

THE OTTER

THE NEWSLETTER OF OTTERBOURNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL.



Dear Families,

As this is the first newsletter of the year, it has to start with "HAPPY NEW YEAR". It's also a very brief one!

I hope that everyone was able to enjoy some quality family time and the children had ample opportunity to recharge the batteries after a long term. Although that early return proved challenging, being so soon after New Year and with the cold weather doing its worst, the children were very good at settling back in to school routines, and the quality of work that is coming to my office is fantastic to see.

The biggest change in school since the Christmas break, has been the introduction of abm as our school caterers, and I hope that everyone agrees that the early signs are extremely positive. The food quality, quantity and range is clearly going down well with the children, and as a consequence the food waste has reduced dramatically in the past fortnight. I have to thank you all for the positive feedback and for the speed in moving over to the parent ordering on ScoPay. If you still need help with this, please do contact the school office, as we hope to have everyone online very soon. If you have any further feedback about any aspect of lunch, please do email me or speak to me on the gate.

Best wishes for a great weekend.

Mr Geraghty

THE VILLAGE CAR PARK AND VOLUNTARY ONE-WAY SYSTEM

Since the start of this year, it has been brought to our attention that there have been a number of near misses, a couple of bumps and mass congestion in the village car park.

As much as this isn't something that school can become too heavily involved in, it is always concerning when the safety of our families could be at risk, so if there is anything that can be done to improve things, then we would like to support it.

A few years ago, and before my time here, there was a voluntary one-way system established that essentially meant Cranbourne Drive was a one-way road at school drop-off and pick-up times, with the entrance being the junction nearest to the school. It ensured that everyone who followed the system could safely turn left in to the car park, and then left out of the car park before following the road round to the junction at the far end (from the school). My understanding is that most parents stuck to this, and then residents were informed so that they could do the same, which ensured that they too, were less affected by school traffic.

I have been in contact with the local council about this, and they are going to discuss it further, but for now, could you please send to headteacher@otterbourne.hants.sch.uk any thoughts or comments you have about this idea. In the meantime, these things do have a tendency to change organically, so if you choose to follow this route anyway, then things should improve!

Join us for our first ever...

JIGSAW FESTIVAL

1 - 4pm, Saturday 10th February
St Matthew's Church, Otterbourne

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