

JOPS News



Date 25th September 2020

Note from Mrs Durrant

Dear parents,

What a difference 5 days can make - we started off the week with an Indian summer and have ended it with a wet and cold winter.

It continues to be challenging times and we have had to adjust our risk assessment and bring in some changes to a few systems and procedures in our school this week. Thankyou to all of you who are wearing a face mask when dropping off and collecting the children as even with the one ways systems there are times on the pavements where you may not be able to adhere to social distancing due to large numbers of people.

There have been reported cases in Havering schools this week which shows that we must not get complacent and do all that we can to keep our school community safe. So thank you for your cooperation.

However your children continue to be a delight and the junior children have certainly enjoyed their Virtual Reality Workshops this week. Please see our posts on Facebook showing all that we have been up this last week.

We wish you a relaxing weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Kind regards

Year 2 – 6 Backpacks

Some children in 6G have been trialling using a backpack to store all of their belongings in for the last week. It has been a success and we have decided to roll this out to Year 2 – 6.

If your child has a backpack at home, which they could bring in and **KEEP** in school, then get them to bring it in next week please. Children will store their books, school pencil cases, etc. in them and put them on the back of their chair. If you have not got a backpack at home, please do not feel the need to go and purchase one - we will think of something else for your child. Your child does not need to bring in anything, e.g. pencils and pens as we have provided them to each child. Thank you for your cooperation.



Y1-6 Uniform

We will be holding uniform checks next week so please be aware of the school uniform for this term:

On the days your child DOES NOT have PE then the uniform is:

- White shirt with **school tie**
- **Red school jumper or cardigan**
- Grey skirt/ pinafore/rousers or shorts
- **Black shoes**

PE days

- **Plain** white t-shirt
- Red shorts
- Trainers
- Cold weather - **Black or grey** tracksuit.

Wellington Boots

Please ensure that your child has brought in a pair of boots for when they go onto the field areas. The children will go out even if it is muddy hence the wellington boots. This is so we can spread out at break and lunchtimes.

Your child will still go onto the field even without boots, however they will then have to take off their muddy shoes when they re-enter the classroom. We thought boots would be a great solution so that they could also tuck their trousers into the boots and stop them from getting wet and muddy. Thank you to those who have already brought theirs in.

IN THE NEXT FORTNIGHT

Wb Sept 28th - Assessment Week

Oct 1st – Census day

Oct 2nd – Virtual Harvest Festival

Attendance

- Congratulations to those who achieved over 96% (national target) and well done to the classes in red who have won their 'Phase Attendance Competition' for that week. Some phases had joint wins

Week beginning 14.09.20	
Class	% Attendance
Hedgehogs	93.00
Squirrels	99.00
1KS	93.00
1S	94.00
2E	94.00
2S	95.00
3CG	99.00
3M	94.00
4M	94.00
4S	97.00
5G	88.00
5N	95.00
6B	91.00
6G	97.00

Week beginning 21.09.20	
Class	% Attendance
Hedgehogs	95.00
Squirrels	97.00
1KS	99.00
1S	97.00
2E	99.00
2S	97.00
3CG	100.00
3M	100.00
4M	98.00
4S	100.00
5G	95.00
5N	98.00
6B	97.00
6G	98.00

DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIME SLOTS

In order to avoid queues outside the gates at drop off and pick up we need parents to use the 10 minute time slots. Please avoid queuing early. Some parents who are turning up towards the end of their slot are finding the pavements and playground a lot quieter with a much smaller queue, if a queue at all. Please do not apologise for being late - you are not late and we wish there were more who did this as it would help the queues which form. Please also use the facility in the mornings where all siblings can come in with the youngest child, which will then make the drop off much easier for you. The registers are not shutting until 9:15am each day so no child will be recorded as late before that point. We are constantly evaluating the systems and procedures and as you know are very visible on the gate to see how things are working and we appreciate your cooperation.

WELCOME TO THE YEAR PARENT POWER POINTS

We did not receive any questions regarding the year group power points, which were sent out last week, so hopefully all the information was self-explanatory.

READING BOOKS

Please remember that reading books will go **out on Monday** and then can be brought back to school on **Friday only**. These books are then quarantined over the weekend. If you have forgotten to return the book today please wait until next Friday. Your child will only be able to get a new book when the old one is returned. We have had to specify these days to accept books in so we can ensure they are quarantined before another child uses them. The children have access to free online books on the Oxford Owl or they can read a book from home if they are without a book to read.

VIRTUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL

We will be donating this year's contributions to the Havering Food Banks, which have been an invaluable service to our community in recent months. If you have any spare groceries or toiletries, which are in date and that you are happy to donate, then please get your child to place them into the boxes, which will be on the gate every morning next week. Thank you for your support in this.