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“Inspiring a love of learning”



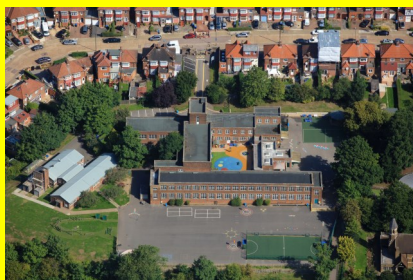
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Dear Parents & Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to our spring term!

From our Interim Deputy Headteacher...

It doesn't seem that long ago that I was last here, time certainly does fly! However, I would just like to take this opportunity to say how delighted I am to be back at Oliver Goldsmith Primary School. As you will know I am covering Mrs Dean for her maternity leave. I am very much looking forward to working with the staff and the pupils at the school as well as being available to parents should they need to discuss anything with me. I will be in the playground at the beginning and end of the day, please feel free to speak to me then or to arrange a more convenient time if you wish.

In the meantime may I wish you all a very Happy New Year and reiterate once again that I am very much looking forward to being of service to the school and yourselves.

Very best wishes, Mr David Williams, Interim Deputy Head



We have an exciting spring and summer ahead; you can read about our school New Year Resolutions on the next page!

Don't forget that school clubs start on Monday 14th January. We have a great demand for clubs with waiting lists for most of them. If you haven't paid for the clubs for the spring term by the end of Monday 14th Jan, your place will be allocated to someone on the waiting list. Speak to Mrs O'Connell in the office with any questions or queries.

Finally, next week is **“Times Tables Week”**, we hold one each term to support children with learning their timetables. You can find out more in later pages! Please help your child to get ahead with their Times Tables!

Best wishes,

Mr. James Simmons,
Headteacher

OGPS New Year Resolutions!

ONE: HEALTHY HEART....TO GET FITTER!

From Monday 14th January, children will take part in our “Active Mile” which is a time where children will run, jog or walk briskly around our playground routes each day.

Many other schools already do this and we are re-launching this at OGPS with everyone (including me) getting involved every day. The children don't need any special equipment or a change of shoes or clothes. It's a chance for all of us to spend that little bit of time each day to focus on our fitness! We will let you know how it goes....



TWO: HEALTHY MIND....READING FOR PLEASURE!

We want children at OGPS to enjoy reading for pleasure as we know that reading makes such a difference to how well children do at school and later in their lives. We want children to choose to lose themselves in a book! We will be opening our school library more often for our children include time after school! Watch out for more details in the days to come.



THREE: HEALTHY LIVING....OUTDOOR LEARNING!

This term, as part of our new STEM curriculum and our spring Learning Adventure, we will be enhancing our outdoor learning provision for all our pupils. We want to encourage a love of our world and the environment as well as support mental health wellbeing by increasing the amount of time our children spend outdoors in the natural environment. We are proud to be working in partnership with Woodland Adventure Forest School Harrow.

By the end of the spring term we will have a NEW FOREST SCHOOL on the school site for the children to enjoy as well as a refurbished SCHOOL GARDEN for children to learn more about horticulture. We want parents to be part of this journey so do look out for opportunities in future newsletters for where you can get involved.



What's the Forecast? Will it be bad weather for the New Year? Will it snow?

We will always do our very best to remain open if it snows but there are rare occasions that, due to health and safety concerns, we might need to close the school. There are a number of ways we get information to parents about any such school closure, please take the coming holiday as a chance to check that you know how to access this information...



- **Texts/Emails to you and your smartphone** – we will always text/email parents with up to date information if we are closing the school site.
- **Twitter & Facebook** – we will also update them with the latest information
- **School Website** home page latest news - on our homepage we have a line that shows the latest news for parents. This would be used to update parents on any changes.
- **School open check tool by LGFL** via the **Parent Comms App** – you can download an app available for iPhone/iPad and android that will link you directly to the service. You can also visit **www.opencheck.atomwide.com**

Please make sure we have an up to date email address and mobile phone numbers as this is vital for good communication. Also, try out and bookmark some of the other ways we communicate with home as listed above.

NEXT WEEK IS....

Times Tables Week!

We have three times tables weeks each year where we focus on learning times tables ready for competition week at the end of the school year!

Knowing times tables facts and their related division facts off by heart is vital for pupils. They need to keep practising them for speed and accuracy!

On the next page, there is some further information about how to help your child with their times tables and what the expectations are for which ones they should know by the end of which years!

There are some links on our school website to other sites that can help children develop their times table skills as well as other maths skills!

www.olivergoldsmith.brent.sch.uk/pages/curriculum-to-inspire/website-links-to-support-the-curriculum

<http://www.olivergoldsmith.brent.sch.uk/pages/pupils/website-links-for-pupils>

Please help your child at home; remember, just 5mins each day can make all the difference!



Times Tables...



Practice Makes Permanent!

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What they need to know...

Reception & Year 1

Count up in 2s, 5s & 10s

Year 2

2, 5 & 10 times tables

Year 3

3, 4 & 8 times tables

Year 4

6, 7, 9, 11 & 12 times tables

Year 5

Times tables up to 12 x 12

Year 6

Times tables up to 12 x 12

How you can help your child...

Your child should be able to do three things to show they know their timetables off by heart!

STEP ONE

Recite the facts in order like this...

Once six is six

Two sixes are twelve

Three sixes are eighteen

Four sixes are twenty four etc.

STEP TWO

Answer questions in a random order, e.g. What is six times four? What is six times two?

STEP THREE

Check they know the related division facts by asking... How many sixes are in 18?

All the times tables are on the next page to help you get started!



1	X	2	=	2
2	X	2	=	4
3	X	2	=	6
4	X	2	=	8
5	X	2	=	10
6	X	2	=	12
7	X	2	=	14
8	X	2	=	16
9	X	2	=	18
10	X	2	=	20
11	X	2	=	22
12	X	2	=	24

1	X	3	=	3
2	X	3	=	6
3	X	3	=	9
4	X	3	=	12
5	X	3	=	15
6	X	3	=	18
7	X	3	=	21
8	X	3	=	24
9	X	3	=	27
10	X	3	=	30
11	X	3	=	33
12	X	3	=	36

1	X	4	=	4
2	X	4	=	8
3	X	4	=	12
4	X	4	=	16
5	X	4	=	20
6	X	4	=	24
7	X	4	=	28
8	X	4	=	32
9	X	4	=	36
10	X	4	=	40
11	X	4	=	44
12	X	4	=	48

1	X	5	=	5
2	X	5	=	10
3	X	5	=	15
4	X	5	=	20
5	X	5	=	25
6	X	5	=	30
7	X	5	=	35
8	X	5	=	40
9	X	5	=	45
10	X	5	=	50
11	X	5	=	55
12	X	5	=	60

1	X	6	=	6
2	X	6	=	12
3	X	6	=	18
4	X	6	=	24
5	X	6	=	30
6	X	6	=	36
7	X	6	=	42
8	X	6	=	48
9	X	6	=	54
10	X	6	=	60
11	X	6	=	66
12	X	6	=	72

1	X	7	=	7
2	X	7	=	14
3	X	7	=	21
4	X	7	=	28
5	X	7	=	35
6	X	7	=	42
7	X	7	=	49
8	X	7	=	56
9	X	7	=	63
10	X	7	=	70
11	X	7	=	77
12	X	7	=	84

1	X	8	=	8
2	X	8	=	16
3	X	8	=	24
4	X	8	=	32
5	X	8	=	40
6	X	8	=	48
7	X	8	=	56
8	X	8	=	64
9	X	8	=	72
10	X	8	=	80
11	X	8	=	88
12	X	8	=	96

1	X	9	=	9
2	X	9	=	18
3	X	9	=	27
4	X	9	=	36
5	X	9	=	45
6	X	9	=	54
7	X	9	=	63
8	X	9	=	72
9	X	9	=	81
10	X	9	=	90
11	X	9	=	99
12	X	9	=	108

1	X	10	=	10
2	X	10	=	20
3	X	10	=	30
4	X	10	=	40
5	X	10	=	50
6	X	10	=	60
7	X	10	=	70
8	X	10	=	80
9	X	10	=	90
10	X	10	=	100
11	X	10	=	110
12	X	10	=	120

1	X	11	=	11
2	X	11	=	22
3	X	11	=	33
4	X	11	=	44
5	X	11	=	55
6	X	11	=	66
7	X	11	=	77
8	X	11	=	88
9	X	11	=	99
10	X	11	=	110
11	X	11	=	121
12	X	11	=	132

1	X	12	=	12
2	X	12	=	24
3	X	12	=	36
4	X	12	=	48
5	X	12	=	60
6	X	12	=	72
7	X	12	=	84
8	X	12	=	96
9	X	12	=	108
10	X	12	=	120
11	X	12	=	132
12	X	12	=	144

Reception & Year 1

Count in 2s, 5s & 10s

Year 2

2, 5 & 10

times tables

Year 3

3, 4 & 8

times tables

Year 4

6, 7, 9, 11 & 12

times tables

Year 5

Times tables up to
12 x 12

Year 6

Times tables up to
12 x 12

Don't forget to learn your OGPS Golden Facts each half term as part of your home learning! You can find them on the school website homework section or by visiting class pages and scrolling down to the homework section!

www.olivergoldsmith.brent.sch.uk/pages/school-life/homework-at-ogps



OGPS is a "Rights Respecting School"



As a "Rights Respecting School" we start each week sharing one of the UN Articles in our assemblies. This week we looked at article 29 which you can see below. Also this week, children have had the chance to review their own class charters which are a commitment between everyone in the class as to how they will treat each other with respect. We are aiming to gain silver accreditation for RRS as quickly as possible and have set ourselves the target by the end of the year. Watch out in our newsletters about Rights Respecting schools!

Article 29

Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.



Safeguarding Zone : Health & Safety

Babies and young children learn about their world by exploring it. This means that, as soon as they are able to, they will crawl, touch and grab at whatever is in their line of vision. They are curious by nature and need careful and gentle guidance from a young age about what danger is, and what to stay away from.



Shouting at or smacking children will not teach them about safety. Most accidents happen in the home and this is why it is important to ensure that your home is safe for all of your family, especially young children.

There are many situations each year in which children have overdosed on their parents' drugs and medicines.

Warning Signs: Spend some time exploring your home as if you were a young child. This will show you the many potential dangers that, if not removed, could harm your child.

Some dangers around the home:

- Makes sure that all medicines and drugs are locked away well out of reach, and your use of them is private, to avoid your child copying you.
- Certain rooms are necessarily full of danger, such as the kitchen, and should remain out of bounds or made safe by the use of safety devices.
- Are your children contained enough within the house? Is the safety chain high enough on the front door even for a very active toddler?
- Crawling and exploring are an essential part of their development - keep an eye on your young children, especially near wires and sockets.
- Small children should never be left alone with pets. Even trained and good natured animals can turn on them.
- Make sure that all irons, saucepans and hot drinks are kept out of the reach of children. Scalding and burns are common and avoidable accidents
- Inhaling cigarette smoke is bad for children's health. Children will be affected by passive smoking and your smoking may encourage them to smoke themselves when they are older.
- Check toys for safety marks. Ensure that your child does not play with toys that are not suitable for their age, especially if the pieces are small enough to choke on. Unsafe toys can be very dangerous.

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...

Spring Term 2019

Mon 14th Jan: Clubs start this week
Mon 14th Jan: Maths Week 2 - Times table Focus!
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
(if you need support with child care, please speak to the school office)

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 31st May 2019

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 may 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
(if you need support with child care, please speak to the school office)

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.



DATES TO HELP PARENTS PLAN AHEAD....



Term Dates for 2018-19

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 6th 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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