



Dear Families,

It seems crazy that we are almost at half term already, this academic year is flying by! This week may have been the busiest yet with our Harvest Festival Celebration on Monday, a Year 5 trip to experience Victorian Life on Wednesday and also a Year 1 Toy workshop! Thank you to all the parents who supported with these events, helping to enrich our children's learning.

Next week our Year 6 children will be heading off to West Runton and I am looking forward to visiting them on Thursday and joining in with some of their fantastic activities. As it is the last week of the half term, we are also inviting all children to bring in the 'Home Learning projects' they have been working hard on this half-term. This is an exciting opportunity for children to celebrate and showcase their wonderful creations with the class.

Finally, I would also like to thank you all for your generosity in donating to the Havering Foodbank as part of our Harvest Festival over the past two weeks. Yesterday, I delivered a car full of tins, packets and boxes to the centre in Harold Hill who were incredibly grateful for the kindness shown by our community. The James Oglethorpe School is a very special place and events such as these really remind me how lucky I am to be the Headteacher here. Have a wonderful weekend!

Take care
Mr Fielder
Headteacher

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 22.10.24 Y6 Residential to West Runton
- 23.10.24 JOPSPA Second Hand Clothing Sale
- Half-Term 28.10.24 – 01.11.24**
- 04.11.24 All pupils return to School
- 06.11.24 Parent Consultations 4:30-7pm Y1 - 6
- 07.11.24 Parent Consultations 3:30-6pm Y1 - 6
- 11.11.24 Parent Consultations for children with SEND 3:30-5:30

AMAZON WISHLIST

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/98X98CQN2GFR?ref=wl_share

SCHOOL CALENDAR

https://jamesoglethorpe.havering.sch.uk/ev_ents/month/

SCHOOL DINNER MENU

<https://haveringcatering.co.uk/schooldata/test-the-james-oglethorpe-primary/>

SCHOOL UNIFORM

https://jamesoglethorpe.havering.sch.uk/par_ents/school-uniform/

Attendance % SQ 98, 1S 95, 2M 96, 3BH 97, 4FM 98, 5H 98, 6N 96 – Overall 95%

Talk PANTS WEEK

As part of the NSPCC Talks PANTS campaign, next week, we are taking part in PANTS week. Talk PANTS, which features a friendly dinosaur called Pantosaurus, helps children understand in an age-appropriate way that their body belongs to them, they have the right to say no, and they can speak out if anything does not feel right. Throughout the week children will be taking part in a variety of class discussions and activities which are entirely age appropriate and have been carefully designed by the NSPCC to cover this sensitive topic.



Parking in Ashvale and Westbury Terrace

Can we remind parents to turn off their engines when waiting outside at pick up time. The residents have emailed us on many occasions to tell us this happening more frequently and in some cases for up to an hour.

Catering request

The Catering Manager has asked for parents to not book a 'school' packed lunch if their child is bringing in a packed lunch brought from home – please book 'home' packed lunch. If your child is absent and has a booked school lunch then please add to your email to attendance@jamesoglethorpe.havering.sch.uk and Mrs McCann will remove the lunch.

Reception Class – Diwali

Reception children will be learning about Diwali after half term. If any of our Reception children celebrate Diwali we would love to see some photos. Please email them to the Reception teachers via the office email.

The JOPS Governors are looking for a co-opted Governor

We are looking for a co-opted governor to join our governing body. As a governor you will be a volunteer who makes a vital contribution to the success of the school. This role may be particularly of interest if you have skills in finance/accounting, human resources or health and safety but we would welcome applications from anyone who is interested in helping the school be the best it can be. We are looking for someone who can attend approximately six full governing body meetings per year. Meetings are a mixture of being held in school and virtually, usually on a Thursday evenings from around 6pm to 8pm. Governors also spend time in school during the day (around one visit per term). You do not have to be a direct member of our school community to apply for this role, so please share with any family or friends who you may feel would be interested in this role. If you would like to find out more please email the school office.