Ottershaw Christ Church C of E Infant and Junior Schools
Academies in The Good Shepherd Trust
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OTTERSHAW NEWS!

Dates for your Diary:	
March	
2nd	Book Week begins (see email). Year 5 / 6 Cross Country at Hoe Bridge (invited children). Secondary Application Outcomes – sent out from 5pm onwards (Year 7 places).
4th	9-9.40am SEND coffee morning in the Junior Library. Second Hand Book Sale after school. 6.30pm Mrs Jenkyn's bedtime story (Please refer to the email sent for the link).
5th	Second Hand Book Sale after school. Pyjama day for book week. Squirrels Forest School
6th	12pm-2pm Year 1 and Year 2 Football Tournament at Woking Hockey Club (Invited children). 1.30pm Year 6 parents to see Delight in Shakespeare performance. Badgers Forest School
9th	Commonwealth Day Service of Celebration (invited children)
11th	Year 5 to visit Fullbrook to see their production of Oliver! Year 4 Bikeability begins
12th	Hedgehogs Forest School 1.30pm-3pm Celebration for Nursery and Reception (children only)
13th	OPTA Break the Rules Day. Otters Forest School
16th	Theatre workshop for Reception and morning/all day Nursery children
17th	Year 3 / 4 Cross Country at Hoe Bridge
18th	Year 2 visit to Wisley
19th	Squirrels Forest School
20th	Badgers Forest School
23rd	Easter Pause Week begins. Relays Cross Country at Hoe Bridge

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the second half of the Spring Term – finally we have seen some sunshine, felt its warmth and there is hope of warmer, drier weather on the horizon. Yippee!!

This half term is incredibly short (just 5 weeks) and the diary feels as though we are packing as much into the time we have as we would normally fit into 7 weeks. Do please keep a note of all the events coming up as there is a huge amount going on in a short space of time.

Our absolute highlight this week was taking the 45 members of our Junior School Choir to perform as part of the Young Voices Choir at the O2 Arena on Tuesday. We were absolutely living life in all its fullness as we sang alongside 8,688 other children – what an amazing experience it was! My special thanks to Miss Grey and Mrs Pearson who have been running choir and rehearsing since September! The good news for all our choir members is that choir will be continuing on Wednesday mornings at 8.15am for the rest of the school year.

Ash Wednesday
Rev'd Mark and Monica joined us on Wednesday for our traditional Ash Wednesday Service in school to mark the start of our Lent and Easter celebrations. Although the actual Ash Wednesday was during half term, we do always like to mark the event in school and are very grateful to Mark and Monica for their support. As usual, all the children will be taking part in our Easter Pause Week during the last few days of term, Year 5 will lead our Easter Church Services and Year 5 parents are invited to watch the Year 5 Easter Production in the Junior School hall on Thursday 26th March from 1.30pm.

Juniper
As you know, our lovely, quick and easy communication app 'Marvellous Me' was sold to Juniper Education and we have been battling to use this platform successfully this year. We are currently looking at more user-friendly alternatives and hope to update you before Easter. Thank you for your patience.

Enjoy your weekend!

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Hastings
Headteacher

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Dates for your Diary continued…	
24th	Year 4 Last Swimming Lesson. Year 3 Delight in dance performance to parents (timings TBC). 11am - Nursery Spring Assembly, followed by cakes in the Nursery
25th	Easter Church Services. Juniors leave school at 8.45am, return at 10.15am Years 1 and 2 leave school at 10.30am and return in time for lunch
26th	1.30pm Year 5 Easter Production in the Junior Hall Nursery Afternoon Children Last Day
27th	OPTA Fun Run End of Term Nursery closes at 1.00pm. Junior School closes at 1.05pm. Infant School closes at 1.15pm.
30th March to 10th April – Easter Holidays	
April	
13th	Back to School
14th	Year 3 Swimming Lessons start
16th	Primary Application Outcomes – sent out from 5pm onwards (Reception and Y3 places)
22nd	OPTA Quiz Night
May	
11th	Year 6 SATs Week
15th	Crazy Hair MUFTI
18th	Class Photos Infant and Juniors
22nd	Sports Day / Family Picnic
June	
1st	Year 4 Multiplications Week
5th	Reserve Sports Day / Family Picnic
12th	MUFTI for Ottershaw Village Fair
16th	Year 6 leavers service at Guildford Cathedral (children only)
18th	Nursery Visit to Hobbledown. (Nursery closed)

Photos of the Week!

Young Voices Choir