

OTTERBURN PRIMARY SCHOOL



Weekly Newsletter – Friday 4th September 2020

A message from Mrs Henderson

It has been lovely to see all of our children back to school this week and I thank you all for your support. The teachers and teaching assistants have been working hard this week to ensure that everyone is familiar with the necessary routines and are comfortable to be back in school. This support will continue and in addition to this we will be focussing on reading, writing and maths quite heavily before introducing other subject areas back into the curriculum.

As expected there are a few teething problems with the logistics of getting all of the children in school without mixing our classes as far as it is possible. Thank you all again for being patient while we find the best way forward.

School routines are taking a considerable amount of time longer than normal! The hand washing/sanitising and extra cleaning throughout the day is essential to making sure the risk to us all is as minimal as possible. Ensuring that no two classes meet in the corridor whilst going out for breaks etc is quite a logistical challenge but we think we are getting there!

Necessary changes

From Monday we feel it may be beneficial to change the start and end times to the day to the following:

School transport children: 8:45 start and 3:15 finish - children will be collected from and escorted to the correct buses.

Independent travellers: 9:00 start and 3:00pm finish. Children will be collected and escorted to the car park gates as follows:

EYFS - Small car park gate

KS1 - the large gate

KS2 - small car park gate

If there are any changes to your child usual home time arrangement, please contact the school office.

PE

PE kits will only be needed on Tuesdays. Please can children in Year 1 to 6 come to school in their PE kits on Tuesdays. PE kits will be sent home today. Nursery and Reception will need a PE kit in school each week.

Parent Consultations

Due to the COVID restrictions parental consultations will not be face to face this term. Parents will have the opportunity to book a telephone appointment with their child's teacher at the end of September. More details will be sent out nearer the time.

Homework

Homework will not be sent home until the week beginning 14th September. Your child's teacher will keep you informed.

After school activities

These run until 4:30 on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday for a donation of £1.00.

Childcare Club

Childcare is run from Monday to Thursday until 5:30 at a cost of £5:00 per session.

Booking forms for clubs have been sent home with children today.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is run Monday – Friday from 7.45am – 8.45am at a cost of £3.00 per session. If you would like to book your child into Breakfast club please contact the school office or email

admin@otterburn.northumberland.sch.uk

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Jeans for Genes Day – Friday 11th September

Children are invited to wear jeans on Friday 11th September as part of Jeans for Genes Day. We suggest a donation of £1 to be sent into school this day.



Forms to be completed and returned

Data Collection Form – a data collection form has been sent home today, please can this be completed and returned to school by Friday 11th September. Please can we ask that parents make sure they tick the 'current parental consents' only if they DO NOT give consent to the areas listed.

After School Activities and Childcare Club Booking Form – please complete these and return to school.

New Pond

You may have spotted our new pond near the allotment/outdoor play area. A massive thank you to Northumberland National Park Small Grant Fund. Mott MacDonald & Bentley for the construction of the pond & MKM at Hexham for supplies. We need to let the ground recover but we are very excited for the children to get outdoors and do some pond dipping to see if we have any wildlife move in.

