



# OLIVER GOLDSMITH PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents & Carers,

May I start by wishing those in our school and local community a very happy Diwali and a prosperous and healthy New Year. We hope you enjoy your celebrations this week.

I will be visiting our neighbours at the Swaminarayan Temple on Thursday to represent the school and pass on our good wishes.

My thanks to all those who have sent in donations for the poppy appeal. Year 6 House Captains will visit each class each day to collect any donations. We will hold a special assembly on Friday 9th Nov to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War.

Also on Friday, our choir is singing at Holy Innocents as part of their flower festival to mark the Armistice Centenary.

Best wishes,

**Mr. James Simmons,**

**Headteacher**



## Armistice Centenary

1914 - 1918

## Flower Festival

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November

until

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November

**Holy Innocents Church**  
Kingsbury NW9 0AY

**Thursday 7pm-9.30pm**  
7.30pm Short act of commemoration

**Friday 11am-4pm**  
2-4pm Launch of new Memory Cafe

**Saturday 11am-4pm**

**Sunday 11am-2pm**  
10am Service with Act of Remembrance

Hosting commemorative installations  
**THERE BUT NOT THERE** silhouettes  
from The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust





## Y5 Visit to Ashton Lodge for a Halloween Spook-tacular Performance!



On Weds 31st October, children from Year 5 visited our neighbours at Ashton Court to entertain them with a performance of their "Thriller" dance! The children enjoyed dressing up, creating pumpkins and putting on a show on for the residents. We received a £40 donation from one resident who wanted to thank us for coming to see them and brightening up their day! It is great to be part of a caring local community! Our thanks to Y5 & Mr Crawford.





## Year 6 Diwali Assembly

The first of our year group assemblies for 2018-19 took to the stage on Friday 2nd November with the Y6 assembly all about Diwali.

We were treated to a re-telling of the Ramayana, the story of Rama & Sita and we met a whole cast of important characters along the way!

The children used their skills in dance, drama and music to share what they have learned about this very important festival.

It is great that at OGPS we can celebrate with each other and that the children can learn from each other about festivals that are important to our school and local community.



In the last parent survey, parents requested a calendar of dates for the academic year. Over this and the next page you will find all the key dates. The following dates are in the school website calendar. Some dates may be subject to change!



### Dates for your Diary...

Mon 5th Nov:	Autumn Term Learning Journey begins... "Lights, Camera, Action!"
Mon 12th Nov:	Anti-Bullying Week begins
Weds 14th Nov:	Parent Time open for all parents "Anti-Bullying" 9.00-10.00am** CHANGED
Tues 20th Nov:	Parent Time for Nursery & Reception Parents 9.00-10.00am** CHANGED
Thurs 22nd Nov:	Parent Time for KS2 Parents MATHS CALCULATIONS 9.00-9.45am** CHANGED
Thurs 29th Nov:	Meeting for Prospective Parents for Reception September 2019
Fri 30th Nov:	Y3 Hanukah Assembly - Y3 Parents invited from 9.00am
Mon 3rd Dec:	Last week of clubs for the autumn term
Thurs 13th Dec:	Christmas Fair Donations Day
Fri 14th Dec:	OGPS Christmas Fair in the afternoon led by Y6 Pupils & our FFG Team
Mon 17th Dec:	Y3 Pupils visit the Millfield Theatre
Tues 18th Dec:	Theatre Presentation in school for R, Y1, Y2, Y4 & Y5
Weds 19th Dec:	Y2 Nativity - Y2 Parents invited from 9.00am
Thurs 20th Dec:	Christmas Jumper Day & End of term party afternoon
Fri 21st Dec:	End of Autumn term at 1.30pm

### Spring Term 2019

Mon 7th Jan:	Staff CPD - No children in school
Tues 8th Jan:	Children back from holiday - soft start from 8.40am
Mon 14th Jan:	Clubs start this week
Mon 14th Jan:	Maths Week 2
Fri 25th Jan:	Be bright, Be Seen Day!
Mon 11th Feb:	E-Safety Week
Tues 12th Feb:	Safer Internet Day 2019
Friday 15th Feb:	Break up for half term at 3.30pm

**Half term break: Mon 18th Feb to Friday 22nd February 2019**

Mon 25th Feb:	Back to school...
Thurs 7th March:	World Book Day 2019
Mon 11th March:	Parents Evenings will be held this week (Weds & Thurs) more details to follow...
Mon 18th March:	Spring Term Learning Adventure "Let it Grow!"
Fri 29th March:	French Day
Mon 1st April:	School Musical 2019 to be performed this week - more details to follow...
Thurs 4th April:	Y4 Easter Assembly, parents with children in Y4 invited to from 9.00am
Fri 5th April:	End of term at 1.30pm

### Summer Term 2019

Tues 23rd April:	Children back from holiday - soft start from 8.40am
Tues 23rd April:	Clubs start
Tues 23rd April:	Maths Week 3 - Competition Week!
Mon 29th April:	Y5 Gordon Brown Residential Week (4 nights Mon-Fri)
Mon 6th May:	Bank Holiday - School Closed!
Mon 13th May:	Y6 National Curriculum Assessment Week (SATs)
Fri 17th May:	Y1 Vesak Assembly, parents with children in Y1 invited to from 9.00am
Mon 20th May:	Walk, Scoot to Bike to School Week!
Thurs 23rd May:	School Photographer - Class Photos being taken
Fri 24th May:	Y5 Ramadan & Eid Assembly, parents with children in Y5 invited to from 9.00am
Fri 24th May:	Break up for half term at 3.30pm

**Half term break: Mon 27th May to Friday 21st May 2019**



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Mon 3rd June:	Back to school...
Mon 10th June:	OGPS Proms Week!
Fri 14th June:	Reception Assembly, parents with children in Reception invited from 9.00am
Weds 19th June:	Whole School Learning Adventure begins
Fri 28th June:	Parents Visit Learning Adventure Zones
Mon 1st July:	EYFS Sports Day
Fri 5th July:	KS1 & KS2 Sports Day (to be confirmed! - this date may change!)
Thurs 11th July:	Performing Arts Concert Evening Concert
Sat 13th July:	FFG Summer Fair (date to be confirmed by FFG, this my change)
Mon 15th July:	Optional Parents Evening
Thurs 18th July:	Y6 Leavers Assembly, parents with children in Y6 invited to from 9.00am
Fri 19th July:	End of term at 1.30pm

***Please Note: Where changes to events need to be made, we will update parents via the newsletter and calendar on the school website. We try our very best to stick to the dates we set but sometimes changes are unavoidable.***

## Safeguarding Zone

### Leaving your child home alone

If a child is not ready to be left alone, they can feel sad, lonely, frightened and it can be dangerous. There are many possible risks, both physical and emotional, which could affect your child in a bad way.



It is not possible to rely on a child to let you know how much care they need. They may say that they do not mind being left, and may find it fun at first, but they cannot fully know the possible risks and how to handle them. Even ordinary things that happen in life, such as hunger, a storm, the phone ringing or someone coming to the front door can cause problems, power cuts may occur, and these are not things that a child would know how to deal with.

It is never possible to leave your child and assume that someone will look out for them, unless you have already spoken to a trusted friend or neighbours and specifically asked them to keep an eye out.

If they are told, the Police or Social Services may take action if they think that a child has been neglected by being left alone. Neglect happens when a parent or carer does not meet the children's basic needs of food, shelter, security, attention or protection from danger.

The NSPCC have issued guidelines advising that children under the age of 13 should not be left alone. While this is not the law, it is suggested as good practice. Children under 13 years of age cannot manage the responsibility of being left alone and this may be particularly so if they have a disability.

As a young person grows older, leaving them alone after school, for an evening or during the day is less worrying, as long as they know what to do if they are worried or need anything. So preparation is vital. If your child is 13 or over and you feel he or she has the understanding to deal with this, it is important that they know where you are and who to contact in an emergency.



## DATES TO HELP PARENTS PLAN AHEAD....



### Term Dates for 2018-19

- Autumn Term: Mon 3rd Sept to Fri 21st Dec 2018  
(with 3rd & 4th Sept as CPD days - children start back Weds 5th Sept)  
*Half term week Monday 22nd Oct to Friday 26th Oct 2018*
- Spring Term: Monday 7th Jan 2019 to Friday 5th April 2019  
(with 7th Jan as CPD Day - children start back Tues 8th Jan 2019)  
*Half term week Monday 18th Feb 2019 -Friday 22nd Feb 2019*
- Summer Term: Tues 23rd April 2019 to Tues 23rd July 2019  
(with 22nd & 23rd July as CPD days - **children finish Friday 19th July**)  
*Half term week Monday 27th May 2019 to Friday 31st May 2019*

### Term Dates for 2019-20

- Autumn Term: Mon 2nd Sept to Thurs 19th Dec 2019 (with 2nd & 3rd Sept as CPD days)  
Children (Y1-6) start on Weds 4th Sept  
*Half term week Monday 21st Oct to Friday 25th Oct 2019*
- Spring Term: Monday 6th Jan 2020 to Friday 3rd April 2020 (with 6th Jan as CPD Day)  
*Children return to school on Tuesday 7th Jan 2020*  
*Half term week: Monday 17th Feb - Friday 21st Feb 2020*
- Summer Term: Monday 20th April 2020 to Tues 21st July 2020\*  
*Children return to school on Monday 20th April 2020*  
*Half term week Monday 25th May 2019 to Friday 29th May 2020*

(\*Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st July as CPD days)

**NOTE: children finish Fri 17th July 2020**

#### **To confirm the Staff Training days are as follows for 2019-20**

- Monday 2nd September 2019
- Tuesday 3rd September 2019
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020
- Monday 20th July 2020
- Tuesday 21st July 2020

The dates for the 2020-21 academic year will be set and published to parents early in the autumn term of 2019.



*Don't forget to visit our school website which has lots of information about school life.*

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