



Dear Families,

What a wonderful half term it has been here at James Oglethorpe! Both myself and Mrs Chapman are so grateful for the welcome and support we have received from staff, children and families.

There have been so many fantastic events that have taken place in the last eight weeks but our Harvest Festival, reading one of my favourite books to our new reception children, and joining our Year 6 children for a day at their residential this week have definitely been my highlights!

Like the year 6 team and children, I am sure your children are ready for a well-deserved break after a long and eventful half term. Autumn 2 is also always jam-packed with exciting events in the run up to Christmas so it is important to rest and recharge the batteries before the festive season is truly upon us.

Thank you so much for all the feedback you have given me and the team this half term: informally on the school gate, in writing via email and also at events such as the parent forum. This feedback is vital in helping me ensure we are doing everything we can to support families and children in the community.

Have a wonderful half term week and I hope you are able to spend some quality time together as a family which is always so important.

I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November and finding out from your children about all the things they got up to over half term.

Take care

Mr Fielder

Headteacher

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**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

12.11.24 Odd Sock Day – Children in Need

15.11.24 Children in Need Non-Uniform Day

### **AMAZON WISHLIST**

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/98X98CQ-N2GFR?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/98X98CQ-N2GFR?ref_=wl_share)

### **SCHOOL CALENDAR**

<https://jamesoglethorpe.havering.sch.uk/events/month/>

### **SCHOOL DINNER MENU**

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

### **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

<https://jamesoglethorpe.havering.sch.uk/parents/school-uniform/>

**Attendance % SQ 89, 1S 95, 2ME 97, 3BH 97, 4FM 98, 5C 98, 6B 95, 6N 95**

## **Lost Property**

We have a large amount of school uniform and coats without pupils' names on. If your child is missing any items of clothing, the Lost Property box will be in the Office Reception each morning from Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> November. Please ensure your child's name is on all articles of school uniform in order for us to return them to their rightful owner.

## **Message from JOPSPA**

The JOPSPA school uniform and Christmas shop was a great success on Wednesday.

JOPSPA raised **£139.50** and they would like to send their thanks to the happy shoppers and to all the lovely parents who donated goods for the sale.

JOPSPA are always wanting donations of good condition school uniform to resell on to our parents which in turn raises money for our school.

## **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.

## **Mobile Phones**

Can we respectfully remind parents to put calls on hold when dropping off or picking up children at the gate/office? This could be a time when a member of staff needs to relay a message to the parent/carer.

## **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.