



Otterburn First School



News Bulletin

Contacting the school

Please note that the school email addresses changed in June, and please ensure that you are using the correct email if you are contacting the school by this means.

The general contact email is:

admin@otterburn.northumberland.sch.uk

Mr Saunders in the school office can be contacted on:

pete.saunders@otterburn.northumberland.sch.uk

(this is only monitored between 9am and 1pm)

Please note that any other email addresses you have for the school may no longer work.

Date: 15th September 2017

Attendance (Week 1)

Reception: 100%

Year 1: 93.8%

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.



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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Library Van

The library van calls at school every other Thursday and will next be on site on Thursday 28th September. If your child would like to borrow books from the library, please ensure that they have their library card in school.

Nursery

The nursery is off to a good start. There are still places available for new children.

Forest School

All children in Reception and Year 1 need to come to school on Mondays in old trousers and jumper as they are likely to get muddy during the Forest School session on Monday afternoons.

Walking and Cycling

There will be supervised walking and cycling to school from Otterburn one day each per week from next week.

Walking will be supervised by Mrs Spiller on Tuesdays – meeting at Snaith's Corner at 8.30am.

Cycling will be supervised by Mrs Bush on Wednesdays – meeting at Sniath's Corner at 8.30am.

Dates for your diary

The Harvest Festival takes place on Wednesday 11th October at 2.30pm. Tempest Photography will be in school on Monday 16th October to take individual and family photos. The Christmas Play will be on Wednesday 20th December at the Village Hall, Otterburn. Parents' Evening will take place on Wednesday 1st November.

Wellies

All children in Reception and Year 1 should have a pair of wellies - to be kept in school. This will enable them to take part in Forest School activities on Monday afternoons (weather-dependent).

Children taking part in the 'Everything Green' after-school club on Thursdays should bring in a pair of wellies for use during this club (again, weather-dependent). These wellies can be kept in school all of the time if this is more convenient.

Coffee Morning – 16th September

A reminder that 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.

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