

OTTERBURN PRIMARY SCHOOL



Weekly Newsletter – Friday 19th November 2021

COVID

It is extremely difficult to identify symptoms of Covid and I know that some parents have found that being asked to take children for PCR tests to be frustrating. Please appreciate that I have a duty to ensure the health and safety of all of the children in school and the adults too. I'd like to say that the school is now clear of Covid but this is impossible and there are quite a few younger children who, over this week, have shown symptoms which may, or may not, be Covid related. Due to this I will be continuing to send children home if they present unwell in school and I would appreciate parents' continued support in trying to ensure that the school stays open during these difficult times. Mrs Henderson

Stars of the Week

Star of the week will return next week.

Value of the Month

RESPECT

Upcoming Events:-

7th December - Sarah Fae - Author visit to school

8th December – Nasal Flu Immunisations



Update for the remainder of the term

The school will continue to follow our 'Outbreak Plan' until Christmas which means that there will be two bubbles with separated areas of the playground, two lunch sittings and separated use of toilet facilities. This will be reviewed before the Christmas break.

Sadly, the school will be unable to perform their Christmas plays at the village hall this year. Instead these will be filmed and made available to parents online. The PTA will be running Christmas raffles and any donations can be sent in to school. Further details on this will be sent home in the next week or two.

The planned trip to the panto has also had to be postponed and instead I will be sourcing other activities for the children to enjoy in school.

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Activity Clubs & Wraparound childcare

Providing no positive cases are identified in the school over the weekend after school activity clubs and childcare will be able to safely recommence on Monday, 22nd November. Breakfast club has been manageable throughout the outbreak so that will also be able to continue. Activity clubs will continue to be run in two bubbles (EYFS/KS1 and KS2).

Monday – EYFS/KS1 - Crafts with Mrs Tincombe. KS2 – Sports with Mr Macmillan & Mr Muncer.

Tuesday – EYFS/KS1 – Sports with Mr Muncer. KS2 – Multimedia with Mrs Bush.

Wednesday – EYFS/KS1/KS2 – Homework & Computing Club with Miss Oliver & Mrs Murray.

Thursday – EYFS/KS1 – Wiggle Jiggle with Mrs Davison. KS2 – Outdoor Club with Mrs Spiller.

Breakfast Club – 7.45am – 8.45am Mon-Fri

Childcare club – 4.30pm – 5.30pm Mon-Thurs

Charges apply.

All clubs to be book using +pay in parentmail.

Reception Applications for September 2022

The portal to apply for a reception place for September 2022 is now open. Closing date for applications is 15th January 2022.

Please use the link below to access the portal to apply for your child's place.

https://schadm.northumberland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

Reminders

Weather – Please can you make sure your child has a warm coat, hats & gloves in school each day

Extra Layer of clothing – To help with ventilation and as part of our COVID risk assessment, we continue to have windows open in the classroom & dinner hall. As the weather is turning colder it may be that your child needs an extra layer of clothing ie. vest, light fleece or cardigan for in the classroom.

Homework

KS1

Homework book - follow instructions in the front of the book

Reading everyday and using Reading Eggs/Doodle whenever they would like to.

KS2

Homework books – follow instructions in the front of the book

If you have any queries about homework please contact your child's teacher via the school office.

Nursery Booking Forms

Booking forms will be sent home with children to book nursery sessions for the Spring Term. If you have a 30 hours code please make sure this has been renewed if applicable. Please can completed booking forms be returned to school ASAP.

Otterburn PTA Christmas Coffee Morning –

**POSTPONED UNTIL THE
SPRING TERM**

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