



Otterburn First School



News Bulletin

Welcome back – We hope you have had a good summer holiday. It has been delightful meeting new children and children returning to school and hearing about their exciting adventures over the summer holidays. Whether it has been exotic holidays abroad or in the UK, day trips, time spent with family—all of the children have had a story to tell! All children have settled into the school routine and are excited about the year ahead.

We welcome Louise Dixon to the staff as our new nursery teacher who has revamped the classroom ready for this new venture! The school has had a fresh coat of paint and is looking lovely inside. There have been developments in the playground with the old toilet block being removed ready for further improvements. The building has new doors and the flat roof has been replaced.

Date: 8th September 2017

ParentMail

Please can all parents ensure that their access to ParentMail is running? Parents of new starters should have now received a registration email. Please ensure that registration is completed in order to receive updates from the school. If you have any problems please contact Mr Saunders in the office.



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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Contact Details Data Form

Please ensure that you have returned your new contact form.

After school clubs

After-school clubs will commence next week. They will run on a Thursday from 3.15pm to 4.15pm.

This half-term, the clubs on offer are:

'Creative Club' - arts and crafts; and

'Everything Green' - gardening, eco, outdoors.

Please advise the school if your child would like to join one of these clubs. Arrangements will need to be made to collect your child from school at 4.15pm on Thursdays.

Milk money

A reminder that milk money for this term is £5.20. If you would like your child to have milk, please forward payment, in a named envelope, as soon as possible.

Milk is free this term for Reception children born after January 2013

School Uniform and PE kit

Please ensure that your child is wearing school uniform which is clearly labelled with their name. New uniform can be ordered through the office.

A PE kit should be in school all week and consist of the school PE shirt, black shorts, sand shoes. A pair of black jogging bottoms can also be work for outdoor PE. Children who have pierced ears must independently remove their earrings for PE lessons.

Homework

Reception children and some Year 1 children have a phonics book. Please help your child practice as much as possible at home and ensure that they have their book in school every day. Reception will not get a homework grid, as the other children do, until later in the year. Homework is sent out on Friday and due in on Wednesday.

Big maths, spellings, and times tables tests will usually be done on a Thursday.

Swimming

Swimming lessons will commence at Ponteland Leisure Centre on Tuesday 12th

September. Your child will need a swimming costume and towel in a bag. The pool would prefer the children to wear goggles and armbands are not required. If girls could wear socks, rather than tights, this would be helpful. There is a charge of £3 per week per child towards the costs of hiring the pool and the transport. Please forward money to the school in a named envelope on Mondays. For any parents wishing to pay for the whole half-term in advance, this will be £18.

In order to go swimming, we will need three parent volunteers for each session. Please contact the school office if you are able to help, or complete the form forwarded by ParentMail.

Coffee Morning – 16th September

There will be a Coffee Morning at Otterburn Memorial Hall on Saturday 16th September at 10.30am to raise money for the Neuro Foundation and the Childhood Tumour Trust. Further details are attached to this news bulletin.

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Coffee Morning



Fundraising for the Childhood Tumour Trust & The Neuro Foundation to help find a cure & to support children living with Neurofibromatosis Type 1 (NF1), Bethany aged 11 lives in our local community & has a complex form of NF1.

SATURDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2017
10.30AM
OTTERBURN VILLAGE HALL

Kids Tombola

How many sweeties in the jar

Guess the name of the teddy

Raffle

Pre-loved books

Tombola
Cake stall

Bottle pull
Refreshments



♥ Please come along, why not meet your friends, have a cuppa & a biscuit along with a natter & maybe learn a bit about what Neurofibromatosis (NF 1) is & why we need to find a cure! ♥



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