



8th November 2024

OTTERS Shaw NEWS!

Dates for your Diary:

Autumn Term 2024

November

	Prospective parents Mornings (pre-booking required)
12 th	9:30am Infants 11:00am Juniors
	Year 6 visit to Junior Citizens at Thorpe Park
13 th	U11 Football Tournament – invited children only
	Prospective parents Mornings (pre-booking required)
14 th	9:30am Infants 11:00am Juniors
	Year 3 Egyptian Workshop
	Anti Bullying Day (Odd Socks Mufti Day) donations via SCOPAY for NSPCC
15 th	
18 th	Year 6 Runnymede Memorial visit
	Last Day to donate to the OPTA Hampers
22 nd	
	Prospective parents Mornings (pre-booking required)
26 th	9:30am Infants 11:00am Juniors
	Year 3 and 4 Multiskills (details to follow)
	Prospective parents Mornings (pre-booking required)
27 th	9:30am Infants 11:00am Juniors
	Year 6 National Child Measurement Program
28 th	
	U9 Boys Football Tournament (details to follow)

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Thank you so much to all our OPTA Committee and our friends at Dragon Fireworks for working so hard to make our Fireworks such a great event again this year and for all of you who joined us on the field. I loved it and I know you did too. The prize for the most excited member of the audience definitely goes to Mrs Jenkyn!

Next week we will begin with our Remembrance Assemblies at 11am on Monday (where we do stand in silence to show our respects with the whole nation) and end with our Anti-Bullying Mufti Day next Friday (where, alongside their home clothes the children are encouraged to wear odd socks). Donations on this day are for the NSPCC who do such great work with us in school and who need help every year to keep Childline up and running. All donations must be via SCOPAY.

Christmas is Coming!

Please read this section carefully and make a note of key dates and events. We really try to make Christmas very special for the children in school (they love it) but it means there is a lot going on and we need your help co-ordinating the events so all the children have what they need to join in fully.

Here goes then....the Ottershaw Christmas Countdown:

November

- 20th This will be the cut off for free delivery to the school to order any of the individual and sibling photos that were taken on the 7th and 8th November.
- 22nd Final Day for donations for the OPTA Hampers.
- 25th Children begin work in classrooms to make their display for Guildford Cathedral (the theme for our artwork is Light in the Darkness this year).
- 29th Mufti Day for all children (including Nursery). We are asking for donations for the Year 6 Christmas Fair: Your donations will be used as prizes to be given to the children when they visit the different Year 6 games and stalls;
- Infant Children sweets (please no nuts)
 - Junior Children stationary/small toys

Year 3 presents for the Salvation Army to be in today (if your child is not in Year 3 but you would like to donate a new, unused toys for disadvantaged children in our area you are very welcome to add them to the Year 3 gifts).

OPTA Hamper Raffle Opens

December

- 2nd Last week of homework and lunchtime clubs.
Engage Christmas Assembly for all the children
School Christmas Trees arrive and we start decorating school.

- 5th Year 3 visit to Cameo to perform Christmas Songs

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November

29th MUFTI Day for Christmas Fair Donations

December

5th Year 3 visit to CAMEO

6th Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Fair hosted by Year 6

9th Infant Nativity Rehearsal

10th 9:15am Infant Nativity for Robins, Hedgehogs and Otters Class (No younger children to attend)

11th 9:15am Infant Nativity for Sparrows, Squirrels and Badgers Class (No younger children to attend)

12th 9:15am Infant Nativity, younger siblings may attend.

13th Infants visit to Pantomime

16th 9:30am Year 3 Dress Rehearsal to Junior School and Infant Siblings

11:00am Nursery Nativity in the Infant Hall

Christmas Party afternoon

17th Year 6 Readers Church Rehearsal

2:00pm Year 3 Christmas Production for parents

18th 9:00am Junior School Carol Service

Christmas Dinner and festive head wear for all

19th Juniors to visit Pantomime

20th Toy Day

Last Day before Christmas Holidays:

1:00pm Nursery Finishes

1:05pm Juniors Finishes

1:15pm Infant Finishes

6th Christmas Jumper Day (mufti clothes and a splash of Christmas with a jumper/t-shirt) and Year 6 Christmas Fair. All children (not Nursery) visit the Fair (a year group at a time) with their own money to spend (coins if possible please, named purses handed in to teachers as you arrive at school in the morning).

We recommend a maximum of £5 per child to spend and stall cost about 50p each.

9th Infant Nativity Dress Rehearsal for Junior School siblings and Alan Hilton Homes residents to watch.

10th Infant Nativity at 9.15am for adults with children in Robins, Hedgehogs and Otters Class. No younger children allowed to attend this one please.

11th Infant Nativity at 9.15am for adults with children in Sparrows, Squirrels and Badgers Class. No younger children allowed to attend this one please.

12th Infant Nativity at 9.15am. This performance is for all parents who wish to bring younger siblings to watch our performance.

For all Infant Performances we ask families to choose which one day they are going to attend and we have space on that day for 2 family members maximum. The Infant Hall is small, already full of all the children and so we have to limit attendance to 2 places on just one day please. To stagger and even out the audience on each day we nominate 3 classes a day per performance for the two 'adults only, no younger children' performances. If you have more than one child at the Infants please choose which one day you would like to attend to see all your children. We don't ask you to book tickets, just sign in before coming in to the hall.

13th Infants Whole School Trip to see the pantomime at Camberley Theatre (we take the whole school on the same day – please make sure you park your cars away from Fletcher Road as it will be full with 6 coaches waiting to load up with all the Infants!) Only Nursery will be at school that morning.

16th 9.30am Year 3 Dress Rehearsal to the Junior School and Infant siblings
11am Nursery Nativity in the Infant Hall, followed by refreshments for parents in the Nursery. We have space for 2 family members and younger siblings.

Christmas Party afternoon for everyone! Your child will need a plate of named party food (no nuts please) to enjoy at the party (they will have already eaten lunch) and children bring party clothes to get changed into.

17th Year 6 Readers to Church for rehearsal.

2pm Year 3 Christmas Production for parents (because it is just Year 3 involved and the hall is bigger, families may bring more than 2 people if they wish to). Siblings at both schools can be collected at the end of the show.

18th 9am Junior School walk to Church for our Lessons and Carols Service. Volunteers needed to help us walk to church and back (please stay for the service with us too).

Christmas Dinner for all children (Christmas Head Gear welcome).

19th Juniors Whole School Trip to see the pantomime at Camberley Theatre (we take the whole school on the same day – please make sure you park your cars away from Fletcher Road as it will be full with 6 coaches waiting to load up with all the Juniors!

Dates for your Diary:

December

23rd to 3rd January Both Schools
Closed for Christmas Holidays

January

6th INSET Day Both Schools
Closed

7th Back to School

Volunteer

As always when planning trips or events we need plenty of parent helpers to make the events successful, please consider volunteering at any of our up and coming events using the links below.

[Junior School Walk to Church and Carols Service](#)

Pantomime trips.

Thank you to all that have signed up to volunteer for both the Infant and Junior Pantomime trips. We will soon be in touch to confirm volunteers for both trips, in due course.

20th Toy Day for all children. The children can bring a toy from home to school to play with their friends (no electronics or anything that connects to the internet please, and nothing very precious as we wouldn't want to cause distress if something accidentally got broken).

Nursery closes for Christmas at 1:00pm
Junior School closes for Christmas at 1.05pm
Infant School closes for Christmas at 1.15pm

I told you it was going to be busy! We are looking forward to all of it!

Church Events

Firstly, you are all invited to Messy Church with Monica and the Team this Sunday: We are looking forward to welcoming you on Sunday 9th November, 4pm to 5.30pm, Fun, Food, Crafts & Worship. A way to worship, explore and experience Church which is suitable for the whole family.

A hot meal will be provided, suggested donation is £2 per person.

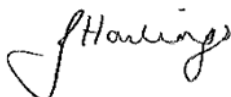
Please email monicahallcc@gmail.com to book your place.

Christ Church have also invited us all to their Christmas Fair in the Village Hall on Saturday 23rd November 10am – 1pm.

Finally, I would like to say an official welcome to 3 new members of staff who have joined us this half term! Welcome to Mrs van den Broek who has returned to the Junior School and Mrs Harrison-Kavanagh and Miss Rowbottom (yes, another one) who have joined the Infant School!

Enjoy your weekend!

Yours sincerely



Mrs J Hastings
Headteacher



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