

# JOPS News



Note from Mrs Durrant 17th December 2021

Merry Christmas everyone,  
We finally got there! The school has been a hive of Christmas festivities this week with our Father Christmas visit, Year 1 concerts and the Christmas parties today. JOPSPA made such an effort to make the Father Christmas visit a magical experience so thank you to them – it was magical.  
On behalf of all of the staff may I thank you for all of the generous cards and gifts that you have given us. You are too kind and we have been truly spoilt.  
If we do receive updates from the government in regards to the reopening of schools in January 2022 then we will be in touch. If your child does receive a positive PCR test over the holidays and they were in school 2 days previous to the start of their symptoms OR if they were asymptomatic but were in school 2 days before their test - then please email the office straight away and someone will be in touch. This is so we can inform the close contacts of that child and try to stop the spread even further.  
I hope that your families stay well over the holidays and you get a chance to spend some quality time with your loved ones. Take care and we look forward to seeing you in 2022 with the first week back being full of 'Memory Maker' activities.

## DATES FOR DIARIES

17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – LAST DAY OF TERM  
4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY – INSET DAY  
5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY – ALL PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL  
7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY – RECEPTION AND YEAR 4 PIRATE THEMED DAY

## NO PE FIRST WEEK BACK

## RECEPTION TOURS FOR 2022

TOUR 6 7<sup>TH</sup> JAN @ 9:30AM

## MEMORY MAKERS W/C 3<sup>RD</sup> JAN 2022 FOR THE AFTERNOON SESSIONS FOR THE 3 DAYS THAT WEEK

REC – 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY PIRATE THEMED DAY  
YR 1 – LEARNING TO RIDE A BIKE  
YR 2 – TEACH YOUR FRIEND A NEW SKILL – MAKING SMOOTHERS AND BREAD – SWAP SHOP  
YR 3 – LETTER WRITING TO THE COMMUNITY  
YR 4 – 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY PIRATE THEMED DAY  
YR 5 – ENTREPRENEUR ACTIVITIES (YR 5 WILL SELL ANY LEFT OVER BISCUITS ON FRI 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY AT THE GATE FOR 50P)  
YR 6 – MAKING BAGS – WILL NEED PLAIN OR STRIPED T-SHIRT

## PLEASE REMEMBER TO RETURN WELLIES AND COATS – LABELLED IN THE NEW YEAR!

## Welcome back Mrs Wagstaff and Thank You Mrs Bourne

We welcome back Mrs Wagstaff today from her maternity leave, which means we need to say goodbye to Mrs Bourne who has been covering her whilst she has been away.  
However, Mrs Bourne will be covering Mrs Wagstaff on a Thursday next year until September 2022 so we will still be seeing her around the place. A huge thank you to Mrs Bourne for all of her hard work over these last few months and we look forward to working with her in the new year.

## Early pick-up

We have had an increasing amount of parents picking their children up just before the end of the day. As you can appreciate, the office gets very busy at the end of the day and therefore this cannot continue.  
If you have an appointment to attend to with your child and need to pick up early then please come by 2:30pm at the latest. Please be aware that we will need to see evidence of the medical appointment you are attending please to add to our attendance records. Thank you for your support with this.

## COVID symptoms

Remember if your child is showing any of the covid-19 symptoms of a temperature, cough or loss of taste or smell - then please arrange for a PCR test and NOT a lateral flow device you do at home.  
For further advice then please call the school office.

**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 13.12.21

Class	% Attendance	Class	% Attendance	Class	% Attendance
<i>Hedgehogs</i>		<b>2W</b>		<b>5G</b>	
<i>Squirrels</i>		<b>3CG</b>		<b>5S</b>	
<b>1KS</b>		<b>3S</b>		<b>6M</b>	
<b>1S</b>		<b>4B</b>		<b>6N</b>	
<b>2E</b>		<b>4M</b>			

### **Mini Winter Reading Challenge**

There is a brand new Mini Winter Reading Challenge in association with the library services.

The challenge runs from 1st December to 16th January and is to be completed online.

Children must read a minimum of 3 books and write a review online. They can download and print their certificate once they have completed it. Here is the link to the website

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/winter-mini-challenge-2021>

Happy reading!

**Mrs Moon (Reading co-ordinator)**

### **Show dates for your diary 2022**

We have made some changes to when the children will be performing throughout the year so that it will free up access of the halls for rehearsal.

Reception Easter Show – 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 9:30

Year 2 Havering Musical Festival TBC in Spring Term 2021 followed up by a parent concert

Musical Theatre Havering Junior Festival at the Queens Theatre – date TBC

Year 6 – Summer Term Performance – date TBC

### **Harvest Festival 'Thank You' – Collier Row and Romford Food Bank**

Thank you to all those that donated 353.95kg to the Harvest Festival back in October.

### **Coronavirus support - School Holiday Meal Scheme**

Coronavirus – Christmas 2021 School Holiday Meal Scheme – If you have not applied, and think that your child might be eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) then please follow the link below:

[Coronavirus support - School Holiday Meal Scheme | The London Borough Of Havering](#)

### **RECEPTION and YEAR 1 NEED YOUR HELP**

In the Reception Hedgehog class we are changing our role play area to a vets for the new term so we are asking if you have any soft toy animals, unused bandages, play pet carriers, animal books or leaflets etc. that would be suitable for us to have.

In Year 1 they are creating their own travel agents in preparation for the summer holiday. If you have any brochures or stationery, which the children could use then please send them in during the first week of the new term.

Thank you in advance