



18th October 2024

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OTTERS Shaw NEWS!

Dates for your Diary:

Autumn Term 2024

October

21st 3:30pm – 6:30pm Parents' Evening (Face to Face) for both schools. Book via SCOPAY

22nd Year 1 visit to Milestones Museum

23rd Harvest Assemblies
2:00pm Year 4 Harvest Production to Parents

3:30pm – 6:30pm Parents' Evening (Face to Face) for both schools

24th Maths Challenge Day

2.00pm Reception Parents Afternoon Tea in the Infant Hall

25th **INSET DAY: Both Schools Closed**
Holiday Club [Booking here](#)

28th October to 1st November Half Term.

Ultimate Coaching Holiday Club
[Booking here](#)

November

4th **Both Schools Return**

6th OPTA Fireworks Evening
[Booking link here](#)

7th Individual Infant Schools Photos

8th Individual Junior School Photos

12th Prospective parents Mornings (pre-booking required)
9:30am Infants
11:00am Juniors

Year 6 visit to Junior Citizens at Thorpe Park

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a really lovely week in school, with so many great moments of joy with the children.

Our first big announcement is that I am delighted to be able to share our Infant Ofsted report with you all.

An inspection so early in the term is never easy as, when the children are so little (and over a third of them have only just started in Nursery and Reception) we are not in the full swing of all our learning as we're still making sure the children are following our routines and expectations. However, it turns out that we do a great job!!

My personal highlight of the report is the opening section:

'What is it like to attend this school?'

Pupils thrive in this welcoming and nurturing school. Close relationships and care are at the heart of everything. The inclusive culture in this school is palpable.

All staff have a high ambition for what all pupils can achieve. Typically, pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), achieve well across the curriculum.

Pupils' behaviour is exemplary. Staff are excellent role models for pupils. Children in the Nursery and Reception classes settle into school exceptionally well. Pupils follow the two school rules, 'try hard' and 'be nice', conscientiously. Playtimes are busy and fun.

Pupils feel safe. They love receiving 'rainbow certificates' during celebration assembly for demonstrating the school values. Pupils' learning is enhanced by a rich variety of experiences. For example, during the inspection, Chertsey Museum visited Year 1 pupils. Pupils learned about similarities and differences between toys from the 1960s and today.

Pupils at this school are curious and want to learn.

Parents and carers are unwaveringly supportive of the school. Children are happy here. As one parent wrote, 'Everyone in this school always has a smile on their face.' Ottershaw Christ Church Church of England Infant School is a very special place for pupils to start their educational journey.'

I know the work we do makes a difference to children and I am so proud of my whole Team and the children. We can only work our magic with your support, so thank you all.

Rural Life – Year 5

Year 5 spent the day at The Museum of Rural Life on Tuesday where they were learning about life in Victorian Times (we go there as it shows a setting very similar to what Ottershaw would have looked like in the Victorian era). Having spent some time in the Victorian classroom, I think the children were very relieved to return to 'normal' school on Wednesday!! Thank you to everyone who helped make this trip happen, the children loved it!

Year 4 and Year 6 – Cameo

On Thursday we took Year 4 to Cameo to sing and share their Harvest songs and Year 6 distributed their Harvest Baskets (they had all made scones and packed the bags with tea-time treats for our Cameo friends to enjoy). I don't know who enjoyed it more – we always receive such a warm welcome and Cameo are an encouraging audience and the children love to go. Thank you for your donations and well done to our Team for getting the singing ready and co-ordinating the baskets (especially Mrs Hunter who was in charge of timing the scones in the oven this year).

Dates for your Diary:

November

- 13th Provisional U11 Football Festival
- Prospective parents Mornings (pre-booking required)
- 14th 9:30am Infants
11:00am Juniors
- 15th Anti Bullying Day (Odd Socks Mufti Day)
- 18th Year 6 Runnymede Memorial visit
- Prospective parents Mornings (pre-booking required)
- 26th 9:30am Infants
11:00am Juniors
- Prospective parents Mornings (pre-booking required)
- 27th 9:30am Infants
11:00am Juniors
- 28th U9 Football in the afternoon

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.

[Pantomime – Infants Volunteer Link](#)

Friday 13th December

[Pantomime – Juniors Volunteer Link](#)

Thursday 19th December

CAMEO report

We had an amazing opportunity to visit CAMEO with some of our classmates. Our job was to give the people who go to CAMEO a treat from Year 6.

We put together bags filled with treats for afternoon tea. It was rewarding to be able to give back something to the community.

We all enjoyed the singing. Finally, we were also given an opportunity to speak to some of the adults in CAMEO. We are very grateful to have been invited.

From Lilly and Eliza



Next Week

Next week we are looking forward to celebrating Harvest in school on Wednesday (please bring your donations for the Food Bank to school by Wednesday morning) and we are looking forward to meeting with parents at our Consultation Evenings in the school halls on Monday and Wednesday (please use your SCOPAY account to make your appointment if you haven't done so already). OPTA had a successful uniform sale after school on Thursday this week and we will be putting some uniform rails in the entrances of both schools during next week's parents' evenings (with an honesty box for your purchases, please note we will not be able to give change as we are a cashless office) for any who would like to buy more items before half term.

Finally, we have a special invite from Monica and the Team at Christ Church, inviting you all to their Light Party on 31st October:

LIGHT PARTY and Low noise Firework Display @ Christ Church, Ottershaw, KT16 OPB on Thursday 31st October - 4.30pm until 6pm - please come dressed light & bright or as your favourite superhero, if you wish !

Email monicahallcc@gmail.com to book your place!

Suggested donation £2 per child on entry.

Enjoy your weekend!

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Hastings
Headteacher



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