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OTTERSHAW NEWS!

Spring Term

Dates for your Diary:

January

24th Year 4 Residential Sayers Croft
26th Year 4 return home

February

5th Year 6 Bikeability Week
6th Safer Internet Day
Year 4 'Delight in Dance' project
12th - 16th Half Term
19th Back to school
21st OPTA Disco
29th Tangled Feet 'Belongings'
performance Junior children

March

4th Book Week
5th Year 5 to Fullbrook to watch
their production
8th Book Week Dress Up Day
11th Year 4 Bikeability
21st Nursery Easter Assembly 11am
22nd OPTA 'Break the Rules' Mufti
Day
25th Easter Pause Week
Year 5 to church for rehearsal
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

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you so much for all your donations for our OPTA Bags2school collection today - this always helps put money in our funds and we are always grateful for your support.

Of course, our other big thank you this week is to all who came to one of our Parent Consultation Evenings. It is always good to meet with you and discuss how your child is getting on in school and the children love that you come and hear happy news!

OPTA News & Information

The next big OPTA event on the horizon is our School Disco for the children being held in the Junior Hall on Wednesday 21st February. The flyer, with all the information, is attached and all tickets must be purchased in advance by visiting www.pta-events.co.uk/OPTA We hope this is an event that the children enjoy.

Illness

As is usual for this time of year, we have a few bugs going round. The one noticeable one at the Juniors is something causing a tummy pain. More often than not children feel sick for a couple of days but not all are actually sick. We usually tell you to send the children in and we'll call you if they're not well (unless it is obvious that they are poorly). However, on this occasion, we are sending children home if they describe these symptoms and are obviously more quiet/subdued than normal. We are sharing so that you can keep a watchful eye too. Please can I take this opportunity to remind you all that should your child experience vomiting (or diarrhoea) that they should be kept off school for a period of 48 hours following their last episode.

Reporting Dangerous Driving and Parking

This is another parking message. This time, not just a plea for considerate parking and driving, but details of how to report the selfish people who are letting our community down.

Acts like driving along a pavement are a driving offence. These are the driving offences which should be reported and acted on by the police:

- It is an offence to drive on to a pavement, contrary to s.72 of the Highway Act 1835 and s.34 of the Road Traffic Act 1988).
- It is an offence to leave a vehicle on a road (including the pavement) in a dangerous position, contrary to s.22 of the Road Traffic Act 1988.
- It is an offence to obstruct a pavement, contrary to Regulation 103 of The Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986.
- Rule 145 of the Highway Code states You MUST NOT drive on or over a pavement, footpath or bridleway except to gain lawful access to property, or in the case of an emergency.

Make a road traffic incident report within 7 days of the alleged offence using photographic evidence where possible. If it is over 7 days they will not be able to serve someone with a notice of intended prosecution within the 14 day period they have to work by and by default, they will not investigate it.

<https://www.surrey.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/rs/road-safety/making-a-road-traffic-incident-report/>

I hope this helps you all know how to report an incident, many thanks to those who shared the link for us all.



Spares Plea!

Our Infant office is running very low on supplies of spare socks, girls underwear, trousers and PE joggers. If you have any spares we would be very grateful for any donations. Can we remind you that if your child has come home with any of our spares, please can you return these to the offices as soon as possible.

Request from Year 4

Finally, we have a plea from some of the girls in Year 4 who go to 3rd Horsell Brownies. They are collecting stamps and milk bottle tops (washed) for the RNIB (actually, I remember collecting bottle tops when I was their age to support Guide Dogs, it's nice to see this is still going). If you have any donations, please hand them in to the office and we can pass them on to our keen Brownie collectors - they have written you a letter and it is attached.

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