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Spring Term

Dates for your Diary:

March

- 4th Book Week
- 5th Year 5 to Fullbrook to watch their production
- 8th Book Week Dress Up Day
- 11th Year 4 Bikeability Week
- 12th 9am Sleep Workshop Infant Hall
- 14th 2.45pm Infant School and Nursery, Open Classroom
- 14th Year 5 to CAMEO Spring Songs Performance
- 15th 8.30am-9am Junior School Open Classroom
- 15th Year 2 to Painshill Park
- 15th MUFTI for Comic Relief
- 21st Nursery Easter Assembly 11am
- 22nd OPTA 'Break the Rules' Mufti Day
- 25th Easter Pause Week
Year 5 to church for rehearsal
Easter Bonnet Parade for Infants
- 26th Year 4 'Delight in Dance' performance to parents
- 27th Easter Church Services
9.00am Junior
10.30am Infant
- 27th Year 5 Easter production for parents - Junior hall
- 28th OPTA Sponsored Easter Fun Run
- 28th Last Day of Term
Nursery closes at 1.00pm/Junior School closes at 1.05pm/Infant School closes at 1.15pm

Volunteer Opportunities

We are using an online system for parents to register their availability to help walk the children to church for the Easter Church Services. If you are able to help for one or both, please sign up on the link below.

27th March - 9.00am Junior Walk to Church

[Junior Volunteer Link](#)

27th March - 10.30am Infant Walk to Church (excluding Nursery)

[Infant Volunteer Link](#)

Many thanks in advance.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first day of meteorological Spring! I do hope we see warmer, drier days soon!

Our highlight this week was definitely The Belongings production performed by Tangled Feet to the Junior School: Based on the stories of children living in care, it was a powerful tale of compassion, resilience and finding your way in the world. If your children talk to you about it, you may like to watch this trailer to have a flavour of what we experienced:

[Belongings - Tangled Feet](#)

We have so much coming up over the next few weeks, do please look through the rest of this newsletter carefully:

Next Week is Book Week!

We are really harnessing children's imagination and creativity next week and some of our learning will be outside, whatever the weather. Given how wet our field is, your children may find that wellies or a spare pair of shoes will come in handy, especially on Monday!! I really can't tell you anymore but promise we have an exciting week planned and will have plenty to show you when we've finished!

You are invited to come in and see what we have been up to as follows:

Infants: Thursday 14th March (2.45pm - 3.15pm)

Juniors: Friday 15th March (8.30am - 9.00am)

Thank you to all who have already brought in shoe boxes and/or cereal boxes – they are going to come in very handy next week. If you have any additional, please bring them in next Monday.

Please remember that on Friday (8th March) all the children have the opportunity to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

Easter

As usual, we will be devoting the last week of term to our Easter Pause Week activities and there will be substantial changes to our normal timetable (including PE and homework):

The last formal homework at the Infant School will be set on 15th March. Your homework for the following week will be to make an Easter Bonnet at home for your child to bring in to school on Monday 25th March for our traditional Easter Bonnet Parade. Can we please ask that no real eggs are used in the Bonnet decorations as we have children in school who are allergic to eggs.

We won't be expecting our Junior children to make an Easter Bonnet and the last week of homework for them will be set on 18th March.

Children will only need their PE Kit for their Easter Fun Run - Nursery's day is on the Wednesday and all the other children will complete their run on the Thursday.

The Fun Run is always a popular and well supported event and you will find our sponsor form attached. The class at each school who return the most sponsor forms (not necessarily the ones who raise the most money) will win a Mufti Day on Monday 22nd April (we will confirm the winners by email after the Easter Holiday).



Our Easter timetable of events is as follows:

Day	Event
Monday 25 th	Joint Assembly for both schools at the Junior School Year 5 go to Church for Rehearsal Infant School Easter Bonnet Parade
Tuesday 26 th	Year 4 Delight in Dance Performances in the afternoon (timings for each class to be confirmed)
Wednesday 27 th	9.00am Junior School walk to Church for Easter Service (led by Year 5) 10.30am Infant School walk to Church for Easter Service (led by Year 5) Please sign up if you are able to help us walk to church and back. Nursery Easter Fun Run Day 2pm Year 5 Easter Production for Parents in the Junior School Hall
Thursday 28 th	OPTA Fun Run in the morning for all children 1.00pm Nursery closes for the Easter Holiday 1.05pm Junior School closes for the Easter Holiday 1.15pm Infant School closes for the Easter Holiday

Road Safety

I know I regularly remind you of the importance of parking and driving safely around our village. This week we had yet another near miss (and an angry Headteacher, shocked Site Manager and shaken children and parents). Please drive with caution and park carefully when you are dropping your children off and collecting them from school – they are all so very precious. It was very poignant that we received the Surrey County Council Consultation on Road Safety this week. I urge you all to respond.

Christ Church Sunday Service

Rev Mark would like to invite you all to this Sunday's service at Christ Church:

All Age Sunday!

To all children, parents and carers. You are warmly invited to our all-age service at Christ Church this Sunday (3rd March).

It is a family friendly service with refreshments served before and afterwards.

I would love to see you there.

Rev Mark

Job Vacancy

Vacancy at the Breakfast / After School Kids Club

Are you passionate about working with children 4-11 yrs?

Level 2/3 qualified in Childcare?

We have a vacancy at the Breakfast Club (7:30 - 9:00am) and at the After School Kids Club (2:30 - 5:45pm) at Ottershaw Christ Church C of E Schools. Competitive salary and training given. Term time only.

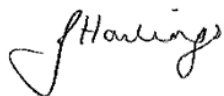
For more information, please contact Ingrid Escorihuela on 07804895922

Email: ingridesco@hotmail.com or afterschoolkidsclub.ltd@gmail.com

Finally, we are excited to advise parents that we will be changing our caterers after the Easter Holiday. The contract has been awarded to Caterlink and we look forward to sharing new menu's and procedures with you over the coming weeks.

Enjoy your weekend!

Yours sincerely



Mrs J Hastings
Headteacher