



# OLIVER GOLDSMITH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope this email finds you and your families safe and well. Like all schools, it has been a very challenging term for us. We have had four classes in total needing to go into isolation due to Covid 19 but we have had very positive feedback from parents about our remote learning.



**Poppy Appeal 2020:** Thanks to your support we raised **£170**

**Board of Governors Risk Assessment:** Members of our board are meeting tonight, Tues 1st December 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 the meeting.

**Christmas Cards at OGPS:** We have always had a Christmas postal system run by little elves for those in our school who want to send cards to each other and Covid 19 will not stop us! It does however change our organisation! If children want to send a card to another child or adult at the school they can post it in their class post box with the closing date being Tues 8th Dec. The cards will go into quarantine before being sorted by our elves and then go back into quarantine again! The cards will then be delivered to classes and children on Tues 15th December.

**Gifts for Staff:** I have been asked by a number of families about gifts for staff at this time of year. We are always very grateful for your generosity and never expect gifts from children and families. With the current situation we face, we are only too aware that many families may be facing tighter financial times and we do not want families to feel under any pressure to give gifts. We are also doing all we can to reduce items being brought into school. With all of this in mind we ask that ...

- Rather than sending in a gift, write a card or letter to express your thanks.
- We do have a school just giving page where families can make a small anonymous donation if they wish. Staff will then decide how to spend any donations we receive - money will be spent on resources for the children [https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/oliver-goldsmith-primary-school?utm\\_term=Gw4keYyvk](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/oliver-goldsmith-primary-school?utm_term=Gw4keYyvk)
- If you do wish to send in a gift, please make sure it is clearly labelled and deliver it to the main entrance where it will be put into quarantine for three days before being passed on. For this reason, do make sure anything is delivered to us by the close of Monday 14th December.

As I said earlier, we are simply trying to do our jobs to the best of our abilities and do not expect any gifts from families. We would rather you spend your money on ensuring your own family have a happy time this coming Christmas break.

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**Learning Adventure & BHM Competition Results:** Please see later in the newsletter for more information. We may be in smaller bubbles but we are doing our very best to keep our school traditions alive and have come up with new ways of inspiring a love of learning in all our pupils!

**Hot Meals:** You will have received a letter yesterday about the change to our lunches starting next week. Today you will have received a link to a google form so that you can order food for the last two weeks of this term. A further link will be sent nearer to the end of the term so you can order food for January 2021!

**Virtual Assemblies:** As we cannot meet together in our school halls, we have been holding our assemblies virtually. We have a mixture of live and recorded assemblies but end the week with a virtual celebration assembly where we share pupils' successes! Classes and year groups are filming special assemblies so they can be shared across the school. We want to make them available to parents to watch but we **MUST** have permission from all parents to be able to share them with you electronically. Watch out for a google form to complete if your child is taking part in a special assembly!

**GET ACTIVE:** <https://www.youthsporttrust.org/AfterSchoolSportClub>. Every day since the middle of November until the 16th December, The Youth Sports Trust runs after school activities at five o'clock to keep everybody moving/active. Previous days' activities can be accessed too. They are about 30 minutes long.

**End of term arrangements/Key dates:**

- Tues 1st Dec - Class Christmas card post boxes open!
- Tues 8th Dec - Class Christmas card post boxes close!
- Fri 11th Dec - Y3 Hannukah Assembly, we will contact Y3 parents separately about this assembly
- Tues 15th Dec - Y2 Nativity Assembly, we will contact Y2 parents separately about this assembly
- Weds 16th Dec - School Council Charity Fundraising Day, details will be sent from our Y6 School Council Leaders
- Thurs 17th Dec - last day of term for NURSERY CHILDREN
- Thurs 17th Dec - Non-Uniform Day...
- Thurs 17th Dec - Morning - we will all enjoy a virtual pantomime!
- Thurs 17th Dec - Afternoon - end of term party afternoon
- **Fri 18th Dec - end of the autumn term...**
  - **Reception, Year 1, Year 5 & Year 6 finish at 1.20pm**
  - **Year 2, Year 3 & Year 4 finish at 1.30pm**
  - **The usual gates and procedures should be followed.**

**Sorry to end on a sad note but...** I have received complaints from very upset neighbours who have been blocked from either getting in or out of their property by cars covering their driveways. I was also very saddened to hear from a neighbour that when they spoke to someone blocking their house they were laughed at and dismissed! It really upsets me that a member of our community would treat someone in this way. I urge us all to be better role models for our children and for our local community.

Stay safe and well.

**Best wishes**

**Mr. James Simmons**  
**Headteacher**

## Parking: Coniston Gardens & Kingsbury Road

Remember that cars should not be stopping or parking on the zig-zag lines for the safety of our children; nor should they be blocking residents driveways to help us maintain positive relationships with our neighbours.



### Do Remember...

- Cars should **NOT STOP or PARK** on the yellow zig-zag lines **BETWEEN THE TIMES SHOWN**
- Cars should **NOT** be blocking residents' driveways to help us maintain positive relationships with our neighbours.
- Cars should **NOT** be performing dangerous manoeuvres such as three point turns outside the main gate of the school or end up driving onto the pavement.
- Cars should **NOT** be parked in Holy Innocents Church car park on Kingsbury Road; it is their **PRIVATE PROPERTY AND NOT A PUBLIC CAR PARK**.
- Finally, please **switch off your car engine** if you are waiting around the school area to help reduce emissions in our local area.

*If you do see a vehicle obstructing the pavement, stopped or parked on the yellow lines or blocking a neighbour's driveway I would urge you to contact Brent's **Parking Enforcement Team** on 020 8937 4972.*

By working in partnership we can all help to keep our children safe & neighbours happy!





## Covid update...

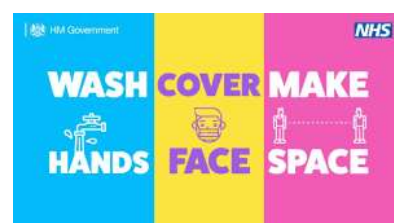
As you will no doubt be aware, at the end of the current lockdown, London will enter TIER 2 - HIGH

You can find government guidance on the restrictions in place from 2nd December here...

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-2-high-alert>

You can also find key information for parents and carers here...

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>



**Our sincere thanks 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.**



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**STOP PRESS! STOP PRESS! STOP PRESS! STOP PRESS! STOP PRESS! STOP PRESS!**

## Update on **Hot Meals...**

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## and our **New Dining Hall...**

We have been working with the local authority and a contractor, McBains, on the design of our new dining hall! I am really pleased to say that the planning application has now been made with work scheduled to start in the spring term of 2021. The plan is for works to be completed by the close of 2021 so that we can start using the new facilities in Jan 2022.

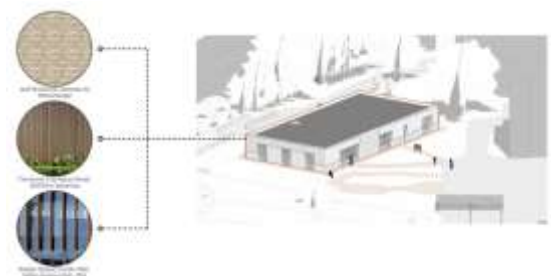
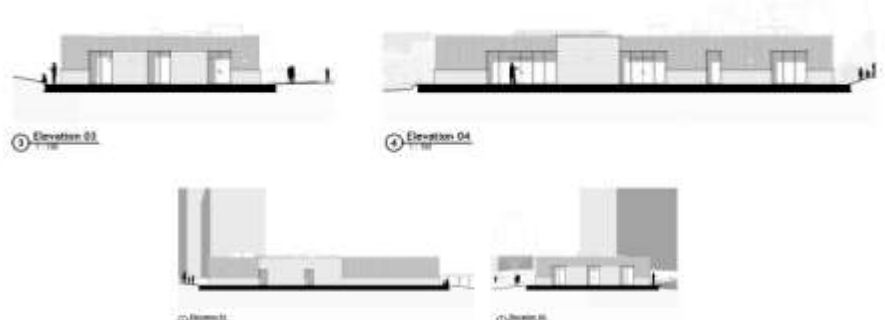


The new building will create a new kitchen, dining hall as well as a room that will be able to be used for our Breakfast Club and After School Club wrap around care provision.

You can follow the planning application by using this link...

[https://pa.brent.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=DCAPR\\_152441&activeTab=summary](https://pa.brent.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=DCAPR_152441&activeTab=summary)

Here are some of the designs and drawings...



## BHM Competition 2020...

### Congratulations to our BHM Winners!

It was great to receive so many fantastic entries. Here are the winners, runners up and some of their designs.

KS1 Winner: Alex

KS1 Runners Up: Luca, Aizah & Rami

KS2 Winners: Yasmin & Amara

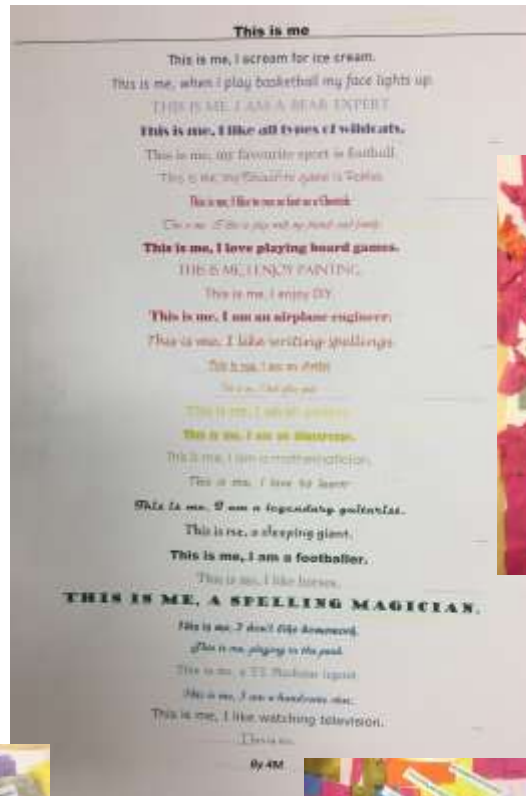
KS2 Runners Up: Ojas, Usha, Tami & Zahra Q







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## 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 plimssoles.
- 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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