and member of staff btw!) to skip for at least 30 minutes! This will then cover the 2100Km from OPJS to Santa's Grotto in Lapland! We're looking to raise funds for a number of great causes that include Children in Need, The Anti-Bullying Alliance, Save the Children and our OPJS PTA. All in all, a fab four to raise funds for! Please do support as best you can as I know it's pretty challenging and thank you for your generosity and support. Finally, many thanks to Jo F on the OPJS PTA for the super poster opposite!

- 📌 Finally, a number of parents/carers have contacted school regarding giving Christmas presents/gifts to our amazing staff! Not to be the Christmas Grinch, if you wish to give a present then I can't see an issue here as your kind gift can easily be 'quarantined' for 72 hours. That member of staff can take it home to enjoy and happy days!



Dates for the Diary

Here's the dates for the diary for the next festive few weeks :

- 📌 Tomorrow: Y5 Forest School and Y5 Cookery continues!
- 📌 Monday 14th December: Jack and Beanstalk Panto, Christmas Mufti ALL WEEK and Christmas Parties!
- 📌 Tuesday 15th December: OPJS 'Skip to Santa'
- 📌 Wednesday 16th December: Christmas Lunch and Y4 and Y6 visit to 'Follow the Star' at Ascension
- 📌 Thursday 17th December: Y3 and Y5 visit to 'Follow the Star' at Ascension
- 📌 Friday 18th December: Christmas Competitions and End of term
- 📌 Monday 4th January: INSET Day
- 📌 Tuesday 5th January: Start of Term 3

And finally,

Here's to a festive last week! Please take care and do stay safe!

With every good wish,

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TIER 2 HIGH ALERT

FROM 2 DEC

MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY  <p>No mixing of households indoors, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six outdoors.</p>	BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS  <p>Pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants. Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals. Venues must stop taking orders at 10pm and must close by 11pm.</p>	RETAIL  <p>Open.</p>	WORK AND BUSINESS  <p>Everyone who can work from home should do so.</p>
EDUCATION  <p>Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.</p>	INDOOR LEISURE  <p>Open.</p>	ACCOMMODATION  <p>Open.</p>	PERSONAL CARE  <p>Open.</p>
OVERNIGHT STAYS  <p>Permitted with household or support bubble.</p>	WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS  <p>15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships, wedding receptions and wakes; 30 for funerals.</p>	ENTERTAINMENT  <p>Open.</p>	PLACES OF WORSHIP  <p>Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.</p>
TRAVELLING  <p>Reduce the number of journeys you make and walk or cycle if possible. Avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble. Avoid entering a Tier 3 area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply.</p>	EXERCISE  <p>Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but cannot take place indoors if there is any interaction between people from different households. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.</p>	RESIDENTIAL CARE  <p>COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/airtight visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).</p>	LARGE EVENTS  <p>Sport, live performances and business meetings limited to 50% capacity or 2000 people outdoors (whichever is lower) and 50% capacity or 1000 people indoors (whichever is lower)</p>

Find out what support you can get

For example, if you're out of work, need to get food, or want to take care of your mental health.
[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

If you have any coronavirus symptoms:

A high temperature • A new, continuous cough
A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste.
Get a test and stay at home

For more information and detailed guidance visit:
[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)



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 school Book a test for your child Whole household & support bubble to self-isolate Inform 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 school Child 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 results Whole 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