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Dear Families,

We hope you had a good break. The OGPS staff team wish you a happy and healthy 2023!

We look forward to welcoming you back to school tomorrow morning. The gates will open at the usual time of 8.35am. Please note that the gate on Coniston Gardens will open at 8.30am to allow families to then line up at the black gate inside - this will ease the queue on the public footpath.



As you will have seen in the news, there are high levels of flu, Covid 19 and scarlet fever in general circulation. You can find information from the UK Health Security Agency on the next page.

If your child has a fever, please do not send them to school. This will help to minimise pupils spreading illnesses across the school. If children in school present with a fever, we will contact families to ask to come and collect them.

Also, children with diarrhea or vomiting should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhea for at least 48 hours. This is in line with guidance from NHS.

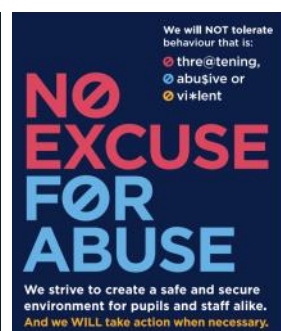


The dining hall has progressed over the break; internal walls have been put up and external walls are being prepared for the brickwork! We will keep you updated!



Finally, don't forget we have a recycling station for batteries in our entrance reception area! Please send them into us rather than putting them in the ordinary bin! Every little bit of recycling helps!

With best wishes,
Mr. James Simmons
Headteacher



Back to school advice issued amid high levels of flu, COVID-19 and scarlet fever from UKHSA...

As pupils and students return to school following the Christmas break, UKHSA is reminding people that winter illnesses continue to circulate at high levels.

Following simple steps can help protect children, minimise the spread of illness in education and childcare settings and protect wider communities. Flu and coronavirus Covid 19 are currently circulating at high levels and are likely to continue to increase in coming weeks. High numbers of scarlet fever, which is caused by group A streptococcus, also continue to be reported.

Professor Susan Hopkins, Chief Medical Adviser at the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), said:

“It’s important to minimise the spread of infection in schools and other education and childcare settings as much as possible. If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and the fever has resolved.”

Helping children to learn about the importance of good hand hygiene is also key, so practice regular handwashing at home with soap and warm water. Catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading.

Adults should also try to stay home when unwell and if you do have to go out, wear a face covering. When unwell don’t visit healthcare settings or visit vulnerable people unless urgent.

Remember that flu vaccination is still available for all eligible groups and is the best protection against the virus. We have seen good uptake in older age groups but vaccination among young children remains low. Flu can be very unpleasant and in some cases can lead to more serious illness. Getting your child vaccinated protects them and others they come into contact with, and it’s still not too late.

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**.

IT IS UNACCEPTABLE TO ABUSE NEIGHBOURS, MEMBERS OF STAFF, OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS OR OUR LOCAL POLICE TEAM - PLEASE FIND A LEGAL PLACE TO PARK!

Key Dates for the Terms Ahead...

NOTE: Dates & times may need to change; we do our very best to stick to the dates we plan in advance but sometimes changes are unavoidable.

Spring Term Part 1

- Thurs 5th Jan: Children return to school
- Mon 9th Jan: Maths Week - timetables and fluency!
- Mon 9th Jan: Extra-curricular clubs start from today
- Fri 20th Jan: Be Bright, Be Seen Day! A day to promote road safety!
- Mon 6th Feb: E-Safety Week
- Tues 7th Feb: International Safer Internet Day
- **Fri 10th Feb: Break up for half term**

Spring Term Part 2

- Mon 20th Feb: Children back from half term
- Weds 1st March: Parent Evening 1 (3.40-7.10pm)
- Thurs 2nd March: Parent Evening 2 (3.40-5.20pm)
- Thurs 2nd March: World Book Day at OGPS
- Fri 17th March: French Learning Adventure Day
- Tues 28th March: Spring Musical Performances - details will be sent closer to time
- Thurs 30th March: Y4 Assembly, families invited to join at 9.00am
- **Fri 31st March: Break up for Easter at 1.30pm**

Summer Term Part 1

- Mon 17th April: Children back from Easter break
- Mon 17th April: Maths Week - timetables and fluency!
- Weds 19th April: Y5 Assembly, families invited to join at 9.00am
- Mon 24th April: Y5 Activity Week - Residential to Gordon Brown
- **Mon 1st May: MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY**
- Weds 3rd May: Y1 Assembly, families invited to join from 9.00am
- **Mon 8th May: BANK HOLIDAY for Coronation of King Charles III**
- Tues 9th May: Y6 SATs Week begins
- Mon 22nd May: Walk to School Week - promoting healthy living & safer streets!
- **Fri 26th May: Break up for half term**

Summer Term Part 2

- Mon 5th June: Children back from half term
- Fri 23rd June: Reception Assembly, families invited to join from 9.00am
- Fri 30th June: Learning Adventure Day - Disability Champions
- Mon 3rd July: EYFS Sports Afternoon - details will be sent closer to time
- Thurs 6th July: Sports Day for Y1, 2, 3 & 4 (to be confirmed)
- Fri 7th July: Sports Day for Y5 & Y6 (to be confirmed)
- Weds 12th July: Performing Arts Concert - details will be sent closer to time
- Tues 18th July: Transition Day - Meeting new teachers/classes
- Weds 19th July: Y6 Leavers Assembly, families invited to join from 9.00am
- Weds 19th July: Y6 Leavers Celebration Afternoon!
- **Thurs 20th July: End of school year at 1.30pm**

Term Dates for 2022-23

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

Children break up for Easter Holidays on Fri 31st March 2023 at 1.30pm

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

May Day Bank Holiday - Monday 1st May 2023

ADDITIONAL BANK HOLIDAY for the Coronation of King Charles III will be Monday 8th May 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 Thurs 20th July 2023 at 1.30pm

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

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 2023-24

Autumn Term: Friday 1st Sept 2023 to Thursday 21st Dec 2023
Friday 1st September 2023 is a CPD – no children in school
Children (Y1-6) start on Monday 4th Sept 2023
Half term week Monday 23rd Oct to Friday 27th Oct 2023
Children break up for Christmas Holidays on Weds 20th Dec 2023
Thursday 21st December 2023 is a CPD day – no children in school

Spring Term: Monday 8th Jan 2024 to Thursday 28th March 2024
Monday 8th January 2024 is a CPD – no children in school
Children return to school on Tuesday 9th Jan 2024
Half term week: Monday 12th Feb - Friday 16th Feb 2024
Children break up for Easter Holidays on Thurs 28th March 2024

Summer Term: Mon 15th April 2024 to Tuesday 2nd July 2024
Children return to school on Monday 15th April 2024
Half term week Monday 27th May 2024 to Friday 31st May 2024
Children break up for Summer Holidays on Friday 19th July 2024
Monday 22nd July 2024 is a CPD day – no children in school
Tuesday 23rd July 2024 is a CPD day – no children in school

To confirm Staff Training days (CPD days) as follows for 2023-24

- Friday 1st September 2023
- Thursday 21st December 2023
- Monday 8th January 2024
- Monday 22nd July 2024
- Tuesday 23rd July 2024

In order to help families plan their holidays, we publish dates well in advance. The dates for the 2024-25 academic year will be published to parents early in the autumn term of 2023 as soon as they have been ratified by the Board of Governors.