

THE OTTER

THE NEWSLETTER OF OTTERBOURNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL.



Dear Families

Thank you to all of the families who attended today's Harvest Festival at St. Matthew's Church. It was lovely to see all of the children taking part in the class poems, and to see the parents and families joining in with the celebrations. I hope the earworm that is 'Harvest Samba' doesn't stay with you for too long.

We are now seeing the end of a very long half-term. Tiredness is sure to kick in, as might the occasional snuffle. Please do keep bringing your children in to school but be assured we will call home if they really aren't well.

Best wishes for a good weekend.

Mr Geraghty

Shoebox Donations

Thank you so much for all of the toys, books and games that you have donated to the Rotary Shoebox Appeal. The girls who have been collecting this in the mornings have been so excited and slightly overwhelmed at your generosity...as have we all.

Lunchtime Changes

You might get told at home that we have 'banned running' at lunchtime...this isn't going to be the case so I want to clarify things for you in anticipation! We are actually incredibly pleased with how well our Year R children have settled in to school and we are ready to bring them on to the 'big playground' where they can enjoy being with the older children and using the colourful playground markings that we have. We will, as you would expect, be on the playground to support any of the children who find this difficult. In order to keep them all safe, we've talked to the children about not *sprinting* across the playgrounds and leaping over the purple wall, which is a concern in itself! I'm sure you will agree that this is better for everyone.

To help keep the older children equally active, we have made a few changes around lunchtime on the church playground too, and there is even more equipment out for them each day to enjoy. The Sports Council and Playleaders are doing an incredible job of keeping everyone safe and entertained, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their efforts.

Flu Immunisation

The school nurse team are in school on November 18th to give all children the vaccination spray. Please return your consent forms as soon as possible, as only children for whom consent has been received will be vaccinated.

Pupil Parliament

The Pupil Parliament met this week, and there is a lot of excitement about what we have planned in for the individual councils. We have already been asked if parents can join the councils, and I think this could be a wonderful idea (although I think maybe only 1 parent!). If interested, please come and talk to me or Mrs Simpson, or email admin@otterbourne.hants.sch.uk

Parents Evening

Thank you for the positive comments about the way we held the parent consultation evenings this week. I hope that everyone still had enough time to discuss everything they needed to, but please do get in touch if you think a follow-up is required. I know that some parents have waited an hour in the past, but I think the longest this year was 30 minutes...so I think we can do even better next time. For those of you who tried them, I hope you enjoyed the lunch samples!

Cauliflower Cards *FINAL DEADLINE*

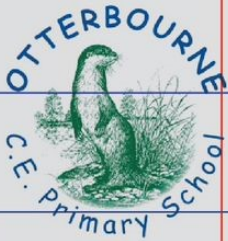
If you have created your designs at home and want them to be converted to either cards or gifts, we will need the form back in school before Friday 25th October please. Any questions, please speak to Miss Squibb in the office.

New Bike Shelter

It is lovely to see this being used so much already.

CAN I JUST ASK YOU TO REMIND THE CHILDREN WHO ARE CYCLING TO...

dismount at the car park gate, rather than cycle where there are parents and children entering school. Thank you.



BREAK THE RULES DAY



RULES TO BE BROKEN

No home clothes

NO make up or face paint

ONLY school shoes

NO squash in water bottles

NO crazy hair

No unhealthy snacks

NO pyjamas

NO nail varnish



FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER

50p per broken rule or £3 to break as many rules as you like! All money raised will go towards new play equipment. Thank you so much for all your support.