

**Otterburn First School** 



# **News Bulletin**



Harvest Festival Thank you to all of those who came to the Harvest Festival and for your kind donations.

## **Upcoming Events:**

- Beetle Drive: Friday 13th October at
- 5.30pm for new parents and 6pm for all.
- Halloween Disco: Monday 30th October after school until 4.30pm.
- Parent Consultations: Wednesday 1st November.
- Road Safety Morning: Monday 13th November.

# Date: 13th October 2017

Attendance (Week 5) Reception: 97.1% Year 1: 88% Year 2: 100% Year 3: 100% 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:

- 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.

## **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.



### Igloo Building

We estimate that we still need another 480 4-pint plastic milk cartons to complete the igloo. A range of local businesses have kindly offered to help, but we would still welcome additional cartons from parents. The cartons need to have their lids on, be washed, and have their labels removed.

## Forest School / PE

After half-term, Years 2, 3 and 4 will be doing Forest School and Reception and Year 1 will be doing PE on Monday afternoons.

Years 2, 3 and 4 will require wellies, a waterproof coat (and trousers, if you have them) and old trousers (not jeans).

#### **Tempest Photos**

Tempest Photography will be attending school on Monday 16th October to take school photos. Families are welcome to have photographs taken with siblings

and pre-school children can attend at 9am for family photos.





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.