



OLIVER GOLDSMITH PRIMARY SCHOOL



“Inspiring a love of learning”



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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

I am pleased to let you know that our new Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Co-ordinator (SENDCO) started at OGPS this week; she sends this message to you...



Hello everybody! I am Mrs Amui, Oliver Goldsmith's new SENDCO and children's champion. I have previously taught in both Harrow and Ealing and have extensive experience within school leadership.



My first week has been extremely positive and I have been made to feel very welcome by the staff and children at Oliver Goldsmith's Primary School. I look forward to meeting you as we continue to work in partnership to ensure the very best provision for all of the children within our school community.

We look forward to an exciting year ahead, especially with Brent being the London Borough of Culture for 2020! There are some brilliant opportunities for families such as the FREE launch show on Sat 18th January!



<https://www.brent2020.co.uk/>



Best wishes,
Mr. James Simmons,
Headteacher



Christmas Fair 2019

It was a huge success with lots of children and parents visiting and spending. A big well done to Y6 children for all their hard work and thank you to parents who volunteered to help.

The children broke the fundraising record again and raised our highest ever total, a whopping...

£1974



What's the Forecast? Will it be bad weather for the New Year? Let's Get Prepared...

We will always do our very best to remain open 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. Have we got your up to date details?
- **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/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.



OGPS is a "Rights Respecting School"

This half term we are focussing on the following themes and articles...

- New Year's Resolutions: Challenge & Determination (Article 29)
- Maths' Week: Perseverance (Article 28/29)
- Martin Luther King Day & Black History: Mutual Respect & Tolerance (Articles 12 & 30)
- Holocaust Memorial Day: Compassion & Individual Liberty (Articles 19/36/37/38/39)
- Famous British Authors: Aspirations & Perseverance (Articles 13 & 29)
- E-Safety Week: Responsibility & Integrity (articles 17 & 29)





Article 30

Every child has the right to learn and use the language, customs and religion of their family, regardless of whether these are shared by the majority of the people in the country where they live.



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.

Our **“Junior Traffic Ambassador Team”** will resume term before and after school with staff members and governors. If they find cars parked where they should not be parked, a polite note is passed to the car owner to remind them of how to help keep children safe and residents happy in the future!



Do Remember...

- 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 I would urge you to contact Brent's **Parking Enforcement Team** on 020 8937 4972.

By working in partnership we can all help to keep our children safe & neighbours happy!



Key dates for this year coming academic year. Some dates may be subject to change!



Dates for your Diary...

Spring Term 2020 Part 1

Mon 13th Jan: Clubs start this week
Mon 13th Jan: Maths Week 2
Fri 24th Jan: Be bright, Be Seen Day!
Fri 7th Feb: French Learning Adventure Day
Mon 10th Feb: E-Safety Week
Tues 11th Feb: Safer Internet Day 2019

Half term break: Mon 17th February to Fri 21st February 2020

Spring Term 2020 Part 2

Mon 24th Feb: Swimming starts for 4M
Thurs 5th March: World Book Day 2020 (**YOU DON'T NEED TO BUY A COSTUME!**)
Weds 11th March: Parents Evening 1: 3.45-7.30pm (separate letter to follow)
Thurs 12th March: Parents Evening 2: 3.45-5.30pm (separate letter to follow)
Fri 13th March: Outdoor Learning Day One
Fri 20th March: Outdoor Learning Day Two
Mon 30th March: School Musical 2020 to be performed this week - details to follow...
Thurs 2nd April: Y4 Easter Assembly, parents with children in Y4 invited to attend, time TBC
Fri 3rd April: End of term at 1.30pm
(if you need support with child care, please contact the school office)

Summer Term 2020 Part 1

Mon 20th April: Children back from holiday - soft start from 8.40am
Mon 20th April: Maths Week 3 - Competition Week!
Mon 27th April: Clubs start
Mon 27th April: Y5 Gordon Brown Residential Week (4 nights, 5 days Mon-Fri)
Fri 1st May: Y1 Vesak Assembly, parents with children in Y1 invited to from 9.00am
Weds 6th May: Humanities Learning Adventure Day: What is VE Day?
Fri 8th May: Bank Holiday - School Closed (National VE Day Celebrations)
Mon 11th May: Y6 National Curriculum Assessment Week (SATs)
Mon 18th May: Walk, Scoot to Bike to School Week!
Tues 19th May: School Photographer - Class Photos being taken
Weds 20th May: Y5 Ramadan & Eid Assembly, parents with children in Y5 invited to from 9.00am

Half term break: Mon 25th May 2020 to Fri 29th May 2020

Summer Term 2020 Part 2

Weds 3rd June: Y6 JCA Residential Trip (2 nights, 3 days Weds—Fri)
Mon 8th June: OGPS Proms Week!
Fri 19th June: Reception Assembly, parents with children in Reception invited from 9.00am
Mon 22nd June: Whole School Learning Adventure begins
Fri 26th June: Parents Visit Learning Adventure Zones
Mon 29th June: EYFS Sports Day
Fri 3rd July: KS1 & KS2 Sports Day (morning at Hendon FC with picnic lunch at OGPS)
Weds 8th July: Performing Arts Concert Evening Concert (TBC— this may change)
Sat 11th July: FFG Summer Fair (date to be confirmed by FFG, this may change)
Mon 13th July: Optional Parents Evening
Thurs 16th July: Y6 Leavers Assembly, parents with children in Y6 invited to from 9.00am
Fri 17th July: End of term at 1.30pm
(if you need support with child care, please contact 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.

Term Dates for 2019-20



Spring Term: Monday 6th Jan 2020 to Friday 3rd April 2020
(with 6th Jan as CPD Day - children start back Tues 7th Jan 2020)
Half term week Monday 17th Feb 2020 -Friday 21st Feb 2020

Summer Term: Monday 20th April 2020 to Tuesday 21st July 2020
(with 20th & 21st July as CPD days)

NOTE: The early May Day Bank Holiday has been moved by the Government to Friday 8th May 2020 to coincide with the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe.

Half term week Monday 25th May 2020 to Friday 29th May 2020

NOTE: Children finish school year on Friday 17th July

Term Dates for 2020-21

Autumn Term: Weds 2nd Sept to Fri 18th Dec 2020 (with 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sept as CPD days)
Children (Y1-6) start on Monday 7th Sept
Half term week Monday 26th Oct to Friday 30th Oct 2020

Spring Term: Monday 4th Jan 2021 to Weds 31st March 2021 (with 4th Jan as CPD Day)
Children return to school on Tuesday 5th Jan 2021
Half term week: Monday 15th Feb - Friday 19th Feb 2021

Summer Term: Monday 19th April 2021 to Fri 23rd July 2021
Children return to school on Tues 20th April 2021
Half term week Monday 31st May 2021 to Friday 4th June 2021
Children break up for the summer holiday on Friday 23rd July

To confirm the Staff Training days (CPD days) are as follows for 2020-21

- Wednesday 2nd September 2020
- Thursday 3rd September 2020
- Friday 4th September 2020
- Monday 4th January 2021
- Monday 19th April 2021

In order to help families plan their holidays, we publish dates well in advance. The dates for the 2021-22 academic year will be published to parents early in the autumn term of 2020 as soon as they have been ratified by the Board of Governors.

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

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