

# THE OTTER

THE NEWSLETTER OF OTTERBOURNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL.



Dear Families

So, here we are once more. The end of a school year, and the start of the summer holidays. Whatever you are doing over this break, I hope that you make some wonderful memories, and everyone stays safe.

Thank you for all of your generous words and gifts shared with the staff of the school throughout the year, and especially as we head off for the long break. The team here really are incredible and I too need to add my thanks to them all for the time and effort they dedicate to helping ensure your children have a fun, challenging and memorable primary school experience.

Happy holidays

Mr Geraghty

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have had a few questions about children wearing ties in school. I just want to clarify that from the start of Year 3, children wear a shirt/blouse and tie rather than polo shirt. We, of course, allow children to continue with polo shirts if they have sensory needs and there are other options for girls, which include summer dresses and play suits. We also support the drive to reduce overall costs by only asking for the school jumper or cardigan to have the school logo. All other items just need to match the school colour and can be without a logo.

## THANK YOU!

Along with the staff, the school simply wouldn't be the same without the incredible support of members of the school community. From helping to run enrichment clubs and events, supporting children to make greater progress in reading, or caring for the school grounds, we owe so many of you our gratitude.

There is always a risk of missing people when we write our thank you list, but the team and I would like to give thanks to:

Mr and Mrs Kennedy, Miss Bertacchini, Miss Thomas and Miss Harding for helping with the Otter Class trip

Mrs Kennedy for her history talk in Otter Class

Mrs Joshi, Mrs Kamboh, Mr Bhambra for helping our Otter Class understand more about different religions

Mrs Aspin, Mrs Hawkins and Mrs Rodford for support our young readers in Otter Class

Mrs Lo, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Davies, Mrs Garner, Mrs Tear, Miss Pamphlett, Mrs Phillips for supporting our Squirrel Class with either readers or the trip to Windsor Castle

Mrs Dymond, Mrs Lewis, Ms Pugh, Mrs Barham, Mrs Burt, Mrs Lord, Ms Donnelly, Mrs Palmer, Ms Abbot, Ms Lamont, Ms Reid, Mr Allen, Miss Holly and Mrs Oldham for supporting our Year 2 trips

Mrs Jobson, Mrs Jardine, Mrs Pugh and Mrs Davies for supporting Year 2 readers, and Mrs Rees for supporting Year 2 maths

Mrs Hansford, Mrs Lewis and Mrs Krupa for supporting our Robin Class trips

Dr Phipps, Mrs Black, Mrs Mason, Mrs Krupa, Mrs Smith for help across Year 5/6

Mr Cox and Mr Robinson who gave up time on their weekends to give our much loved outdoor classroom (The OWL), a well needed facelift by replacing the rotten decking.

Mrs Tear for everything you do in support of our school. You really are wonderful!

I hope that I have listed everybody, but if not please accept my sincere apologies and, more importantly, my thanks.