



## News Bulletin

Date: 6th October 2017

### Harvest Festival

This will take place on  
Wednesday 11th October at  
2.30pm at St John's in Otterburn.  
Parents, family and friends are all welcome  
to attend.

Donations of tinned and dried food and  
toiletries would be gratefully received and  
can be brought into school from Monday  
9th October. These will be donated to The  
People's Kitchen

([www.peopleskitchen.co.uk](http://www.peopleskitchen.co.uk))

Children can be collected after the Harvest  
Festival, or they can go home  
school bus. A form will be f  
ParentMail to identify  
going home arrangements  
for each child.

Please ensure that this is  
completed ahead of the  
event.



### Jeans for Genes Day

We are delighted to report that the 'Jeans  
for Genes' Day held on 29th September  
raised £43.60 to help children affected by  
a genetic disorder in the UK.

### Attendance (Week 4)

Reception: 98.6%

Year 1: 72%

Year 2: 100%

Year 3: 97.1%

Year 4: 100 %

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 (2)
- 19th December (1)

### Teacher Training Day

A reminder that the school will be  
closed on Friday 20th October 2017 for  
Teacher Training.

The following week is the half-term  
break, with school reconvening on  
Monday 30th October.

### Parent Consultations

Parents' Evening will be held on Wednesday 1st November. Invitation letters will be sent out shortly.

### Yoga

Two Yoga sessions have been arranged after-school on 9th and 16th October for Years 2-4. Please complete the ParentMail form if you'd like your child to take part.

### Beetle Drive

This will be held on Friday 13th October as a welcome event for new families. A booking form has been sent out via ParentMail. Please let us know how many places you'd like to reserve in order that we can plan accordingly. Thank you.

### Rochester Show

Congratulations to all of the children who entered the Show and won prizes.

### 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 bring a change of clothes (either fancy dress or party clothes) to change into after school.



### PTA Christmas Craft Fair

A reminder that this is taking place on 25th November between 10.30am and 12.30pm in the Village Hall



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.**

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