

15th March 2024



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OTTERSRAW NEWS!

Spring Term

Dates for your Diary:

March

- 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.

25th March - 1:00pm Year 5 Walk to Church for Rehearsals

[Junior Volunteer Link](#)

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,

It has been lovely to see so many of you visiting our classrooms over the last 2 days. The children were so excited to share their worlds and their writing with you. We hope it gave you another glimpse into the Secret Life of School and now you can see what they've been up to!

We have had 2 other exciting events this week: Year 5 visited Cameo and sang some of their Easter songs beautifully to an impressed audience and, as I write, Year 2 are having a lovely trip to Painshill Park. Thank you to all involved in helping with these visits, they are always the things children remember about their school days.

The next 2 weeks are going to be busy. Please do check what we have planned:

Local Announcements

Ottershaw Village Fete 'A Date for your diary'

The Ottershaw Village Fete returns!

To be held on Saturday 29th June at the Memorial Fields 1-5pm. As always we need our wonderful village community to help make this event happen. There are various volunteer roles needed. Please head to the website www.ottershawvillagefete.com and see how you could help.

Bee-lieve Charity Ball

Please see the flyer attached

When: Saturday 4th May 2024

Where: St John the Baptist School, Elmbridge Lane Woking, England, GU22 9AL

Parking

The parking was so much better on Thursday when the traffic wardens were here!!! Please can we keep being sensible?

Actually, I'm sure everyone at the Junior School has already seen the letter today about changing the school day so that the Junior School starts and finishes an extra 5 minutes earlier. At the moment this is just a **consultation**. **Once we have the results we will be able to inform you of the decision. Please make sure you vote!**

Year 4 Dance Performance

Both our Year 4 classes have been collaborating and creating a dance story with Delight this term and want to share their final creation with parents on Tuesday 26th March. The performance starts at 2.15pm and lasts about 45 minutes.

Because the children are using most of the hall space to perform in, we are limiting seating to a maximum of 2 adults per child please. Thank you for your understanding.

Changes to School Dinners

As a follow up to the letter sent home to Junior parents earlier this week, we are excited to be changing our catering provider to Caterlink Ltd at both schools after Easter. From this time the Junior children will be able to have more menu choice by pre-ordering. Please make sure that you have ordered and paid for your meals by 27th March. We hope to extend the pre-ordering system to the Infant children in the near future.

Finally, thank you all for your donations for Comic Relief today – we will be sending the contributions off on Monday should you still wish to donate via SCOPAY.

Enjoy your weekend!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Hastings', written in a cursive style.

Mrs J Hastings
Headteacher