



OLIVER GOLDSMITH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

Harvest - Brent Foodbank Appeal: A massive thank you for your generous donations to our recent harvest appeal. We gathered a huge 233.2kg worth of donations for Brent Foodbank. At a challenging time for many in our local community, these gifts were gratefully received.



Diwali 2021: Well done to children in Y6 for the brilliant Diwali assembly they shared today. If your child will be taking a day of religious leave for Diwali after the half term, please call or email the school office by the end of Tues 2nd Nov.

Extra Bank Holiday for 2022: As you saw in the last newsletter, all schools have been instructed to include an additional Bank Holiday as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. At OGPS we have put the additional days' holiday at the very end of the school year so that;

- Friday 22nd July - closed for additional day Bank Holiday
- Thurs 21st July - closed for CPD (moved from 22nd July)
- **Weds 20th July - END OF TERM FOR CHILDREN**

Term Dates for 2022/23: We always release term dates a long way in advance to support families with planning holidays and childcare. You can find the term dates for the academic year 2022-23 at the end of this newsletter. I have also sent them home as a separate letter both emailed and a paper copy.

New School Day Timings:

- Drop Off: Children should arrive at OGPS between 8.35am and 8.45am. The gates open at 8.35am and close promptly at 8.45am. If you arrive after 8.45am you will need to use the main school entrance. Children arriving **after 8.45am are recorded as late.**
- Pick Up: Children are in the playground ready to be collected at 3.15pm. We expect children to be collected by 3.20pm at the latest.

Driving, Parking & OGPS Neighbours: In the last seven weeks I have had a number of very upset neighbours who have had their vehicles stopped from either leaving or entering their property due to others' inconsiderate parking, vehicles stopping or parking on yellow lines and blocking driveways. What upsets me most is hearing that local residents are being verbally abused when neighbours request they move. This sets a very poor example to our children and local community. Please stop!

Wishing you a happy and safe half term break; see you on Mon 1st November.

Mr. James Simmons
Headteacher

OGPS Achieves Music Mark AGAIN!

I am very pleased to share that the school has been recognised for the National Music Mark for the second time. Music and the arts are part of the heart beat of our school !



Y6 Application for High Schools for Sept 2022: THE DEADLINE OF 31ST OCTOBER IS FAST APPROACHING – MAKE SURE YOUR APPLICATION IS IN ON TIME. You can apply through Brent's website <https://www.brent.gov.uk/services-for-residents/education-and-schools/apply-for-a-school-place/secondary-school?tab=planandprepare>

OGPS Nursery & Reception School Places for September 2022: All applications for Nursery and Reception places must be sent to Brent by 15th January 2022.

Prospective Parent Meetings Autumn 2021: We have scheduled tours of the school to support prospective parents see the school for after the half term break. They will take place in small groups with visitors asked to wear face coverings when inside the school building. To book a place, please contact the school office.

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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.

- 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.

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



Poppy Appeal: 100 Years of the Poppy!

Children can bring in a donation for this year's poppy appeal from Monday 1st Nov to Thurs 11th Nov. They will receive a poppy for their donation and we are happy to receive whatever sized donation you are happy to give. We will make sure that donations are collected in first thing in the morning so that money is not lost.



Autumn Learning Adventure: "OG Diversity Champions - Proud to Be Me!"

We want all children and families to know that our diverse heritages are both valued and respected at OGPS. We use our learning adventures, assemblies as well as the curriculum to ensure the children see themselves reflected in all that we do!

The outcomes of last summer's learning adventure has been put on display outdoors by the main entrance off Coniston Gardens. This term's learning adventure focuses on learning about and celebrating diversity which is also linked to Black History Month 2021.



This week we have also been shining a spotlight on some amazing female role models both from today and from the past. Yesterday we welcomed Cllr Ellie Southwood (MBE) governor and local Brent councillor to the school to speak to and hear from children in Y1, Y5 & Y6. She was very impressed with children's responses about what they had been learning about.

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Key Dates for the future...

Mon 15th Nov	Anti-Bullying week begins.... "One Kind Word"
Mon 15th Nov	ODD SOCKS DAY for Anti-Bullying Week
Fri 26th Nov	Y3 Hannukah Assembly* (see note below)
Fri 10th Dec	Y2 Nativity Assembly* (see note below)
Mon 13th Dec	Y3 Visit to the Millfield Theatre
Thurs 16th Dec	Non Uniform Day
Fri 17th Dec	End of term at 1.30pm

**Note: After the half term it is our intention to invite one adult per child in the year groups involved to come and watch each assembly. If we are unable to invite families into school we will live stream each assembly AND record it to ensure all families can watch it.*

From September 2021, our new school timings are as follows:

- 7.45-8.35am Breakfast club
- 8.35-8.45am Soft start time - drop off time – gates close 8.45am
- 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 - children collected by 3.20pm
- 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 2022 to Friday 3rd June 2022

Friday 22nd July is our school's additional Bank Holiday

Thursday 21st July is a staff CPD Day

Children break up for the summer holiday on Wednesday 20th 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
- Thurs 21st July 2022

Please Note:

- **Requests for leave of absence are only granted in exceptional circumstances.**
- **Holidays are not considered as an exceptional circumstance.**

Term Dates for 2022-23



Autumn Term: Thurs 1st Sept 2022 to Fri 16th Dec 2022 (with 1st & 2nd Sept as CPD days)
Children (Y1-6) start on Monday 5th Sept 2022
Half term week Monday 24th Oct to Friday 28th Oct 2022

Spring Term: Tues 3rd Jan 2023 to Fri 31st March 2023 (with 3rd & 4th Jan as CPD Days)
Children return to school on Thurs 5th Jan 2023
Half term week: Monday 13th Feb - Friday 17th Feb 2023

Summer Term: Mon 17th April 2023 to Fri 21st July 2023 (with 21st July as a CPD day)
Children return to school on Monday 17th April 2023
Half term week Monday 29th May 2023 to Friday 2nd June 2023
Friday 21st July is a CPD Day
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- Thursday 1st September 2022
- Friday 2nd September 2022
- Tuesday 3rd January 2023
- Wednesday 4th January 2023
- Friday 21st July 2023

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- **Holiday is not considered an exceptional circumstance.**

In order to help families plan their holidays, we publish dates well in advance. The dates for the 2023-24 academic year will be published to parents in the autumn term of 2022 as soon as they have been ratified by the Board of Governors.