



6<sup>th</sup> December 2024

# OTTERS Shaw NEWS!

**Dates for your Diary:**

**Autumn Term 2024**

**December**

9 <sup>th</sup>	Infant Nativity Dress Rehearsal to Alan Hilton Homes
10 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am Infant Nativity for Robins, Hedgehogs and Otters Class (No younger children to attend)
11 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am Infant Nativity for Sparrows, Squirrels and Badgers Class (No younger children to attend)
12 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am Infant Nativity, younger siblings may attend.  Year 4 Tudor Workshop
13 <sup>th</sup>	Infants visit to Pantomime (Nursery stay at school)  Last Fledglings for 2024
16 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am Year 3 Dress Rehearsal to Junior School and Infant Siblings  11:00am Nursery Assembly in the Infant Hall. Mince Pies and Hot Chocolate to follow. Afternoon children in at 10.45am  Christmas Party afternoon (Reception to Year 6)
17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Readers Church Rehearsal  2:00pm Year 3 Christmas Production for parents
18 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am Junior School Carol Service  Nursery Christmas Party afternoon – Children to wear party clothes.  Christmas Dinner and festive head wear for Reception –Y6

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Christmas Fair**

I hope all the children come home smiling and tell you what a lovely time they had at the Christmas Fair today – Year 6 did a truly amazing job of making, organising and running the fair for everyone. I was particularly proud of how kind and patient they were with the younger children and I know everyone loved spending their own money and winning lots of prizes 😊.



**Year 3 Cameo**

My other proud moment this week was taking Year 3 to Cameo to sing for everyone. Their songs are coming on beautifully for their Christmas Production and they put on a beautiful show – it brought a tear to many eyes and was very much appreciated!

**OPTA Hampers and Raffle**

Congratulations to all our OPTA Hamper Winners (and thank you for your support). All hampers are ready for collection at the Junior School. Enjoy!

The raffle made an amazing **£1498.91!!** Thank you everyone for their kind generosity and support, we couldn't of raised that much without you. All the winners have been notified.

**Dates for your Diary continued:**

19<sup>th</sup> Juniors to visit Pantomime

20<sup>th</sup> Toy Day / Mufti Day

Toy Day for Infants and Juniors, not nursery.

Last Day before Christmas Holidays:

1:00pm Nursery Finishes

1:05pm Juniors Finishes

1:15pm Infant Finishes

**December**

**23<sup>rd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> January Both Schools Closed for Christmas Holidays**

**January**

6<sup>th</sup> INSET Day Both Schools Closed

7<sup>th</sup> Back to School

**Christmas events**

Quite rightly, the next 2 weeks are full of many exciting Christmas Events and I love seeing classrooms get decorated, seeing what the naughty elves have been up to overnight and seeing lots of different costumes appearing!

Do please double check our calendar dates so you can be prepared at home!!

**Salvation Army Toy Appeal**

Thank you for the brilliant donations to the Year 3 Salvation Army Toy appeal. We were delighted to deliver bags full of donations yesterday to the Addlestone Salvation Army hall, ready to be distributed to local families in the coming week.



Finally, another 'Thank you' for supporting the milk bottle top collection for Claudia and the Third Horsell Brownies. These went towards the R.N.I.B helicopter collection. With the Ottershaw contribution, Claudia collected the most within her Brownie unit.

Enjoy your weekend!  
Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J Hastings".

Mrs J Hastings  
Headteacher

