



# OLIVER GOLDSMITH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

I hope this short newsletter finds you and your families safe and well. As the autumn term begins to come to a close, below you can read about what will be happening at OGPS next week....

## Monday 13th December

- OGPS children shall go to the ball with pantomime presentations of Cinderella taking place both in and out of school!
- Y3 Children take a trip to Mill Field Theatre to see a live performance.
- The rest of the school will be watching a recorded pantomime version of Cinderella in their classrooms - “Oh yes they are! Oh no they’re not! OH YES THEY ARE” (repeat as many times as you wish!!)

## Tuesday 14th December - **NON UNIFORM DAY for Donation of £1**

- We are holding a special ARTS DAY across the school for children to focus their imagination and creative skills. We look forward to sharing some of the outcomes with you!
- As we are unable to hold a Christmas Fair this year, our Y6 entrepreneurs got creative about raising money for the school! As you know they are putting together special gift bags that children have already ordered - these will be delivered later in the week. To raise more money, we ask that ALL children bring in a donation of £1 on Tuesday, in return for that donation, children can wear **NON UNIFORM** which might include a Christmas/festive jumper! Children will also take part in outdoor fun and games led by Y6 including a special Santa Dash! (bring Santa hat if you have one!)

## Wednesday 15th December

- As we have been unable to put on our annual spring musicals for the last two years, we are putting on an extra Christmas Musical this term starring children in Year 5 & 6. They have been busy rehearsing for their production of “The North Pole Goes Rock n Roll” and we can’t wait to watch them! One family member per child is invited to attend the Wednesday performance. If your child is taking part you will have already received a letter.

## Thursday 16th December - **NON UNIFORM DAY**

- GIFT BAG DAY! If you have ordered gift bags from our Y6 entrepreneurs, please send your money (cash) in today - bags will be sent home today.
- In the morning there will be more performances of our Christmas Musical for the children across the school in their phase groups.
- In the afternoon, we will have a party in each year group to celebrate the end of the autumn term.
- Children can wear **non-uniform** which might include a Christmas or festive jumper if they so wish. DO make sure children are in clothes and footwear suitable to play games both indoors and outdoors.
- Children **DO NOT** need to make any contributions today, all the snacks and drinks will be provided by the school.

## Friday 17th December

- A virtual assembly to celebrate the end of the term will take place in the morning.
- The term **ends at 1.30pm** with children ready to be collected in the playground at that time.
- If a different person is collecting your child on **Friday at 1.30pm**, please let the school office know in advance of Friday.

We are all looking forward to next week's events!

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

## COVID REMINDER...

*If your child displays Covid 19 symptoms, however mild, please follow guidance and do not send them to school but instead book a PCR test. This helps to keep our school community and wider community safe in these uncertain times. Thank you in advance for your constant support in keeping us all as safe as possible.*

## School Day Timings

- 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 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 2022 to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022*

***Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 20<sup>th</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
- Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2022 to Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022 (with 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept as CPD days)  
**Children (Y1-6) start on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022**  
*Half term week Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022*

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

Summer Term: Mon 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 to Fri 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023 (with 21<sup>st</sup> July as a CPD day)  
**Children return to school on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023**  
*Half term week Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023 to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023*  
**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July is a CPD Day**  
*Children break up for the summer holiday on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023*

### **To confirm the Staff Training days (CPD days) are as follows for 2022-23**

- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> 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.*



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