



20th June 2024

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## OTTERS SHAW NEWS!

### Dates for your Diary:

#### Summer Term 2024

##### June

- 21st INSET DAY: Both schools closed
- 24th INSET DAY: Both schools closed
- 25th Multi Sports Festival Junior invited children only
- 27th Year 4 Sayers Croft Day Trip  
Year 2 Ottershaw Geography walk

##### July

- 1st Year 5 New Haw Debate Workshops - details to follow  
Emails to be sent advising of children's classes for September  
6.00pm New Reception Parents meeting in the Infant School Hall  
7.00pm New Year 3 Parents meeting in the Junior School Hall
- 2nd Transition Day
- 4th 8.45am PHSE 'Changing Me' briefing - Junior Hall for Infant & Junior parents
- 5th Year 5 Fullbrook taster day
- 8th Olympic and Ancient Greece Fortnight begins  
Bags2School Collection
- 10th Reception to The Look Out
- 11th Nursery to Hobbledown Farm
- 12th 2.30pm Celebration of Work - Open Classrooms for Infants and Juniors  
Reports to go home
- 16th 11.00am Nursery Leavers' Assembly
- 18th 9.30am Year 2 Leavers' Assembly  
1.30pm Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

Dear Parents and Carers,

At last, it feels as though summer has finally arrived! We are particularly thankful for fine weather this week as the children have been out and about again: Year 6 went to Guildford Cathedral for their Leavers' Service, some of our Year 3 and 4 children took part in the Quad Kids District Athletics competition and Year 3 went to Chobham Common as part of their geography fieldwork studies. As always, all of our children behaved really well and were engaged in their activities, but I did receive a special thank you from Surrey Wildlife Trust, praising Year 3 'Thank you so much for bringing the children to Chobham Common this morning. What a fab day. I was impressed with how much information everyone had remembered and appreciative of just how engaged everyone was throughout. Such interested and observant children – great to see! It was lovely to be able to share Dartford Warblers, Stonechats and lots of Silver-studded Blues with everyone'. As you can imagine, I was a very happy Headteacher. Well done Year 3 and thank you to everyone for organising and helping us get the children safely to and from these visits.

### Welcome...

I would especially like to welcome Mrs Avenell to our team this week! Actually, Mrs Avenell started with us last week, but most of her time was filled with First Aid training! Mrs Avenell is taking over from Mrs Croft (I know, big shoes to fill) and I am so pleased that she has been able to start before Mrs Croft leaves so that she can begin to get familiar with the office and the children before September. Welcome Liz, I'm sure it won't be long before you can't remember working anywhere else!

### Getting Ready for change

As you know, all our children will be visiting their new classrooms on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. We will be letting you all know which class your child will be in on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July and I will confirm all arrangements for the day in next week's newsletter.

For us, this day is very important – we know that changing classes is very much on the children's minds and a chance to spend a day with their new adults in their new space can really help to settle any nerves and take lots of the worry away from the summer holidays.

Finally, thank you so much for all your donations for the OPTA stall at the Ottershaw Village Fair. We really appreciate your support and hope you can all visit the Fair on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June to win your prizes back!

Enjoy your weekend!

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Hastings

Headteacher