



# OLIVER GOLDSMITH PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Families,

In recent days we have enjoyed sports days and our annual performing arts concert. Children in Reception to Year 5 have had the opportunity to meet their new class teacher and visit their new classroom. Today children in Year 6 presented their leavers assembly to their families as they said a farewell to Oliver Goldsmith. The end of term is very nearly here!

I do want to take this opportunity to give my thanks to the entire staff team at OGPS for all they do for the children in our care. I also want to thank the members of our Board of Governors who do so much behind the scenes at Oliver Goldsmith to offer both challenge and support to the work we do. Finally, a huge thank you to families for the kind words and positive feedback you have shared with us. Together, in partnership, we can achieve so much!

### Uniform Policy

Our Board of Governors reviewed our Uniform Policy last week and a copy will go home with all children to help you prepare for September 2023. It has also been emailed to you along with this newsletter. Governors have ensured that our school uniform is as reasonable to purchase as possible by reducing the number of branded items. Please check the uniform policy before you purchase any new items of clothing for September to ensure they fit with the expectations.

Also, if you are getting your child’s ears pierced this holiday, remember they should only be wearing stud earrings in school and that these should be removed for PE days.

### Year 6 Leavers

I want to take a moment to wish our year six pupils every success and happiness as they move to their high schools. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to see them grow into the amazing children they have become in their time at the school. Their leavers assembly today was a fitting farewell it was great to have so many proud family members with us.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a fun filled summer break. I hope you find time to rest and recharge as well as undertake exciting adventures to create quality family time with lasting memories. We look forward to welcoming children in Years 1 to Year 6 back on Monday 4th September. Have a wonderful summer!

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



## Class Coronation Photographs - Lasting Memories of 2023!

To mark the King's Coronation this year we took class photos on the Friday before the coronation. Each child has been given a copy of this photograph to take home and keep as a lasting memory of this moment in history. We will also be using the photos to create a piece of legacy artwork that will be unveiled in the autumn term. It will be put up in the main entrance next to a mural which was painted to mark Queen Elizabeth's Coronation back in 1953.



## 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 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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