

13th June 2023

Dear parents/carers,

Re: JOG 60th Anniversary

As you may be aware, this year marks the 60th year since John O'Gaunt opened its doors to students. I hope that you will share my sentiments that it is pretty amazing to think that JOG has been educating the young people of this super community for six decades!

We'd like to mark this anniversary as a school and are asking for your help to do so. On Friday 30th June, we will be holding a celebratory event in school with our students which will include a 1960s themed sports day. After school, we are inviting parents, carers, guests and members of the local community to gather in school for an afternoon tea. During the afternoon, we would like to be able to display memories/memorabilia from the last 60 years of history at JOG.

This is where I'm hoping that you may be able to help us. Whether related to your child's time here or if perhaps you were yourself a student of JOG in the past (or you know anyone who was) and would be happy to share pictures, anecdotes, fond memories, items or dare I say school work for this afternoon we'd love to hear from you. We would obviously keep your things safe or make copies of anything if need be, and we would only keep any items in school for a couple of days. We will also be asking members of the local community if they have anything to add so please do spread the word!

If you can contribute then please contact Paige Goodall at pgoodall@johnogaunt.excalibur.org.uk and mark your email 'JOG 60th'. Whether you are just sharing some thoughts or have items that could be displayed, I'd really appreciate it if you could let us know by Monday 26th June at the latest.

Regardless of whether you wish to send anything in or not, you are of course invited to the afternoon's celebrations on the 30th June. If you would like to attend the informal gathering, please can you RSVP Paige on the same email as above as we need to know numbers ahead of time for catering purposes.

I feel personally very privileged to be able to be part of the rich history of this brilliant community school and I'm really looking forward to the 30th. I hope that you will be able to join us or be willing to help us make this event even more special.

With best wishes,



Mr R Hawthorne
Principal