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OTTERSRAW NEWS!

Spring Term

Dates for your Diary:

February

- 5th Year 6 Bikeability Week
- 6th Safer Internet Day
Year 4 'Delight in Dance' project
- 7th Hoe Bridge Orienteering morning (Year 5 invited children only)

12th - 16th Half Term

- 19th Back to school
- 21st OPTA Disco [Ticket Link](#)
- 23rd Junior School Cross Country Trials
- 23rd Year 3 Swimming Lessons start
- 29th Tangled Feet 'Belongings' performance Junior children

March

- 4th Book Week
- 5th Year 5 to Fullbrook to watch their production
- 8th Book Week Dress Up Day
- 11th Year 4 Bikeability Week
- 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
- 21st Nursery Easter Assembly 11am
- 22nd OPTA 'Break the Rules' Mufti Day
- 25th Easter Pause Week
Year 5 to church for rehearsal
- 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

Dear Parents/Carers,

I know it has been cold still, but we have loved seeing the sun peek over the horizon more often and I'm sure you all enjoyed the glorious sunset on Thursday. Spring is on it's way!

Another thing that is appearing over the horizon is our Book Week! As usual, Mrs Jenkyn will write to you nearer the time but we thought you'd appreciate some advance warning of what the children will need and when we're going to invite you in to see what we've been up to!

As part of the week, the children will be making things and any donations of empty shoe boxes or cereal boxes would be very gratefully received for all year groups.

Our World Book Dress Up Day is on Friday 8th March and all the children are invited to come dressed as a character from a story they enjoy.

Parents of all the children at the Infant School (including Nursery) are invited in to see what we've been learning at 2.45pm on Thursday 14th March.

Parents of all the children at the Junior School are invited in to see what we've been learning from 8.30 – 9.00am on Friday 15th March.

As always, it is going to be a very exciting week and we'll have lots to share. We look forward to seeing you.

Otter Nursery

It is rare that we advertise a local business in our newsletter, but the Otter Nursery have a very exciting event coming up for families and this includes the opportunity for one school to win £5000 towards a sensory garden! As you know, this is our current fund-raising focus so I jumped at the chance to tell you all:

As you can see from the attached flyer, The Otter Nursery (on Murray Road) are holding a Family Fun Day on Saturday, March 23rd, from 10am to 3pm and you are all encouraged to visit, enjoy the activities and pop-up market and enter the competition. Entry tickets are also attached however if you need a ticket printing, please do ask the school offices.

Junior Cross Country Team

Finally, for all children at the Junior School who would like to be considered for our Cross Country Team this year: We are holding trials in the morning on 23rd February. All children who would like to give it a go must come to school wearing their PE kit on this day. Good luck!

Enjoy your weekend!

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Hastings
Headteacher