

# JOPS News



Note from Mrs Durrant

18<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Happy Friday everyone,

The children looked very colourful and 'spotty' as they came into school this morning. Thank you for your generous donations on the gates this morning for Children in Need.

Celebration assembly was full of worthy winners today so please visit our Facebook page to find out who has impressed everyone this week.

Unfortunately Mrs Dyson our Learning Mentor who some of you may know is going to be taking ill health retirement and will not be returning to school. We will be giving her a send-off at the end of term and am sure that you will join me in thanking her for her years of service and dedication to our children.

Take care and have a great weekend.

## PARENT NOTICES

### RECEPTION TOURS

9:30 – 10:30 06.01.23

### DATES FOR DIARIES

- 21.11.22 TT ROCKSTARS BATTLE
- 22.11.22 5 & 6 GIRLS/BOYS FOOTBALL LEAGUE
- 25.11.22 FLU TEAM BACK IN FOR MOP
- 01.12.22 JOPSPA EVENT 7PM - 9PM WREATH MAKING
- 2.12.22 JOPSPA PANTO IN THE DAY
- WB 5.12.22 ASSESSMENT WEEK R Y1 3 4 5
- 08.12.22 CHRISTMAS DINNER AND JUMPER DAY
- 12.12.22 INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED
- 13<sup>TH</sup> 14<sup>TH</sup> 15<sup>TH</sup> DEC – CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS SOLD AFTER SCHOOL TO PARENTS
- 14<sup>TH</sup> AND 15<sup>TH</sup> DEC - CHRISTMAS CONCERT 9:30AM (MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW)
- 16.12.22 JOPSPA FATHER CHRISTMAS
- 08.12.22 CHRISTMAS DINNER AND JUMPER DAY
- 20.12.22 LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM
- 05.01.23 ALL PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL

### New TT Rockstars JOPS Battle

Starting Monday 21st November - Friday 25th November

2GW v 2K    3M v 4B    3C v 4S    5G v 6M    5H v 6N

Make sure you are in it to win it! Certificates for the most valuable players!

**Let's get ready to rock!**

### Reception Spare Sock Shout out!

Reception have run out of spare socks. If you have any of our socks at home please could you return them. If anyone has any socks that their children have outgrown we would be grateful if you could donate them to us.

### JOPSPA WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

JOPSPA have organised a 'Wreath Making Workshop' to be held in the Junior Hall, here at JOPS on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December from 7pm – 9pm. The cost of this event is £35 which includes a glass of bubbly on arrival. Bookings are open now at [WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/JOPS-PA](http://WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/JOPS-PA)

**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 14.11.22

Class	% Attendance	Class	% Attendance	Class	% Attendance
<i>Hedgehogs</i>	89	<b>2K</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>5G</b>	90
<i>Squirrels</i>	89	<b>3C</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>5H</b>	79
<b>1CS</b>	89	<b>3M</b>	88	<b>6M</b>	95
<b>1E</b>	91	<b>4B</b>	93	<b>6N</b>	90
<b>2GW</b>	87	<b>4S</b>	95	<b>Overall</b>	91

### Havering Council – Warm Spaces

Havering Council is working alongside voluntary, community and local organisations, and businesses to set up a network of Warm Spaces across the borough this winter.

These include libraries, leisure centres, community centres, community hubs and other places. They will offer residents a warm welcome and will be free to use for anyone struggling to heat their home over the coming months. Further information can be found on the leaflet attached to this Newsletter.

### Reading Ambassadors

Reading is one of our main priorities at James Oglethorpe Primary School and Miss Hume from 5H who leads reading with Mrs Wagstaff, is looking to recruit 8 Reading Ambassadors (1 child from each class) to further promote our love of reading at school.

The role will be available to Y3-6 children who are able to show that they meet the criteria below.

#### Reading Ambassador Job Description

Reading Ambassadors are chosen for their love of reading, their willingness to share this passion with others and enthusiasm to promote reading throughout the school.

Reading ambassadors **MUST** read regularly at home.

#### Reading Ambassador Roles and Responsibilities:

Promote a love of reading across the school

Recommend books to others and talk about their favourite authors

Promote equality and diversity in the books school purchases

Demonstrate exemplary reading behaviours and be an excellent role model for others

Support pupils with reading in the library at lunchtimes

Monitor engagement with the reading challenge

Complete library audits to find out what books, genres, dictionaries and thesauruses are needed to support reading

Support their class teacher in sourcing texts to support the curriculum

Help senior leaders in school with reading events across the school

Help create displays to promote reading within school

Meet with the reading lead regularly to improve the love of reading across school

If your child is interested in this role, please read the job description and complete the application form.

<https://forms.gle/499fAKVgF6V8Qko5A>

Please hand in the application form by **Friday 25th November 2022**. After careful consideration, some pupils will be selected to attend an interview with staff.

### **OPAL Update (Outdoor Play and Learning)**

As you are aware via Facebook and school communication, the children's lunchtimes have changed for the better. They now have the opportunity to take part in free flow playtime activities that happen in all weather conditions. We have already opened digging and art/craft zones, which have already proven to be popular, and will soon be able to provide dance music for this too.

If you are not aware of what OPAL is all about, please take a moment to watch this video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cm7lfAEsjg>

I am sure you would agree that this is an exciting venture that will benefit all children in our school.

For this to continue successfully, though, please can we ask that you send your child in with a pair of wellies and waterproofs as OPAL will happen in the rain and we do not want your child to stay in and not be able to take part.



Many thanks and we look forward to your further support as this project develops.

Miss Northwood

OPAL Curricular Lead for Play