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OTTERSRAW NEWS!

Spring Term

Dates for your Diary:

February

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 Week

14th 2.45pm Infant School and Nursery, Open Classroom

14th Year 5 to CAMEO Spring Songs Performance

15th 8.30am-9am Junior School Open Classroom

15th Year 2 to Painshill Park

15th MUFTI for Comic Relief

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

Volunteer Opportunities

We are using an online system for parents to register their availability to help walk the children to church for the Easter Church Services. If you are able to help for one or both, please sign up on the link below.

27th March - 9.00am Junior Walk to Church

[Junior Volunteer Link](#)

27th March - 10.30am Infant Walk to Church (excluding Nursery)

[Infant Volunteer Link](#)

Many thanks in advance.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Despite all the rain this week we have had a brilliant week – mainly because the OPTA Disco brought such excitement! I know the children enjoyed this very much and I would really like to thank the OPTA Committee and all their helpers for making this so successful (and to our office ladies for updating the registers and making sure we were prepared as much as possible for who was going to attend and the changes to collection arrangements on the day).

Actually, Wednesday was an extra special day for us as we had our traditional Ash Wednesday services in school with Rev Mark and Monica. Because Easter is such an important Christian festival we always mark the start of Lent with our Ash Wednesday service (even though we were a week late as the actual Ash Wednesday was during half term). As usual, the children really understood this to be a special time and many were happy to receive their 'ashing' at the end of each service (some on their hand, some on their forehead).

The Junior children had another special visitor in assembly this week, Ben from the Runnymede community team came to talk to the children about the Surrey Youth Games and the free coaching sessions and sports festival which is available locally to all our children. The full details of the sports coaching available for your children is included in the leaflet attached – I urge you all to look and give a new sport a try. Many Ottershaw children over the years have really benefitted from this opportunity every year and one or two have even discovered a hidden talent which has taken them to international competition standard!

Today we were grateful that the rain stayed away enough for our Cross Country trials and what an amazing turnout we had. The effort and commitment from so many children was brilliant and I am proud of them all! We will have a close look at the times achieved across all the year groups and will send out team letters soon.

MUFTI for Comic Relief

We have an additional Mufti Day to add as we would like to invite the children to wear their own clothes to school on Friday 15th March and give a donation to Comic Relief. As Year 2 are out on their trip to Painshill Park that day, they will still need to wear school uniform. Whilst we won't be selling noses or merchandise in school this year, the children may wear these to school. All donations must be paid for on SCOPAY. We will not be collecting cash.

Easter Church Services

We will be walking the children from both schools to Christ Church, Ottershaw for the Easter Services on the morning of Wednesday 27th March. For this to take place we will be looking for parental help (sorry no younger siblings). If you are free to join us, please follow the links under Volunteer Opportunities. Please note it is not necessary to hold a DBS to volunteer to help on this outing. As you have already signed our 'Parent Consent Booklet' giving permission for your child to take part in walks to areas in the local community, we will not be requiring further consent.

Roadworks

We have been advised that there will be maintenance work on water pipes along Murray Road, Ottershaw from the junction of Slade Road to the rear of Murray Road Car Park. These will take place from approximately Friday 1st March to Sunday 14th April from 8am to 5pm. Please allow extra time for your journey to and from school as there will be two-way traffic signals in place.

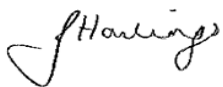


Parent Prayer Group

Finally, our Parent Prayer Group is starting again on Wednesday mornings 9 – 9.15am at the Junior School. This is for all parents and carers who would like to gather, pray together and have a chat. Do please join us.

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