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“Inspiring a love of learning”



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Dear Parents & Carers,

I can start this week's newsletter with some lovely news to cheer everyone up! Mrs. McAndrew's baby arrived at the end of last week! A beautiful baby boy; mum, baby and family are all happy and healthy! I am sure you will join with me in sending them our warmest congratulations!



One of the best things parents can do to help children at home is help them to keep up with their reading. Inspiring a love of reading for life is one of the most important skills to promote current and future success! The *Book Trust* is a great resource to find books and learn more about the great world of children's literature! It is well worth a visit!

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/>



With so many amazing online opportunities at the moment it is vital that parents keep a close eye on how children are interacting with others online. We spend a great deal of time talking to children about e-safety but once children are in the safety of their own home they can forget some of the key messages.

Visit our e-safety pages on our website for advice about e-safety. Have a conversation with your child about how they are keeping themselves safe online and what they would do if something happened that worried or concerned them.

<https://www.olivergoldsmith.brent.sch.uk/pages/key-information/safeguarding-at-ogps/e-safety-for-parents-children>

From Monday 20th April, our new phase of online learning resources will begin. You can read more about this on the next page of the newsletter.

Our key worker children decorated the playground yesterday with a lovely message - Thank you NHS! Will you be clapping at 8pm tonight?

Stay safe and take care.
My very best wishes to you all.
Mr. James Simmons
Headteacher



Home Learning from MONDAY 20th APRIL...

On Monday, we would normally have been returning from the holidays and settling back into our school routines. Unfortunately, this is not the case and we do not know when this will change. For the next half term, the next five weeks, we will be releasing home learning that will help children to both consolidate past learning as well as move onto new learning that they would have been covering in the summer term at OGPS.

We have created a **[new page on our website](#)** about home learning. Links to each week's learning will be on this page. We will also email out the information each week. We will be making sure that parents have access to **ALL** year groups weekly plans so you can always try something different if you so wish.

We will upload to the website and email resources out to parents **each Friday for the week ahead**. The key website link you will need is as follows...

<https://www.olivergoldsmith.brent.sch.uk/pages/parents/home-learning-resources-during-school-closure-2020>

From this webpage, you can then click on a link for the WEEK ahead to find **ALL** the resources for **ALL** the year groups across the school. Past resources we have sent can still be found at the bottom of the webpage in case you still need them.

Each day there will be a maths, English and one other activity related to other subject areas. Activities will help children to revisit and practice past skills as well as introduce them to new things we would have been doing at OGPS in the summer term.

Whilst we are putting the weekly plan into a suggested timetable, families should change and adapt this as much as they want to fit with their own family circumstances. Please just do your best and don't put too much pressure on yourselves - most importantly, we want to have happy parents and children!

We DO NOT EXPECT families to complete every single activity - it is up to each family to decide what is practical and achievable for them. All we can ask is that you do your best given your situation. We DO NOT EXPECT you to send work back to us.

MATHS HOME LEARNING...

The White Rose Maths Team, part of Trinity Multi Academy Trust, has prepared brand new online maths lessons for each year group from Years 1-8. Every lesson comes with a short video showing you clearly and simply how to help your child to complete the activity successfully.



Finding and using the lessons

Our weekly plan included the links to maths lessons. The lessons are all available on the White Rose Maths website at www.whiterosemaths.com/homelearning where you'll also find clear instructions on exactly how access and use the right material for your child's year group.

White Rose Maths is all about helping children to love maths by really understanding what it's all about, so you can certainly expect to enjoy these learning sessions with your child!

Join in the daily maths!

A regular daily learning routine will help your child to learn more effectively at home, and just one 20-30 minute White Rose Maths session each day will really help your child to keep them learning and motivated. What's more, the White Rose Maths Team will be online each weekday between 10.00 and 11.00am – great opportunities for your child to show and share their work, questions and ideas every day via any of the White Rose Maths social media channels.



With home-schooling now being implemented across the nation, Chartwells, Compass' education business, is doing everything it can to support children and young adults, alongside their families and schools.

Amazing cook-a-long videos for primary aged children. Providing families with the opportunity to learn new cooking skills, support home schooling whilst enjoying healthy, yummy snacks .

Visit our [Love School Meals website](#) to download home-schooling activities, or visit our Facebook page (Chartwells UK) for other fun things to entertain and educate kids!

Happy Cooking !



OGPS EASTER BREAK STORY WRITING COMPETITION

To encourage you to get creative over the Easter holidays we are launching a STORY WRITING COMPETITION. There will be certificates and prizes!

We want to encourage all children to have a go at writing a story with the title...

“THE MOST AMAZING DAY!”

There are some good videos for tips on how to write a creative story on the BBC Bitesize website: at this address <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zpccwmn>

The deadline for entries will be **Friday 24th April**. You can either email or post your entries to the school. If you email, please use the school admin address with STORY COMPETITION in the subject line. Children can either type stories or handwrite them, you can always take a photo of the writing and send that to us!

Good luck with your writing - we will select a panel of judges and read all the entries! Watch out in future newsletters for the results!

This may be of help to parents who are looking for support...

Dear Parents / Carers

Outspoken Sex Ed is an online platform providing resources to help parents talk openly to their children about sex and healthy relationships. It has a website, hosts live events, provides a newsletter which contain resources for all age groups and explores many issues which concern your child. The organisation wants to tailor their service further to ensure they offer the best possible service to parents, their users.

Attached you will find a link to a survey that will take just 5 minutes of your time. Please complete the survey. Investigate the various information platforms available to you and start conversing.

You are the best person to talk to your child, so why not get informed and take action now!

Stay safe!

From Outspoken Sex Education

Survey: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScONsoupuaiFAb_dn6CmkvMtkWOsaKevKS0NimlYkaXbBmXbA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Website: <https://www.outspokeneducation.com/>

OUTSPOKEN SEX ED

Getting parents talking openly about sex, bodies, consent & relationships



IT'S ALL CHANGING SO FAST

Your child, your connection to them, the sex ed landscape

Outspoken is keeping track. Sign up to our fortnightly fix of the latest news stories, advice & inspiration to start the sex ed conversation and keep it alive...

[Read the latest newsletter](#) [Subscribe to the newsletter](#)

RELATIONSHIPS & SEX EDUCATION (RSE)

FREE HOMESCHOOLING LESSONS



These days parents are getting more used to homeschooling. See this as a great opportunity to teach your child about sex & relationships **your way**. You are your child's primary educator!

Add relationships & sex education (RSE) to your schedule with these short sessions on bodies, babies, consent & more...

[Download resources for ages 4-11+](#)

[Download resources for ages 11-16+](#)

[Why is RSE at home important?](#)

With thanks to Yvan Reed, director of [Teaching Lifeskills](#) and Outspoken

WE ARE AFFILIATED WITH...



WE HAVE PRESENTED AT...



How school events are being affected and our planning for the future...



Y5 Gordon Brown Residential Week: Unfortunately this residential has been cancelled and we will be contacting parents with children in year five separately with more details.

Y6 JCA Residential Trip: Unfortunately this residential has been cancelled and we will be contacting parents with children in year six separately with more details.

Will we write in future newsletters about what will happen with events that we had planned to take place. We do not know when we will re-open so we will make decisions as time progresses.

Y6 Leavers Assembly: Like you, we will be very sad if we do not get to say farewell to our year six leavers. As I said to them in our final assembly on Fri 20th March, if we are not back in school by the end of the school year, we will put on a special event in the autumn term and invite our current year six pupils back so we are able to say a proper goodbye!

Thank you for your patience and understanding at this challenging time.

Term Dates for 2019-20

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.