

JOPS News



Note from Mrs Durrant

21st January 2022

Happy Friday everyone!

It has been a challenging week, which saw us having to bring in further controls into the school due to the high numbers of covid cases. As restrictions ease outside - ours will remain in place until the cases reduce significantly. As the letter stated earlier in the week we are asking all parents to carry out lateral flow tests on their child for the next three consecutive Mondays in order to try and detect those asymptomatic cases which can go undetected. This is parental choice and you do not need to inform the school of the result unless of course it is positive. Thank you for your patience and messages of support as we try to steer our way through this and we hope to see the numbers start to decrease soon.

Congratulations to the tag rugby team yesterday when they competed at a tournament. They came 3rd out of 8 teams and we are waiting to see if we have made it through to the next stage. Mr Bennett was very impressed with their determination and resilience after their opening defeat to come back fighting for the remaining matches. Well done Team JOPS!

Enjoy your weekend everyone and take care.

DATES FOR DIARIES

14TH - 18TH FEBRUARY - HALF-TERM
4TH - 19TH APRIL - EASTER BREAK
11TH MAR - CLASS PHOTOS

CHANGE OF MENU FOR THESE DATES - MENUS WILL BE EMAILED TO YOU

1ST FEB - CHINESE NEW YEAR
1ST MAR - PANCAKE DAY
4TH MAR - WORLD BOOK DAY

BIRTHDAY SWEETS

WE ARE HAPPY TO SAY THAT WE ARE ALLOWING INDIVIDUAL SWEET PACKETS FOR BIRTHDAYS

HEAD LICE

CAN WE ASK YOU TO CHECK HAIR THIS WEEKEND AS WE HAVE A LITTLE HEAD LICE VISIT!

Head lice and **nits** are very common in young children and their families. They do not have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact.

How to spot - small white eggs or nits (egg cases) usually around the ear area or back of head, however your child may have excessive scratching to the head!

Please treat as soon as found! Local chemist will be able to help.

Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19

People who are self-isolating will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature, e.g. if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest. Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation. Further [information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19](#) is available.

Parents please mail the office and inform us that you have had two negative test results on day 5 and day 6 and that the child will be in on Day 6.

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 17.01.22

Class	% Attendance	Class	% Attendance	Class	% Attendance
<i>Hedgehogs</i>	61	2W	66	5G	94
<i>Squirrels</i>	56	3CG	91	5S	86
1KS	70	3S	93	6M	88
1S	74	4B	95	6N	94
2E	74	4M	86		

Votes for Schools

Should all children learn about coping with loss & bereavement at school? (KS2)
Is loss too hard to talk about? (KS1)

Masks

Can we remind parents to wear a facemask when coming into the office area. If you do not have a facemask, and need to speak to the office, then please tap on the window and we will come out to you. If you need to drop off book bags, bottles, lunchboxes, coats etc. then please tap on the window and drop items outside on the trolley – labelled with child's name please.

JOPSPA LOTTERY

The James Oglethorpe Primary School Parents Association lottery is still being held weekly raising much needed funds. Thank you to everyone who has bought tickets. Tickets can be purchased using the link below to be in with a chance of winning £25,000. Anyone can buy tickets, not just parents and guardians. Come on – it could be you!

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/>

Raising money for a school defibrillator with the help of a dinosaur!

As you may already know one of the Dads of two of our Reception and Year children is running a marathon on the school field, dressed as an inflatable dinosaur, in just 3 weeks time! He is raising money to purchase a defibrillator for the school, something that is invaluable for a school environment. The children will be joining in with his quest and running alongside him on the day to keep him going.

Please see link below for his JustGiving page www.justgiving.com/dinofordefibrun

Let us try to boost his sponsorship for this very important cause!
Run Dino Run!

Please find below link for a MDA position in the school – further information was sent out earlier in the week

<https://ats-haveringschools.jgp.co.uk/vacancies/179601?type=list>