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Dear Families,

It was lovely to hear about so many successful parent evening meetings with class teachers last week. Whilst there were some technical challenges we did receive some positive feedback. If you missed your meeting, we will be in contact to re-arrange with you. In our end of year parent survey we will ask if virtual parent evenings are something you would like to see continue next year.

As the holy month of Ramadan comes to a close we wish all our families celebrating this week Eid Mubarak! If your child will be absent for Eid, please contact the office tomorrow to let us know. We grant one day's leave of absence for religious observance. We hope you have a blessed day when the crescent moon appears!



Our wrap around care provision will restart next week, with both Breakfast Club and After School Club operating from Monday 17th May.

Breakfast Club starts at 7.45am and costs £3.00 per session. Children do not need to use the club each day, families can book for the days they need. We will send a link to a **BOOKING FORM** for breakfast club this Wednesday so you can book for next week. Children must book a place in advance.

After School Club is not run directly by the school but by a private provider, you must book separately with them for you child to attend. To book after school care, please use the following link; www.schoolfriendclubbookings.com/ Our school office cannot take bookings for the after school club, they MUST be made direct with the company.

Next week is **WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK** and we want to encourage as many families as possible to walk, bike or scooter to school rather than come by car! If you cannot avoid using the car, at least park away from the school site and walk for the last 5minutes. This will really help to make our local roads less congested which in turn makes them safer and healthier for everyone!



From Monday 17th May children can begin to bring their bikes and scooters back to OGPS! We are setting up specific parking places for them close to the entrances that children use. Bikes and scooters are left at owners own risk and to improve security, we advise that you ensure your bike or scooter has your name displayed in a way that cannot be easily removed. More details will be sent home later this week!





SAY CHEESE... Next week, on Wednesday 19th May, we will have a visit from our **school photographer**. To ensure everyone is safe, all photographs will be taken outside (so please pray for sunshine!!). Children will have individual photographs taken as well as class photographs. Unfortunately we are not able to take photographs of sibling groups at this time.



On Weds 19th May **ALL CHILDREN** should wear school uniform for their school photographs. **If your child usually has PE on Wednesdays, on this one occasion, children should wear school uniform and bring a change of SHOES so that for their PE time they change into their PLIMSOLES or TRAINERS for their PE lesson. We will adapt lessons to ensure they are suitable.**

Tonight, our Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, will address the nation to update the country on our journey out of lockdown. We are expecting further guidance from the Department for Education regarding how any changes will affect schools in the coming days and weeks.

There is much to look forward to over the rest of the school year and whilst we may not be able to invite parents into school in the ways we have done before, we will be doing all we can to ensure our children finish the year with the best memories we can give them!

Dates for your diaries... (Dates & Arrangements MAY need to change!)

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| • Mon 17th May | Walk 2 School Week - bikes are scooters are back! |
| • Mon 17th May | Breakfast Club returns |
| • Mon 17th May | After School Club return |
| • Weds 19th May | School Photograph Day |
| • Fri 21st May | French Learning Adventure Day |
| • Fri 28th May | Break up for half term week |
| • Mon 7th June | Back to school |
| • Mon 14th June | Y5/6 Activity Week Begins (we know that children in Y5/6 have missed their residential activities this year so we have set aside this week as a special week to create some great memories, more details to come!) |
| • Mon 28th June | Whole School Learning Adventure begins! |
| • Thurs 8th July | OGPS Sports Day (details to be confirmed) |
| • Friday 9th July | OGPS Sports Day (details to be confirmed) |
- We have booked Hendon Football Club for two days so that we can ensure sports day will happen this year. We will know more about how these days will be organised in the coming weeks and whether we can invite parents to come and join us or not - watch this space for updates!

Thank you all for your continued support.

Stay safe and well.

Best wishes
Mr. James Simmons
Headteacher



OGPS Super Stars!

Inspiring a love of helping Others!

Some lovely news about an OGPS super star who has gone that extra length to help others!

Darshni has cut her hair in aid of the Little Princess Trust. They are a charity that provide free wigs for children and adults up to the age of 24. They accept hair that is at least 7" long but request it be at least 12".

If you want to find out more about this charity, visit this link...

<https://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/donate-hair>



Darshni has raised over £1000 as well as donating her hair which will help the little Princess trust make two wigs (each costs £550 on top of the donated hair).

Darshni is still accepting donations on the page below if you would like to support her.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/muksrabadia>

Here are the before and after photos...



If you have long lockdown hair,
why not think about supporting this charity?

Well done Darshni, we are so proud of you!

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



Term Dates for 2020-21

Summer Term: Monday 19th April 2021 to Fri 23rd July 2021
Children return to school on MON 19th APRIL 2021
Half term week Monday 31st May 2021 to Friday 4th June 2021
Children break up for the summer holiday on Friday 23rd July

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

- Thurs 6th May 2021 (was 19th April 2021)

From September 2021, our new school timings will be:

- 7.45-8.35am Breakfast club
- 8.35-8.45am Soft start time - drop off time
- 8.45am Registration (when children must be in their classroom for the daily register)
- Lunchtime Will last for 60mins and be staggered for different phases
- 3.15pm End of the school day - pick up time
- From 3.15pm Afterschool Club wrap around care provision and other clubs

Term Dates for 2021-22

Autumn Term: Weds 1st Sept to Fri 17th Dec 2021 (with 1st 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 1st April 2022 (with 4th & 5th Jan as CPD Days)
Children return to school on Thursday 6th Jan 2022
Half term week: Monday 14th Feb - Friday 18th Feb 2022

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

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

- Wednesday 1st September 2021
- Tuesday 4th January 2022
- Wednesday 5th January 2022
- Tuesday 19th April 2022
- Friday 22nd 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.