



# OLIVER GOLDSMITH PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Families,

As we move closer to the end of the school year there are a number of exciting events still to look forwards to. We have sports day tomorrow and then a school council fundraising day on Friday with the children’s choice of event a pyjama day! Next week the children will have the chance to meet their new class teacher, and visit their new classroom, while next Wednesday we look forwards to the annual Y6 leavers assembly.

### Staff News...

As you already know, Mrs. Dean will be returning from her maternity leave on Friday 14th July; we look forward to welcoming her back. This year we have a number of staff leaving us for new opportunities...

Firstly, we say farewell to Miss Beck; she has been with the school since January 2016 and has taught in year three and year four as well as being a middle leader for PSHE for a few years. Miss Beck is moving to a to teach RE to Sixth Form pupils. We will miss her calmness, her kindness and her smile very much; we wish her all the very best in her new role.

We say farewell to Miss Omar; she has been with the school for six years and has taught in both year one and year five. Miss Omar is leaving to join another school. We will miss her great sense of fun, her laughter and the way she has helped so many children grow in self confidence. We wish Miss Omar every success in her new school.

We also say farewell to Mr. Leventhall who has been at Oliver Goldsmith since September 2019. He has taught children in year five and more recently year two as well as being our PSHE & Wellbeing Leader. Mr. Leventhall is moving to another school as he has secured a promotion to a new leadership role. We will miss his great sense of energy, enthusiasm and sense of humour. We wish Mr. Leventhall great success in his new leadership role.

We also say farewell to Miss Dobrowolski who has been with the school for two years. She has taught in year four for those two years as well as being our Maths Leader. We will miss her knowledge and passion for her subject and for the creative way she engages both staff and students in maths! We wish Miss Dobrowolski all the best as she moves onto exciting new opportunities.

Finally we say farewell to Mrs. Hammond who has been with us since January helping to cover lessons during Mrs. Dean’s maternity leave. Also, farewell to Miss Afrah (Learning Support Assistant) who has supported pupils in classes for the last eighteen months.

We thank them all for the roles they have played in the life of the school, for the way they have cared for children and supported their colleagues.

**With best wishes,**  
**Mr. James Simmons**  
**Headteacher**



## The Bad News: ( Dining Hall Update...

Whilst we have seen a flurry of activity in recent days, I have been told that, unfortunately, the dining hall will not be completed until October. I will be writing to you next week regarding the provision we will have in place for meals the first half term.



## The Good News :) Lunchtime Meals from September...

Along with this newsletter I have sent a further letter regarding school lunches from September 2023. As many of you will probably be aware, from September 2023 **ALL CHILDREN** in **London primary schools** will receive **FREE LUNCHTIME MEALS** for the **next academic year**. This is being paid for by the London Mayor; you can find all the details in the attached letter.

**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 Days Ahead...

- Thurs 13th July: SPORS DAY for KS1 & KS2 Classes (at Hendon Football Club)
- 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.**
- **A holiday or visiting a sick relative are 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 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 23rd Oct to Friday 27th 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 9th 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>th</sup> July 2024  
**Children return to school on Monday 15th April 2024**  
*Half term week Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024 to Friday 31st 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.***



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