



18th July 2024

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OTTERSHAW NEWS!

Dates for your Diary:

Summer Term 2024

July

- 19th Last Day of Term
Nursery Closes at 1.00pm
Junior Closes at 1.05pm
Infant Closes at 1.15pm

September

- 2nd Inset Day - both schools closed
3rd Inset Day - both schools closed
4th Back to school
13th Year 5 First Swimming Lesson
20th Meet the Teacher Events
Juniors 8:25am - 9:00am
Infants 2:45pm - 3:15pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thanks to your lovely children, your support and the amazing bunch of people I work with we have all made it to the end of another successful school year! The children are ready for some downtime now – time to enjoy the freedom that summer brings and we look forward to seeing them again in September, a little bit taller and full of enthusiasm for the year ahead.

I always feel quite emotional at the end of each school year because it's a time of goodbyes, and I never feel quite ready to do that. This week I had the great pleasure of seeing our Nursery, Year 2 and Year 6 children perform their Leavers' Assemblies and each one was a proud moment for all involved. The children did not disappoint and showed us how amazing they are.

Tomorrow will be the last special day of goodbyes. Year 6 will be going around to both schools to get their shirts signed by us all and, along with wishing them well on their Secondary School adventure we will also be saying farewell to some lovely colleagues who are leaving us. Mr Dennis has had a successful training year with us and is now ready for his first job as a class teacher closer to home, Miss Higgs is going back to college to study Music, Mrs Busca and Mrs Hall are moving to roles beyond education, Mrs Gaskell is now a fully qualified Play Therapist and will be working in private practice, working across many schools, Mrs Maclellan is setting up her own home tuition business and both Mrs Croft and Mrs Lisher are finally retiring. We are so grateful to all of them for the time and passion they have put into their work with us, but I would like to give a special mention to both Mrs Lisher and Mrs Croft – they have both worked here for over 20 years, giving hours of love and service to our community and I shall miss their wisdom and support tremendously. Ladies, Ottershaw is not going to be the same without you! Thank you for everything.

All that remains now is to thank you all for your warm wishes, gifts and smiles – it is time for us all to enjoy the summer and family time.

Have fun!

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Hastings
Headteacher