



School Newsletter

Friday 6th September 2019

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Welcome back, we hope you had a lovely summer break!

All the children have come back ready and willing to learn, with an amazing positive attitude and lots of enthusiasm which is great to see.

We are sure that you will join us in welcoming Gracie, Freddie, Harry, Henry, Lois, Edward, Summer, Verity and Olivia to Otterton, it's lovely to see them make such a great start.

Milk & Biscuit Afternoon

As some of you may be aware you can now buy fresh milk in a refillable milk bottle from Otterton Mill. To recognise this, Clinton Devon Estates are putting on a milk & biscuit afternoon for the children of Otterton School where every child will be invited to join them for milk and biscuits on Wednesday afternoon and each family will be given a refillable bottle of milk.

Dinner Money

Dinner money needs to be paid in advance. We can only allow dinners not paid for in advance to be taken in exceptional circumstances. Please could all outstanding balances be

Day	£2.25
Week	£11.25
This Half Term	£72.00

cleared by Friday 13th September.

Reception Vision Screening

Vision Screening for Reception children will take place on Thursday 12th September at 2pm. If your child is attending part time you are welcome to come back for the screening.

Upcoming events

In the next couple of weeks we will be sending out a list of dates for your diary for the upcoming term. There are plenty of exciting things in the pipeline that we are awaiting confirmation of before sending it out.

Homework

For homework, we are putting an exciting change in place this year; the **only** homework the children will receive will be spellings, reading and Times Table Rockstars. We will expect the children to read at least 5 times a week - the length of time they read for will depend on you - we understand that some days you will have less time than others. Obviously, the more time given to reading, the more the children will benefit. Your child can read independently for most of those sessions, but please try to listen to your child at least once a week and discuss with them what they have read as often as possible. Spellings will be sent home once a week, which the children will be tested on, please see your class letter for details of days. A play on Times Tables Rockstars once or twice a week will be hugely helpful for learning times tables, which is an invaluable skill set.

Uniform

Jumpers, cardigans and PE kit must now be ordered through the school office. Blue school polo shirts are available to order from School Trends. Search for Otterton on their website: <https://www.schooltrends.co.uk> Our uniform is:

Grey school trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress

(Summer) Blue checked summer dress
White shirt or polo shirt or blue school polo shirt

Grey or black socks/tights or white socks
Black school shoes

PE—red or black shorts or jogging bottoms, red school PE t-shirt. Suitable footwear for sports—black, grey or white socks.

No jewellery - earrings must be removed or taped.

Long hair must be tied back please.

Forms

Please could the forms that have gone out this week be returned by 13th September. These are really important so that we have up to date contact information and permissions.

Class Attendance!

Otters
&
Dragonflies
100%

Kingfishers

94.7%

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 11th September	Milk & Biscuit afternoon
Thursday 12th September 2019	Reception Vision Screening 2pm
Friday 20th	Crealy Night
Thursday	ECC Y6 Open Evening

Crealy Night

Drake's PTFA annual Crealy night will take place on Friday 20th September. Tickets are £5 each, or 4 for £15 available from the school office.

Toddler Group

We look forward to welcoming you back to toddlers on Wednesday 25th September! 9.30-11am
Everyone welcome.



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