



3rd May 2024

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OTTERSRAW NEWS!

Dates for your Diary:

Summer Term 2024

May

- 10th Year 3 Pottery Workshops
- 13th Year 6 SATs Week. Y6 invited to arrive from 8.15am for tea and toast (Monday to Thursday)
- 17th Computing Workshop Year 6
- 21st Class Photo Day
Years 5 and 6 Cross Country Competition at Pirbright School 4pm - 5.30pm
- 23rd 8.30am - 9.00am Year 2 Parents Open Classrooms to see Delight in the Woods work
- 24th Sports Day - Juniors morning / Family Picnic on the field for all at lunchtime/ Infants afternoon

Half Term 27th May to 3rd June

June

- 3rd Back to School
Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Week
- 5th Year 1 Geography walk around Ottershaw
- 7th Reserve Sports Day
- 10th Year 1 Phonics Check Week
Year 6 Residential Week
- 12th Possible District Sports for Junior children
- 14th Year 6 return home
- 18th Year 3 to Chobham Common
Year 6 to Guildford Cathedral
- 20th OPTA Mufti Day for Village Fete tombola prizes
- 20th Possible District Sports for Junior children
- 21st INSET DAY: Both schools closed
- 24th INSET DAY: Both schools closed

Dear Parents and Carers,

I think our favourite day this week has to be Tuesday because it was sunny and warm! There is nothing like Ottershaw in the sunshine and the weather on Tuesday gave us hope that summer may appear soon!

Talking of summer appearing soon, our sports Day is scheduled for Friday 24th May. Because arrangements can be complicated for where and when to arrive, especially if you have children at both schools, another detailed letter is attached which I recommend you read – I hope it tells you everything you need to know and the sun shines for us. It is usually a brilliant day for the whole community to enjoy.

Junior Timing Poll

Thank you to all who responded to our poll and voted on whether or not you would like us to change the timings of the Junior School day to enable a longer gap between the drop off and collection times at the two schools. Our poll generated quite a lot of interest and the results were closely in favour of the change. I will be taking the information to the next Local Committee meeting for wider discussion and we will confirm September arrangements after half term.

Survey coming soon...

The next thing we would like to canvass opinion on is homework. This has always been a sticky area, with as many parents wanting more, as parents wanting none! Our new poll will be out next week, so please keep your eyes open and let us know your thoughts by using the poll when it arrives.

In the meantime, because we have a Bank Holiday weekend coming up and family time is so precious we will not be setting so much homework next week:

Years 1 and 2: Reading only

Years 3, 4 and 5: TT Rockstars and Reading only

Year 6: TT Rockstars, reading and (if necessary) essential SATs revision (only one more week to go, thank goodness).

Along with our Homework Poll we will also be asking for your views on Marvellous Me – we genuinely want to know if this is working for you – again, please let us know in our survey, coming soon!

OPTA News

You will see that we have added one more Mufti Day for OPTA. This time, on Thursday 20th June, we will be asking for donations for the OPTA stall at the Ottershaw Village Fete. We need tombola prizes please (not nuts due to allergies and no chocolate as we hope for warm weather and don't want to give melting prizes)! Thank you for your help!

OPTA have also added another Bags2School date; Monday 8th July.

Finally, it was lovely to see how much better the driving and parking was last Friday when the parking patrol officers visited – can we please keep it up on the days they don't visit?

Enjoy the longer weekend!

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Hastings
Headteacher

