



# OLIVER GOLDSMITH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

I do hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying the lovely weather. I wanted to share some key information with families as we head into the last four weeks of the school year.

### Dining hall Update...

I am pleased to say that Brent and the contractors have worked out a way to ensure our dining hall project can be completed. Work has recommenced and we have been told that the dining hall will be completed by the end of August ready for the start of the new school year. I am ever hopeful that this will be the case! Governors are in the process of selecting a new catering provider.

### Teacher's Strike Update...

You will have seen in the news that the NEU have declared two further strike days on **Weds 5th July and Friday 7th July**. I will be writing to you at the beginning of next week to confirm school arrangements on these days. We have been able to change planned events for the days - **our Sports Day for children in KS1 & KS2 will take place on Thurs 13th July at Hendon Football Stadium.**

### Events until the End of the Summer Term...

On page three of the newsletter you can see important dates and events that will be taking place over the next four weeks. Children will be finding out who will be teaching them next year on Friday 14th July. As per our usual policy, children in Reception classes are mixed to create two new classes in Year One. Usually we would also mix children in Year 3 BUT these classes were mixed last year so will remain the same as they move into Year 4.

### Staff News...

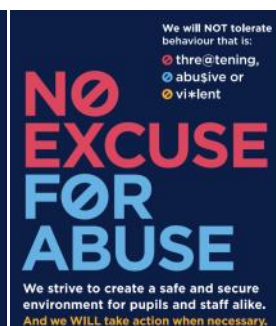
Mrs. Dean (Deputy Headteacher) will be returning from her maternity leave on Friday 14th July; we look forward to welcoming her back.

### Eid Mubarak...

We send our very best wishes to all those celebrating Eid-ul-Adha next week. If your child will be absent for religious observance, please contact the school office. One day will be granted for religious leave.



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)

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.***

### **Summer Term Part 2**

- Fri 30th June: Learning Adventure Day - Neuro Diversity & Disability Champions
- Mon 3rd July: EYFS Sports Afternoon - details in separate letter
- Tues 4th July: New Reception children joining in Sept 2023 come along to the school for a stay and play session to get to know the school and staff
- **Weds 5th July: NEU Teachers' Strike Day - see page 1**
- **Fri 7th July: NEU Teachers' Strike Day - see page 1**
- Mon 10th July: Y6 pupils to Kingsbury High for Cluster Sporting Challenge
- Weds 12th July: Performing Arts Concert - letters will be sent to children involved
- **Thurs 13th July: SPORS DAY for KS1 & KS2 Classes**
- Thurs 13th July: Reports Sent home
- Friday 14th July: School Council Fundraising Day - details will be sent closer to time
- Friday 14th July: Letter home about new teachers/new classes for Sept 2023
- 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

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)

***Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July is a CPD Day***

***Children break up for the summer holiday on Thurs 20th July 2023 at 1.30pm***

## Key Dates for the future...



### **Please Note:**

- Requests for leave of absence are only granted in exceptional circumstances.
- Holidays or visiting sick relatives are not considered an exceptional circumstances.

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

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

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

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

- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.***