

# **Otterburn First School**



Date: 20th October 2017

# **News Bulletin**

### **Beetle Drive**

The Beetle Drive on 13th October raised £188.50. Thanks for your support

#### **Halloween Disco**

This will take place after school on Monday 30th October and run until 4.30pm. Tickets will cost £2 – to include a hotdog and juice. Children can also bring extra money to buy sweets on the night (items will be around 10p each). Children can bring a change of clothes (either fancy dress or party clothes) to change into after school.

## **Upcoming Events:**

- Parent Consultations: Wednesday 1st November.
- Road Safety Morning: Monday 13th November.
- Nursery and Reception Tapestry meeting: Monday 6th November at 3.30pm

# Forest Schools - Monday afternoons

Please ensure that Year 2,3 & 4 children are equipped with wellies, a waterproof coat (and trousers, if you have them) and old trousers (not jeans).

# Attendance (Week 6)

Reception: 100%

Year 1: 72% Year 2: 86.3% Year 3: 97.1% Year 4: 95%

Please make every effort to ensure that your child is in school every day and not missing valuable learning time.

## **Swimming**

Parent volunteers are still required for the following dates:

- 14th November (1)
- 28th November (1)
- 19th December (1)

## **Swimming Money**

Any parents wishing to pay swimming money for the whole half-term to Christmas (8 weeks) can forward payment of £24 in a named envelope. You can still pay £3 weekly if you prefer.

# **Byrness Halloween Party**

There will be a Halloween Party at Byrness Village Hall on Thursday 26th October, 3.30-5.30pm. All are very welcome for Halloween games and crafts, along with costume and pumpkin competitions – so come dressed up with a decorated pumpkin! Please bring some food for a shared tea. £1 per child entrance.

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#### **Dinner Money**

Dinner money for the next half-term will be £100 to cover 40 days. You can still pay £12.50 weekly if you prefer. Please send money in a named envelope.

#### **Tempest Photos**

Please return order forms by Friday 3rd November.

#### Staffing

Thank you to Mr Saunders, who is sadly leaving us for a new life in Scotland. We will all miss him and would like to thank him for all his hard work.

#### Office

You may find the office unattended at times. Please leave a message and we'll get back to you.



This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all children, and expects our staff, visitors, volunteers and parents to share this commitment.

Please can we therefore take this opportunity to remind parents of the following:

Gates: Please ensure that you close gates and fasten the bolts when coming in and out of the school grounds.

**Entering the building:** Parents are not permitted to enter the school building through the playground. Please can you encourage your child to take their own coats and bags etc to cloakrooms independently. If you would like to speak to a member of staff please arrange this through the school office at the front entrance.

**Start of the school day:** Please can we remind parents that a member of staff is on duty in the playground from 8:45 am. Children are not permitted to be unsupervised by their responsible guardian until this point.

**Home time**: To ensure that your child returns home safely it is essential that we have clear instructions on whether they are to be collected and by whom or if they are to go home on the school transport. Please ensure that if your daily regular arrangements change that the office is notified by email (before lunch), by telephone or by sending your child in with a note. We are unable to accept a child's word that the arrangements change as unfortunately they are sometimes confused or forget!

Thank you for helping ensure that your children are safe.