



OLIVER GOLDSMITH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

A warm welcome back! It has been lovely to see you all today and listen to the exciting stories that the children shared about their Easter break.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that Mr Simmons had a baby boy over the Easter break. Baby and family are all doing very well. I know you will all join me in sending congratulations to them!



Covid-19 - updated government guidance 1st April 2022

If your child has symptoms of a respiratory infection, such as COVID-19, and they have a high temperature or do not feel well enough to carry out normal activities, they must try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people, until they no longer have a high temperature (if they had one) or until they no longer feel unwell.

Where families are advised by a medical professional or choose to take a PCR test or an LFT and the test outcome is positive, the advice is for children to stay home for 3 days. If well enough after 3 days, and no temperature, children can return to school.

A few updates:

1. If you celebrate Orthodox Easter, please inform the main office of the day that you will be celebrating. One day religious leave will be authorised. We wish you and your families a lovely celebration and Happy Easter!
2. Following on from a consultation with our children, we are pleased to say that we have updated our house points and have invested in a new token system. We will use house points to acknowledge and reward positive behaviour, achievement and effort in learning.

There are now 5 house teams (previously 4):

Coniston - Green
Mardale - Yellow

Derwent - Blue
Ennerdale - Orange

Rydal - Red

3. To promote responsibility and help prepare our children for high school, Year 5 and Year 6 children are allowed to bring in their own pencil cases from this term. Pencil cases must fit in the children's trays.

4. During our weekly achievement assembly, we will be reintroducing our class attendance and punctuality trophies. Please can parents support our classes by ensuring their children are in on time (in class by 8.45am).

With very best wishes,

Mrs Zakiya Dean
Acting Headteacher

Dates for Your Diary:

Date	Event
Wednesday 20th April	TFL Safety and Citizen workshop for Year 6
Tuesday 26th April	Multiplication Check Parent Time for Year 4 parents 2.10-3.10pm.
Friday 29th April	Year 5 Eid Assembly - parent's performance 9.00-9.30am.
Monday 2nd May	<u>BANK HOLIDAY</u>
Wednesday 4th May	Year 1 Vesak Assembly - parent's performance 9.00-9.30am.
Thursday 5th May	<u>POLLING DAY</u> - the school will be <u>CLOSED</u> for all pupils.
Monday 9th May	KS2 SATs Week
Monday 16th May	Parents Drop-in Session (3.15-4.15pm) - parents will be given the opportunity to look at their children's books, classrooms and work. Further details will be sent closer to the time.
Thursday 19th May	Year 3 & Year 4 Musical - details will sent out closer to the time.
Thursday 26th May	Height & Weight Checks for Reception and Y6 pupils. Letters will be sent separately.
Friday 27th May	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

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
- 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

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

Thurs 5th May: School Closed as we are a Polling Station for Local Elections

Half term week Monday 30th May 2022 to Friday 3rd June 2022

Friday 22nd July is our school's additional Bank Holiday (Queen's Jubilee)

Thursday 21st July is a staff CPD Day

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
Children break up for the summer holiday on Thursday 20th July 2023

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

- Thursday 1st September 2022
- Friday 2nd September 2022
- Tuesday 3rd January 2023
- Wednesday 4th January 2023
- Friday 21st July 2023

Please Note:

- **Requests for leave of absence are only granted in exceptional circumstances.**
- **Holidays are 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.

Car Parking Reminders...

Whilst the no stopping or parking cones have made a difference, we are still receiving complaints from local residents who report to me that;

1. Cars are **continuing** to blocking access to their drives and homes.
2. Adults are being **abusive and disrespectful** to local residents, and often this happens in front of children.

It shocks and saddens me greatly that adults are behaving this way towards our neighbours AND are setting such a poor example of behaviour in front of children.

With so many families living so close to the school, please WALK or SCOOT to school. If you must drive PARK away from the school and WALK the last few minutes.

On 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.

- 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 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.**

