

# JOPS News



## Note from Mrs Durrant 19th December 2023

Well we made it!

It has been a calm couple of days after the Christmas festivities from last week. I am sure you would all like to join me in thanking everyone who helped to create such a magical experience for the children last Friday with the Father Christmas and Christmas Fayre. Your support at these events was overwhelming and we thank you for braving the crowds and contributing to its success.

Thank you for all of your kind words, cards and gifts that the staff have received over the last few days – you are very generous and it is much appreciated.

Thank you for all the support you have given us in 2023. May we wish you a very Merry Christmas and we hope you have a wonderful break with your loved ones and we look forward to seeing you all on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024 to start the new year off with a bang.

### DATES FOR DIARIES

04.01.24 FIRST DAY BACK FOR PUPILS

05.01.24 SCHOOL TOUR

09.01.24 Y6 SAT'S PARENTS MEETING  
(LETTER SENT THIS WEEK)

12.01.24 JOPSPA MOVIE AND MUNCH

15.01.24 Y1 – 6 PARENT CREATIVE  
WORKSHOPS

18.01.23 SCHOOL CENSUS DAY –SPECIAL  
DINNER MENU NEED

05.02.24 Y6 MOCK SAT'S

16.02.24 LAST DAY OF TERM

### School Calendar

All dates for the year are on the website  
<https://jamesoglethorpe.havering.sch.uk/events/month/>

### Menu

Please note that we return on Wk2

## Memory Maker Information for certain year groups – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**Year 4 and Reception** – We will be enjoying pirate themed activities for their memory maker days. On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January there will be a pirate themed dress up day for both year groups and they will be taking part in a treasure hunt together.

**Year 1** - On the 4th January 2024 we are going to make bug hotels. An email with pictures and the list of ingredients they will need to bring in will be sent out after Christmas, before the children return to school. Please inform us of any problems with your child using Cheerios by 4th January 2023.

**Year 3** - On the 4th of January 2024, The Dogs Trust is visiting our school (<https://www.dogstrust.org.uk/>) and educating the children on how to look after dogs. The Dogs Trust is a charity and the workshop is free of charge. We thought it would be a nice gesture to make a donation to the charity so we have contacted our closest centre at Basildon and they will accept donations of dog treats, tinned meats, toys, towels and bedding (except feather duvets). If you would like to make a donation, please send this in with your child on Thursday 4th January 2024 and bring them to either Year 3 teachers.

**Year 5** - Friday 5th January there will be friendship bracelets for sale (£1 each) so please send your child in with the money if they wish to purchase one. These will be made by Year 5 and funds raised will be split between the charity Diabetes Uk (as this is close to our heart) and buying maths resources across the school.

### JOPSPA Christmas Fayre and Raffle

Total amount raised from the Fayre and Raffle is - £1671.26

If anyone has links to any companies who could do Match Funding with the funds raised please get in touch with JOPSPA or the Office.

Please find attached leaflets for the up and coming Movies and Munch to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Please note there are 3 Leaflets for different year groups so make sure that you book on to the correct film for your child's age group.