



OLIVER GOLDSMITH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

As we reach the end of our first week back at school we have much to reflect on.

We have welcomed new children into Nursery and Reception classes; it has been lovely to see them begin to settle into school life at Oliver Goldsmith.

The great British weather has kept us on our toes! We keep our fingers crossed for some September sunshine but need to prepare for more rain and showers!

It has been a historic week indeed with a new Prime Minister and the news just yesterday of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II meaning we now have a new monarch, King Charles III. We held a whole school assembly this morning to speak to the children and begin to answer questions they may have had.

Whilst the nation moves into a period of mourning, the school remains open as normal. We will await details from the government on the days ahead and update you if these have an effect on school life at OGPS.

On page three of this newsletter you can find key dates for the term ahead. These will be loaded into the diary on our website next week. Don't forget you can visit the homepage of our website and subscribe to our calendar which will automatically put dates into your device.

Wishing you a safe and dry weekend!

With best wishes,

Mr. James Simmons
Headteacher



PE Days

Children have TWO PE lessons each week. On the days that children have PE they should wear their PE kit TO SCHOOL rather than their school uniform.

Our School PE kits is as follows;

- Grey or black shorts or grey or black track suit bottoms
- Plain white t-shirt (no logos or designs)
- Trainers suitable for being active (these can be any colour)

Here are PE days for Autumn Term 2022 - We do our very best to keep to these days, if there are any changes for any reason, we will text families to let you know.

Year Group	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1M			PE Day		PE Day
1T			PE Day		PE Day
2L			PE Day	PE Day	
2P		PE Day		PE Day	
3AV	PE Day			PE Day	
3C				PE Day	PE Day
4B		PE Day		PE Day	
4D		PE Day			PE Day
5LA	PE Day				PE Day
5O	PE Day	PE Day			
6D	PE Day		PE Day		
6S	PE Day		PE Day		

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.

- 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, contact **Brent's Parking Team on 020 8937 4972**.

Key Dates for the Term Ahead...

Autumn Term Part 1

- Mon 12th Sept: Learning Journey's for all year groups made available
- Fri 16th Sept: Y6 Pupils elect House & Vice Captains
- Mon 19th Sept: After school clubs begin this week
- Mon 19th Sept: Reception pupils go full time from today - finishing at 3.15pm
- Mon 19th Sept: School Council Election Week

Where children have been a School Councillor in the past, they cannot stand for election again until they reach Y6. In Year 6 ALL children can run for the position.
- Fri 23rd Sept: School Council Election Day
- Mon 26th Sept: Photograph Day - Individual Photographs will be taken
- Weds 5th Oct: National Walk to School Day
- Weds 6th Oct: Parents' Evening 1 (letter with details to come)
- Thurs 7th Oct: Parents' Evening 2 (letter with details to come)
- Mon 17th Oct: Harvest Assembly
- Fri 21st Oct: Y6 Assembly - Diwali & learning reflections (letter to come)
- Fri 21st Oct: Break up for half term at 3.15pm

Autumn Term Part 2

- Mon 31st Oct: Back to school - gates open at 8.35am as usual
- Mon 31st Oct: Autumn Learning Adventure Begins - "OG Diversity Champions"
- Thurs 3rd Nov: Learning Adventure - Children visit and teach each other
- Fri 4th Nov: learning Adventure - Families invited to joint the adventure (9-10am)
- Mon 14th Nov: Anti-Bullying Week at OGPS
- Weds 7th Dec: Donations in for our Christmas Fair (letter to come)
- Fri 9th Dec: Christmas Fair Day run by Y6 pupils & FFG volunteers
- Mon 12th Dec: Y3 Assembly - Hannukah & learning reflections (letter to come)
- Thurs 15th Dec: Y2 Assembly - Nativity & learning reflections (letter to come)
- Thurs 15th Dec: Non-uniform day - Party Afternoon
- Fri 16th Dec: End of Autumn Term - children finish at 1.30pm

There will be further events announced as part of our Parent Time programme as well as events to promote our FFG - Friends of Family & Goldsmith. We will text/send letters with updates.

Key Dates for the future...



Please Note:

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

A Reminder of school timings:

- 7.45-8.35am Breakfast club (only if booked in advance)
- 8.35-8.45am Soft start time - drop off time – gates close 8.45am
- 8.45am Registration (when children **must be in their classroom**)
- Lunchtime Will last for 60mins (11.50am-12.50pm)
- 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 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
New Reception children will receive letters with start dates
New Nursery children will receive letters with start dates
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

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 early in the autumn term of 2022 as soon as they have been ratified by the Board of Governors.