



# OLIVER GOLDSMITH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of our autumn term. Please make sure your child comes to school in clothes to suit the changeable autumn weather!

With Covid-19 cases rising, the government has announced a new lockdown in England starting from Thursday 5th November. Please see more details on page two with links to government information about this announcement.

A huge thank you for all your generous harvest donations to the Brent Food Bank. A mountain of toothpaste (which is currently quarantined in my office giving it a minty fresh smell) will be delivered to the Brent Food Bank in the coming days.

**Poppy Appeal 2020:** Each class will have a small box of poppies and a money box should any children wish to donate to this year's poppy appeal. Any donation is gratefully received. We will have assemblies on the theme of remembrance next week.



**Board of Governors Risk Assessment:** Members of our board are meeting on Weds 4th November to review our school risk assessment. I will write to parents after this meeting to update you on any changes. Breakfast club and after school club provision will be discussed as part of that meeting.

If you are enjoying fireworks at this time, please don't forget to stay safe and remember the firework code!

Other dates for this month;

- Monday 16th November Learning Adventure Week "This is Me!"
- Monday 16th November Anti-Bullying Week begins
- Monday 16th November is ODD SOCKS DAY for anti-bullying week
- Friday 27th November is flu vaccine day for all those who return forms

Stay safe and well.

**Best wishes**  
**Mr. James Simmons**  
**Headteacher**

### FOLLOW THE FIREWORK CODE

#### DOs

- Only buy fireworks from retailers registered with MFPS
- Keep fireworks in a closed box
- Follow the instructions on each firework
- Light them at arm's length, using a taper
- Stand well back
- Always supervise children around fireworks
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves
- Keep pets indoors

#### DON'Ts

- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks
- Never go near a firework that has been lit. Even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them
- Never give sparklers to a child under five
- Don't let fireworks off after 11pm

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## Covid update...

As you will be aware, a new lockdown will be in place in England from Thursday 5th November.

*Taken from gov.uk...*

*“The Government will continue to prioritise the wellbeing and long-term futures of our young people and will not be closing schools, colleges or universities. It remains very important for children and young people to attend, to support their wellbeing and education and help working parents and guardians. Senior clinicians still advise that school is the best place for children to be, and so they should continue to go to school. Schools have implemented a range of protective measures to make them safe.”*



**PLEASE WEAR  
A MASK OR A  
FACE COVERING  
WHILE ON  
THESE  
PREMISES.**

***Thank you to all the parents, carers and adults who are wearing masks/face coverings at drop off and pick up time for all those on the school site.***

***Please wear a mask or face covering unless you are part of an exempt category.***



*Taken from gov.uk...*

*“COVID-19 case numbers are rising rapidly across the whole of the UK and in other countries. We must act now to control the spread of the virus. The single most important action we can all take, in fighting coronavirus, is to stay at home, to protect the NHS and save lives.*

*When we reduce our day-to-day contact with other people, we will reduce the spread of the infection. That is why, from Thursday 5 November until Wednesday 2 December, the Government is taking the following action:*

- 1. Requiring people to stay at home, except for specific purposes.*
- 2. Preventing gathering with people you do not live with, except for specific purposes. Closing certain businesses and venues.”*

*You can read all the government guidance using the link below...*

[https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november?fbclid=IwAR0IxEggTXETv8xgU5\\_3ASVrky6WzUlix2qO1Wg4nU4Qc5gs-4aSQyf6Kck](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november?fbclid=IwAR0IxEggTXETv8xgU5_3ASVrky6WzUlix2qO1Wg4nU4Qc5gs-4aSQyf6Kck)

## **Maths Rocks!**

As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, this November we are taking part in a competition for Maths Week England. It's called Rock Out 2020 and it's all done online via [play.ttrockstars.com](https://play.ttrockstars.com).

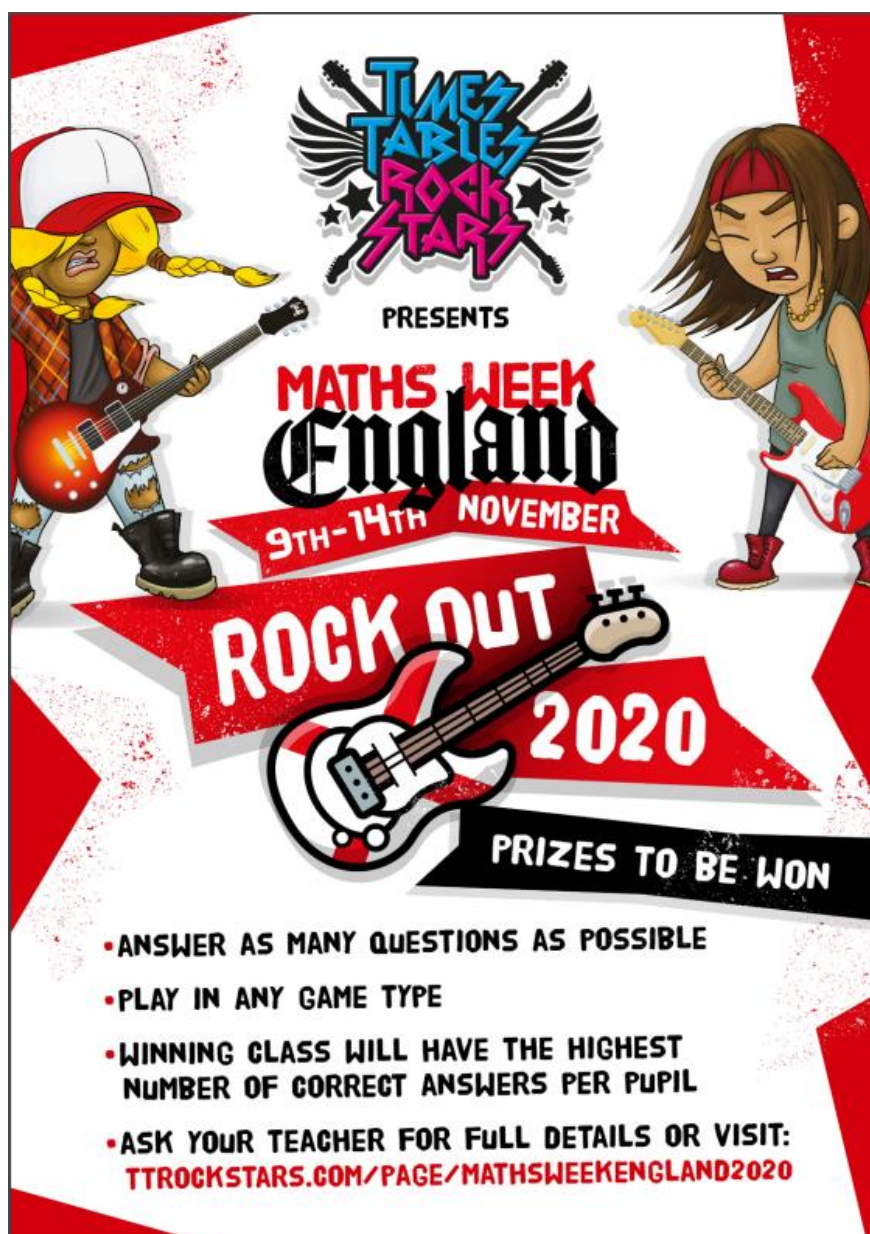
For every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, your child will earn their class a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours). Winning classes in the school and in the country as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

All game modes (Gig, Garage, Studio, etc.) will count but only from games played between 7.30am and 7.30pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>.

In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf but by all means encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans. We suggest a limit of half an hour a day outside school hours – some will play more, some will play less.

Thanks for your support,

Miss Patel, Interim Assistant headteacher/maths Leader



## Please don't forget key information...



If your child is unwell for **other reasons than Covid-19**, you must report the sickness absence of your child in the usual way (call the school office) and send your child back to school when they are well. Please be clear about your child's symptoms when speaking to our office team.

## For drop off and pick up times and which gate to use...

Year Group	Which Gate?	Drop Off Time	Pick Up Time
Nursery (AM)	Kingsbury Gnds Gate	8.20-8.30	11.20-11.30
Nursery (PM)	Kingsbury Gnds Gate	12.20-12.30	3.20-3.30
Reception	Coniston Gnds Gate	8.40-8.50	3.20-3.30
Year 1	Coniston Gnds Gate	8.40-8.50	3.20-3.30
Year 2	Coniston Gnds Gate	8.30-8.40	3.30-3.40
Year 3	Kingsbury Rd Gate	8.40-8.50	3.30-3.40
Year 4	Kingsbury Rd Gate	8.40-8.50	3.30-3.40
Year 5	Kingsbury Rd Gate	8.30-8.40	3.20-3.30
Year 6	Coniston Gnds Gate	8.40-8.50	3.30-3.40

If you have more than one child, start at the gate for the earliest drop off and we will guide you what to do next. Senior staff and other staff are available each day to help you.

Please don't forget to social distance from other families as you arrive and leave school. We have set up lines and signs to help but we need your support to make it work. Please follow our guidance and keep social distance rules to help keep us all safe. Thank you.

## What does my child need to bring to School?

- Children **DO** need to bring a packed lunch to school, unless they are having a school packed lunch.
- Children **DO** need a named water bottle.
- Children **DO** need to bring a coat to wear as needed for the autumn weather!
- Children **DO NOT** need to bring in pencil cases – we will supply them with equipment.
- Children **DO NOT** need to bring in bags.
- Children **DO NOT** need to bring in PE kits – they should wear their PE kits to school to avoid the need to change on their PE day.
- Children **DO NOT** need to bring in book bags, we have set up electronic books for children to access and homework will be completed online to reduce paper and books going between school and home.

## What does my child need to wear to school?

- Children should wear school uniform as per our uniform policy.
- On PE days, children should wear school PE kit to school.
- Children in Y1 & Y2 can wear trainers for PE rather than plimsoles.
- See the next page for details of when each class has PE and which days they should come to school in their PE kit.





## What days does my child need to wear PE kit to school?

Class/Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RN		✓			
RP					✓
1O		✓		✓	
1T	✓		✓		
2B	✓		✓		
2D		✓		✓	
3AV		✓	✓		
3B	✓			✓	
4M	✓		✓		
4P		✓		✓	
5L		✓	✓		
5S	✓			✓	
6C	✓		✓		
6S		✓		✓	

## What should my child wear on PE days?

- Grey or black shorts
- Plain white t-shirt without any logos/badges or designs
- Grey or black jogging bottoms may be worn in the winter months.
- Trainers for all children as they will spend the day wearing them - plimsoles are not suitable for children to wear all day.



*If your child has an old PE kit from last year which they still fit, please use it. 2020/21 is a transitional year between our own uniform and our new uniform policy.*

**NOTE: On PE days, trainers DO NOT need to be all black, they just need to be safe and comfortable. Please do not rush out to buy new ones!**

## How school events are being affected and our planning for the future...



### Term Dates for 2020-21

Autumn Term: Weds 2nd Sept to Fri 18th Dec 2020 (with 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sept as CPD days)  
**Children (Y1-6) start on Monday 7th Sept**  
*Half term week Monday 26th Oct to Friday 30th Oct 2020*

Spring Term: Monday 4th Jan 2021 to Weds 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 (with 4th Jan as CPD Day)  
**Children return to school on Tuesday 5th Jan 2021**  
*Half term week: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021*

Summer Term: Monday 19th April 2021 to Fri 23rd July 2021  
**Children return to school on Tues 20th April 2021**  
*Half term week Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 to Friday 4th June 2021*  
*Children break up for the summer holiday on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July*

#### **To confirm the Staff Training days (CPD days) are as follows for 2020-21**

- Wednesday 2nd September 2020
- Thursday 3rd September 2020
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020
- Monday 4th January 2021
- Monday 19th April 2021

### Term Dates for 2021-22

Autumn Term: Weds 1st Sept to Fri 17th Dec 2021 (with 1<sup>st</sup> Sept as CPD day)  
**Children (Y1-6) start on Thursday 2nd Sept**  
*Half term week Monday 25th Oct to Friday 29th Oct 2021*

Spring Term: Tues 4th Jan 2022 to Fri 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 (with 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Jan as CPD Days)  
**Children return to school on Thursday 6th Jan 2022**  
*Half term week: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022*

Summer Term: Tues 19th April 2022 to Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 (with 19<sup>th</sup> April as CPD day)  
**Children return to school on Wednesday 20th April 2022**  
*Half term week Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021 to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022*  
**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July is a CPD Day**  
*Children break up for the summer holiday on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022*

#### **To confirm the Staff Training days (CPD days) are as follows for 2021-22**

- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021
- Tuesday 4th January 2022
- Wednesday 5th January 2022
- Tuesday 19th April 2022
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

*In order to help families plan their holidays, we publish dates well in advance. The dates for the 2022-23 academic year will be published to parents early in the autumn term of 2022 as soon as they have been ratified by the Board of Governors.*



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