

JOPS News



Date 4th December 2020

Note from Mrs Durrant

Happy Friday everyone,

With two more weeks left of term, Christmas activity is heating up here at JOPS. Next week we have the Christmas dinner and Father Christmas maybe dropping in remotely to wish us a Happy Christmas and possibly give us all a little gift - courtesy of the wonderful volunteers at JOPSPA.

We saw the return of our amazing Year 4 children this week who had been sorely missed. Unfortunately, we had to send Year 5 home; however, we will try to ensure that anything that they have missed like the Christmas dinner and remote visit from Father Christmas are repeated in that last week.

There have been an increasing number of drop offs this week to the office. Please check before you leave the house that your child has everything to avoid such drop offs.

Have a great weekend and we will see on Tuesday as we are closed for an INSET day on Monday.

Kind regards

POPPY APPEAL

We have just had the final total telephoned through to us and you have out done yourselves JOPS – the final figure is an outstanding £282.00, which is over double last years amazing amount.

The representative from the Poppy Appeal has asked that we send on their thanks and gratitude for your support each year.

Christmas Trees

You may have noticed the fabulous trees in the junior playground, which will be decorated over the next week, donated to the school by All Saints Church. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Inset Day Monday 7th December 2020

A gentle reminder that the school will be shut to pupils on Monday for an INSET day and will reopen again on Tuesday 8th December 2020 to the pupils.

PARENT NOTICE

IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SSCHOOL MEALS – PLEASE FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW WITH RELATION TO 'FREE SCHOOL MEALS DURING THE HOLIDAYS'

[HTTPS://HES.ORG.UK/ARTICLE/81130](https://hes.org.uk/article/81130)

READING BOOKS

PLEASE HAVE A LOOK AT HOME FOR ANY READING BOOKS THAT NEED TO BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Children can bring in Christmas cards but only to their year group please. Outside of their classroom, there will be their own box to post them in. Please bring them in by Tuesday 15th December and then they can quarantine for the last few days before giving them out on the last day of term.

IN THE NEXT 2 WEEKS

07.12.20 - INSET DAY NO PUPILS

10/11.12.20 – Rec 2021 Tours

11.12.20 – Christmas Jumper and Christmas dinner day

15.12.20 – Last day for Christmas cards to be brought in.

14.12.20 – Welcome back Yr 5

14.12.20 – Flu vaccination

18.12.20 - Last day of Term

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.

Week beginning 23.11.20	
Class	% Attendance
Hedgehogs	93
Squirrels	97
1KS	95
1S	95
2E	90
2S	93
3CG	96
3M	91
4M	
4S	
5G	96
5N	93
6B	96
6G	98

Indecent images

Last year, it had come to the attention of the Local Authority that there was an indecent image (video) of children being circulated, predominantly within secondary schools in both Havering and the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham. The Police were aware of this, and an investigation was carried out.

It has come to the Local Authorities attention again more recently that this video is still being circulated through various social media platforms, including Snapchat and Instagram, and continues to cause distress to the young people involved.

We would like to remind you that it is an offence to view or circulate any indecent images of children. Should you become aware that any of your pupils are in possession of this, do not view it. Children should be advised to not show or share this image further as this is an offence and they must delete the image.

If you have any concerns or need further advice, please contact your local or assigned Safer Schools Officer or MASH.

Staying safe and being a good friend on apps, sites and games

Children and young people have spent much more time on devices than ever before during lockdown, so as we approach the Christmas holiday, here is some information about staying safe online and principles you can help us remind your children about.

Please do not worry too much about screen time - think instead about screen quality, balance and mental health.

It is important children get the opportunity to chat to friends, but they need support from parents and trusted adults about appropriate behaviour to keep everyone safe and happy.

Children might be upset by bullying on chat apps; distressing images might be shared between friendship groups. This can usually be avoided if we remind children and young people to look out for their friends, not say anything that they wouldn't like to hear themselves, and always stop or stand up for others if someone gets upset.

Please remind your children never to share scary, rude or indecent images, even to complain about them, as this is an offence and they must delete the image. If they do see something that worries them or that might be wrong, all they need to do is ask for help from a trusted adult. You can report it immediately to 101, or raise it with the school. It is important not to blame your child, and if they do talk to you about seeing indecent images, they should be praised.

If the child has not deleted an image or video, ask them to do it and help them if they need assistance. They could talk to you or to us at the school, or they may feel more comfortable talking anonymously to Childline.

If you or they are concerned about an adult's behaviour towards a child online, report them to CEOP. In addition, as a parent, you can contact the NSPCC - O2 advice line on 0808 800 5002.