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OTTERSASHAW NEWS!

Dates for your Diary:

Summer Term 2024

May

- 21st Class Photo Day
Years 5 and 6 Cross Country Competition at Pirbright School 4pm - 5.30pm
- 22nd 8.45am-9.15am Year 4 Maths Multiplication Table Parent Meeting
- 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
Quad Kids Trials - Juniors
- 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
- 27th Year 4 Sayers Croft Day Trip

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 6 have finished their SATs! It is always a relief when they are over and we are so proud of how well they all approached this week – we know they all tried their best, enjoyed their breakfast (and drank gallons of hot chocolate) and we couldn't have asked or expected more. Well done to the team for preparing them so well and for the children who gave their best. Remember Year 6, you will never have to tell anyone in a job interview how well you did in your Year 6 SAT tests (although we hope you are proud of how well you have done) and they only measure how good you are at Maths and English – they do not measure what gorgeous people you are growing in to!

The next statutory tests in school are the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check which takes place immediately after half term and the Year 1 Phonics Screen Check which takes place week beginning 10th June. Year 1 children are very used to doing their termly phonics checks and we won't be making this one feel any different so I don't suppose they'll even know they've done it. Year 4 have to complete their check online (which is partly why we encourage them to practise TT Rockstars so much at the Juniors). Because this test is different from others, the Year 4 teachers are offering a briefing for parents in the Junior Hall next week on Wednesday 22nd May at 9.00am for anyone who would like to know more.

Sports Day

Next week we are praying for fine weather, especially for our Sports Day on Friday. The forecast keeps changing so we'll have to leave it until the last minute if we have to change the date. We sent out the full details of timings and lunchtime arrangements in a separate letter sent with the Newsletter on 3rd May, so do make sure you check how everything will work! The main messages are that the Junior event starts at 9.15am and the Infants at about 1.15pm and, unless you arrive at the Juniors with your child in the morning (before the fun starts) or are collecting your Infant child for lunch on the field at 11.55am you will need to come through the Junior office and sign in at the stations in the Junior Hall as you arrive please. On busy days we only keep access through one entrance so that we can keep track of who is on site.

We will also be holding sports day practices when children will need to wear their PE kits to school for the day.

Junior children will be practicing on Monday 20th May and Thursday 23rd May.

Infant children will be practicing on Monday 20th May and Wednesday 22nd May.

Class Photos

On Tuesday next week the photographer will be in in the morning to take our class photographs. Please can we ask that all children come to school wearing full school uniform, including sweatshirts and cardigans. We will be sending home details on how to order online, later in the week.

OPTA News

We have some very exciting news: Thanks to the fantastic efforts of the OPTA Committee and your generosity, we have placed an order for our well-being and learning pod for the Infant School and have booked to have it built and installed in the summer holidays! Yippee!



OPTA News continued....

Our next big OPTA Event is their stall at the Ottershaw Village Fair on Saturday 29th June. They will need donations for their stall and so we are having an Mufti Day on Thursday 20th June for your prizes (nothing with nuts in and no chocolate please as the latter might melt on the day).

Art Competition Time!

The Ottershaw Village Fete is running an art competition again this year and would love to see some colourful creations. To celebrate the lovely woodlands around our village, please choose one of the 4 pictures on [Competition | Ottershaw Village Fe \(ottershawvillagefete.com\)](http://ottershawvillagefete.com) to colour/decorate and email to ottershawvillagefete@gmail.com with the child's name and age. The shortlisted entries will be printed in the fete programme as well as being displayed at the fete! The winners will be chosen by the Mayor at the fete and announced at 3.30pm on Saturday 29th June with some great prizes to be won! The closing date for entries is the 7th June. Happy creating and good luck to you all!

Finally, we are pleased to share the news that Miss Hine has had her baby girl, all are safe and well.

Enjoy your weekend!

Yours sincerely



Mrs J Hastings

Headteacher