



# Otterburn First School



## News Bulletin

Date: 29th September 2017

### 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.

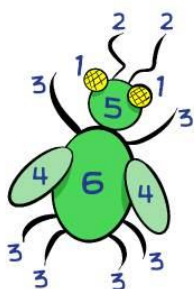
### Beetle Drive

There will be a Beetle Drive on Friday 13th October as a welcome event for new families. New parents are welcome to attend at 5.30pm with existing parents joining us at 6pm.

The cost of the event will be £5 per adult and £3 per child, to include pizza and a glass of wine/soft drink.

Raffle prizes for the event would be welcomed and can be dropped off at the school office.

A booking form will be circulated by ParentMail next week.



### Attendance (Week 3)

Reception: 97.1%

Year 1: 84%

Year 2: 100%

Year 3: 98.6%

Year 4: 100%

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

### Swimming

Two parent volunteers are **urgently** required for the swimming trip on the morning of **Tuesday 3rd October**. If you're able to help, please contact the school office by lunchtime on Monday. We will also need volunteers on the following dates:

- 17th October (1)
- 7th November (2)
- 14th November (2)
- 28th November (2)
- 19th December (1)

### PTA Christmas Craft Fayre

A Christmas Fayre is being run by the PTA at the Village Hall on Saturday 25th November between 10.30am and 12.30pm.

If you are able to help out, please contact Anna Smy.



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### **Rochester Show - Saturday 30th September**

A reminder that the children all have paintings entered in the Show, so go along and see them on display!

If anyone is taking potatoes to the show, please make sure that they are there by 11am. If anyone needs them picking up, please text Jillie on 07761 735887.

### **Donations needed**

The school would welcome donations of the following items:

- Waterproofs to fit Nursery to Year 4;
- Wellies for small feet (age 2-5);
- Wood chippings.

Thank you.

### **Harvest Festival**

This will take place on Wednesday 11th October at 2.30pm at St John's in Otterburn.

All are 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.



### **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.



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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