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Dear Families,

2023 comes to a close... Sometimes it feels impossible to believe that a year has passed, but as another year comes to a close, we look forward to all that lays ahead in 2024! Whilst the journey to getting our new dining hall has been a rocky one, we know that when the new building opens next year it will make such a difference to the whole school community. Not only will lunchtimes be enhanced, but it will also help with clubs and our wider provision. We look forward to cutting the ribbon in 2024!

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS
2023
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Staffing Update... As you know, Mrs Schlichter will be taking her class, 6S, full time from after the Christmas break. Today we say farewell to Mrs Abrams; we offer her sincere thanks for all she has done for us over the last year and wish her every success in her new role at her new school. We also want to send Mrs Bhimji, (Reception LSA), our very best wishes as she is away from school unwell at this time.

Year Group Assemblies... We have had two recent year group assemblies, Y3 sharing their learning on Channukah and Y2 sharing their Nativity play with us. Both performances were brilliant; it was lovely to see so many families coming along to support.

Christmas Fair Update... A **HUGE WELL DONE** to children in Y6 for leading our annual Christmas fair. Their entrepreneurial skills were amazing and they raised a great deal of money! I will be telling the children today in assembly how much they raised and will be sharing it in the next newsletter. Thank you to everyone for your generous donations.

January 2024... Don't forget that children return to school on TUESDAY 9th JANUARY 2024 with the gates opening at the usual time of 8.35am

Finally... Our sincere thanks for the cards and gifts shared with members of staff. We never expect them and are overwhelmed by your generosity.

Wishing all those celebrating a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone! May 2024 bring happiness, health and success!

With best wishes,
Mr. James Simmons
Headteacher

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**NO
EXCUSE
FOR
ABUSE**

**SAFE
KIND
INCLUSIVE**

Breakfast Club...

As you read in the last newsletter, with changes of staff at the school we have needed to review how we run our breakfast club.

From Tues 9th January 2024, our breakfast club will be run by **SchoolFriend Clubs** rather than by the school; this is the same company who have run our after school club provision for many years.

The times the breakfast club operates will remain the same but the price has needed to rise to £4 per session. If you want your child to access breakfast from January you will need to book a place by 8pm the night before.

To read more about SchoolFriendClubs, please visit their website using this link...

<https://www.schoolfriendclub.com/>

To book a place for your child/children in Breakfast Club, you need to first register with the company through their website. Once registered, you can then book places for the days that you need. You will need to book by 8pm the day before you need a space AND you **MUST** pay for provision **IN ADVANCE**.

To register and book a place at Breakfast Club, please use the following link...

<https://www.schoolfriendclubbookings.com/>

If you have any issues, please contact SchoolFriendClub directly rather than our school office as we do not have access to their booking system. You can contact them in the following ways...

Telephone: 0333 355 7374

Email: office@schoolfriendclub.com

Dining Hall Update... As you read in the last newsletter, unfortunately the dining hall will not be ready to open at the start of January. We have been given a revised completion date of late January. We are hopeful that we will be in a position to start serving meals on site from Mon 29th January 2024. I have a building progress meeting with the contractor and Brent Council on Tues 9th January and hope to be given a confirmed completion date in this meeting. In the meantime, we continue to have hot meals prepared off-site and delivered daily. Please make sure you order meals in advance using the links we text to you.



Trips & Visitors for OGPS Pupils...

This term we have been setting up visits and trips to enrich our curriculum. In the autumn term all children had the chance to experience a pantomime put on by Hobgoblin theatre. In addition to this, the following took place this term;

- Reception children had a visit from the Music Bus, this was a free visit and introduced the children to a range of different instruments from around the world.
- Year 1 were introduced to and got to handle some amazing animals in school, they met African land snails, a snake, a lizard, a duck and a rabbit to name a few.
- Year 2 enjoyed free visits that included the Music Bus, Holy Innocents Church and a virtual workshop all about the Great Fire of London.
- Year 3 went into London to the Science Museum.
- Year 4 took a trip into London to the British Museum to learn about the Anglo-Saxons
- Year 5 visited the local RAF Museum at Hendon.
- Year 6 went into London to visit the British Museum to learn about Ancient Egypt.

We also have made plans for the next two terms...

Trips for the Spring Term...

- Reception will have the opportunity to hear the Orchestra of The Age of Enlightenment
- Year 1 will take a trip to the Welsh Harp for a workshop linked to their learning.
- Year 2 will also take a trip to the Welsh Harp for a workshop linked to their learning.
- Year 3 will go to the Natural History Museum to learn about earthquakes and volcanoes.
- Year 4 are heading to the Science Museum.
- Year 5 will take a trip to the Natural History Museum to learn about sustainability.
- Year 6 will head into London to experience the Tate Modern.

Trips for the Summer Term...

- Reception will take a trip to the London Aquarium.
- Year 1 will visit Holland Park in Brent.
- Year 2 are heading off to the Tower of London.
- Year 3 will take a trip to Verulamium in St Albans.
- Year 4 will experience a River Thames Boat Trip.
- Year 5 have their activity days where they either attend the residential trip to the Gordon Brown Centre or undertake activities back at school. They will also all be experiencing the orchestra of the age of enlightenment.
- Year 6 have their activity days where they either attend the residential trip to Kingswood Activity Centre or undertake activities back at school. They will also all be experiencing a theatre production in the West End.

We have secured a range of trips with value for money in mind. We travel for free and arrange free workshops where we can to keep costs to a minimum. We do rely on voluntary contributions where costs are incurred to ensure that trips go ahead. We want our trips and visitors to inspire our children and give them memorable moments.

Are you looking for Holiday Childcare?...

A local primary school, Fryent Primary, on Church Lane has a holiday club running over the coming Christmas break.

If you are looking for childcare, please contact them directly using the website link below...

www.DFY.org.uk/winter2023



The poster is for DFY Sports Winter Camp. It features a blue background with white snowflakes. At the top left is the DFY logo. At the top right is a circular inset photo of children playing football on a field. The main title 'DFY SPORTS' is in green, and 'Winter Camp' is in a large white script font. Below this, the dates '2ND TO 5TH JANUARY' are in black. The text 'SO MANY SPORTS:' is in black, followed by 'SO MUCH FUN!' in a white script font. A list of sports (Football, skateboarding, boxing, basketball, tennis, gymnastics, dance, cricket and so much more!) is in black. On the right is a cartoon snowman wearing a red hat and scarf. At the bottom left, the website 'WWW.DFY.ORG.UK/WINTER2023' is underlined, with contact information below it. At the bottom right, the school name 'FRYENT PRIMARY SCHOOL' and address 'NW9 8JD' are in purple.

DFY

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Winter Camp

2ND TO 5TH JANUARY

SO MANY SPORTS:

SO MUCH FUN!

Football, skateboarding, boxing, basketball, tennis, gymnastics, dance, cricket and so much more!

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WWW.DFY.ORG.UK/WINTER2023

FREE SPACES, & SIBLING DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE EMAIL
JOSIE@DFY.ORG.UK

Parking Reminders:

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.

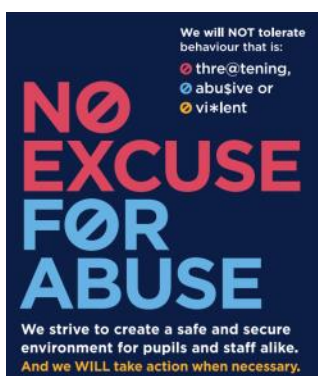
- Cars should **NOT STOP or PARK** on the yellow zig-zag lines **BETWEEN THE TIMES SHOWN**
- Cars should **NOT** be blocking residents' driveways to help us maintain positive relationships with our neighbours.
- Cars should **NOT** be performing dangerous manoeuvres such as three point turns outside 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**.
- Cars should **NOT** be parking in the disabled bar marked along Coniston Gardens.
- 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 Enforcement Team 020 8937 4972**.



Please remember that the school car park and Holy Innocents Church car park SHOULD NOT be used by parents or family members when dropping children off or picking them up.

The school car park SHOULD NOT be used by parents or family members when dropping off or picking up children to or from the Breakfast Club or the After School Club.



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)
- School jumper or cardigan
- Trainers suitable for being active (these can be any colour)

Here are PE days for Spring Term 2024 - We do our very best to keep to these days, if it needs to change for any reason, we will text families to let you know.

Year Group	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1M	PE Day				PE Day
1N	PE Day		PE Day		
2B	PE Day				PE Day
2P			PE Day		PE Day
3AV	PE Day				PE Day
3C				PE Day	PE Day
4H	PE Day				PE Day
4L	PE Day				PE Day
5B	PE Day			PE Day	
5R	PE Day			PE Day	
6D		PE Day		PE Day	
6S		PE Day		PE Day	



Key Dates for the Autumn Term Ahead...

Please Note - Some dates may change, we will update families with any changes.

Autumn Term Part 2

- Weds 20th Dec: End of Autumn Term - Children finish at 1.30pm
(children should wear school uniform for the last day)

Key Dates for the Spring Term 2024...

Spring Term Part 1

- Tues 9th Jan: Back to school - gates open at 8.35am as usual
- Mon 15th Jan: OGPS Maths Week Begins!
- Mon 15th Jan: Extra Curricular Clubs begin today
- Fri 26th Jan: Be Bright, Be Seen Day!
- Mon 5th Feb: Spring Learning Adventure Week - "OG Sustainability Champions"
- Tues 6th Feb: Safer Internet Day
- Fri 9th Feb: Break up for half term at 3.15pm

Spring Term Part 2

- Mon 19th Feb: Back to school - gates open at 8.35am as usual
- Weds 6th March: Parents' Evening 1
- Thurs 7th March: Parents' Evening 2
- Fri 15th March: French Learning Adventure Day
- Tues 19th March: Spring Musical Performances
- Mon 25th March: Y4 Assembly - Easter & learning reflections (letter to come)
- Thurs 28th March: End of Spring Term - Children finish at 1.30pm

Where new events are added, we will update newsletters, send letters and send texts to keep families up to date.



Key Dates for the Summer Term 2024...

Please Note - Some dates may change, we will update families with any changes.

Summer Term Part 1

- Mon 15th April: Back to school - gates open at 8.35am as usual
- Tues 16th April: Y5 Activity Week - Residential to Gordon Brown Centre
- Thurs 2nd May: Local Elections & London Mayor Election Day
- Mon 6th May: Bank Holiday
- Mon 20th May: Walk to School Week
- Weds 22nd May: Y1 Assembly - Vesak & learning reflections (letter to come)
- Fri 24th May: Break up for half term at 3.15pm

Summer Term Part 2

- Mon 3rd June: Back to school - gates open at 8.35am as usual
- Mon 10th June: OGPS Proms Week
- Fri 14th June: Y5 Assembly - Eid & learning reflections (letter to come)
- Fri 21st June: Reception Assembly - (letter to come)
- Fri 28th June: Summer Learning Adventure Day
"OG Neuro-Diversity & Disability Champions"
- Mon 1st July: EYFS Sports Day (to be confirmed)
- Fri 5th July: KS1/KS2 Sports Day (to be confirmed)
- Weds 10th July: Performing Arts Concert
- Tues 16th July: Transitions Day - meet new teachers/class
- Thurs 18h July: Y6 Leavers Assembly - (letter to come)
- Fri 19th July: End of Summer Term - Children finish at 1.30pm

Where new events are added, we will update newsletters, send letters and send texts to keep families up to date.



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 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 23rd 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



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.

Term Dates for 2024-25

Autumn Term: Monday 2nd Sept 2024 to Friday 20th Dec 2024

Monday 2nd September 2024 is a CPD day – no children in school
Tuesday 3rd September 2024 is a CPD day – no children in school
Children (Y1-6) start on Wednesday 4th Sept 2024

Half term week Monday 21st Oct to Friday 25th Oct 2024

Children break up for Christmas Holidays on Friday 20th Dec 2024

Spring Term: Monday 6th Jan 2025 to Friday 4th April 2025

Monday 6th January 2025 is a CPD day – no children in school
Children return to school on Tuesday 7th Jan 2025

Half term week: Monday 17th Feb - Friday 21st Feb 2025

Children break up for Easter Holidays on Friday 4th April 2025

Summer Term: Tuesday 22nd April 2025 to Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Children return to school on Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Half term week Monday 26th May 2025 to Friday 30th May 2025

Children break up for Summer Holidays on Friday 18th July 2024
Monday 21st July 2025 is a CPD day – no children in school
Tuesday 22nd July 2025 is a CPD day – no children in school

To confirm Staff Training days (CPD days) as follows for 2024-25

- Monday 2nd September 2024
- Tuesday 3rd September 2024
- Monday 6th January 2025
- Monday 21st July 2025
- Tuesday 22nd July 2025

In order to help families plan their holidays, we publish dates well in advance. The dates for the 2025-26 academic year will be published to parents early in the autumn term of 2024 when they have been ratified by the Board of Governors.



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