

# JOPS News



Note from Mrs Durrant 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Happy Friday everyone,  
It has been an eventful first week. It was lovely to see the children's smiling faces when we returned on Monday. We hope you were able to see the many Memory Maker photographs on our Facebook page, which started this week off with a bang. Activities ranged from learning to tying shoelaces to making bird feeders.  
Thank you to all of you who spoke to your child's class teacher this week at open evening on Monday and Thursday of this week. This open evening focuses on how they have settled in and having the opportunity to smooth out any small issues, which need resolving early on.  
Have a great weekend and enjoy the many firework displays around.  
Take care.

## DATES FOR DIARIES

15.11.21 ANTI-BULLYING WEEK –  
MONDAY - ODD SOCK DAY

19.11.21 CHILDREN IN NEED DAY -  
PYJAMAS £1 DONATION COLLECTED ON  
GATE

26.11.21- NEW FLU DATE

## RECEPTION TOURS FOR 2022 INTAKE (ALL 9:30-10:30AM)

TOUR 4 17<sup>TH</sup> NOV (FULL)  
TOUR 5 25<sup>TH</sup> NOV (FULL)  
TOUR 6 7<sup>TH</sup> JAN

## INSET DAYS AND HOLIDAYS 2021/22

06.12.21	04.01.22
19.04.22	04.07.22
22.07.22	

## HOMEWORK

NEXT SET OF 2 WEEK HOMEWORK  
WILL BE GOING OUT MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup>  
NOVEMBER.

## PLEASE REMEMBER WELLIES AND COATS - LABELLED

## Flu Vaccinations - Change of Date - NOW 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Due to the recent Amber status, we have had to cancel the Flu immunisations that were due to take place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November. Please return the consent forms to the drop-off box outside the office and not to the class.

### Votes for Schools

KS1: Should children learn more about the decisions our leaders make?"

KS2: "Should you have to learn about politics in school?"

Please see the attached parent guidance sheet if you want to talk to your children about this topic.

## Anti-Bullying Week - 15th to 19th November 2021

This annual campaign, organised by the Anti Bullying Alliance and supported by schools across Great Britain aims at raising awareness among children about the issue of bullying; especially within their own neighbourhood or school community. We would like the children to wear odd socks to school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to start this week off. Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun. It is an opportunity for children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us unique. There is no pressure on the children to wear the latest fashion or for parents to buy expensive costumes. All they have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school.

As always we appreciate the support given by parents, especially recently when we have had non-uniform days recently. This is a full uniform day with the added touch of odd socks and normal school shoes.

**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 with over 96%. Week beginning 05.11.21

Class	% Attendance	Class	% Attendance	Class	% Attendance
Hedgehogs	92	2W	96	5G	94
Squirrels	97	3CG	93	5S	92
1KS	96	3S	93	6M	97
1S	94	4B	94	6N	96
2E	94	4M	95		

### Attached to the newsletter this week

Rainham Foodbank - these leaflets cover job search assistance, counselling, debt support, mental Health and wellbeing support.

National School Meals Week – activities for your children to do at home through next week to celebrate National School Meal Week

### Mrs Ciobanu and her crisp packet sleeping bag venture

As the cold weather approaches, I would like to attempt making crisp packet blankets and sleeping bag covers for the homeless. I am a novice at this but would like to give it a go. I used to work in a homeless shelter and hand out blankets, but they got wet and heavy so this seems like something that would help keep sleeping bags drier and people potentially warmer. Please start to send in your crisp packets once a week. I will set up crisp packet bins that the packets can go into. Any crisp packets are suitable – to make life easier please cut them open on a long edge and wipe them clean. Each blanket takes around 44 crisp packets to create, while the sleeping bags take 150 so let's get saving. Thank you for your support with this.

### COVID - PCR testing and Close Contact Information

If your child has symptoms or you have been requested to get a PCR if you have been a close contact then we would advise you to visit a walk in or drive in site rather than sending off for a postal test. You are able to get an appointment very easily for the walk in and drive in sites and you receive the results much quicker than the postal tests. If your child have been a close contact and have no symptoms then they do not need to isolate whilst waiting for the result however, if they have symptoms then they do. Getting the results sooner may mean your child can return to school sooner and if it did show positive results we can alert others and possibly stop the spread sooner. Thank you for your support with this.

### Street Safe Scheme

A reminder about the Street Safe Scheme that we mentioned on the last Newsletter.

Please complete this short survey, which takes a couple of minutes, so that we can get as many views as possible. The consultation is open from 18 October to 7 November 2021.

The James Oglethorpe Primary School Street Consultation - London Borough of Havering Council - Citizen Space