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Welcome back!

It has been wonderful to welcome all the children back to school this week. They have come back full of energy and enthusiasm and we cannot wait for them to enjoy all the activities that we have planned for them over the next couple of weeks.

We couldn't welcome them back without thanking you all for your support during the latest lockdown. It has been incredible to see the amount and quality of learning that has taken place and whilst we know it hasn't always been easy, you've done a great job!

End of Term

Whilst we have only been back at school for a week it's already time to make end of term arrangements! We will break up for Easter on Wednesday 31st March and will finish at 2pm. We return to school on Monday 19th April.

Logo

Some of you may have noticed on our headed paper but we would like to show you our new logo.

The new design depicts more clearly the otter that is such an important part of our school logo history and the river which is representative of our location within Otterton, it is also modern, clear and clean looking.



Our link to the church is also represented. The logo will appear on all new uniform that is ordered but you don't have to replace anything before you normally would.

Red Nose Day

Friday 19th March is Red Nose Day and we will be having a non-uniform day. The children will also have the opportunity to take part in activities within their class groups. If you would like to make a donation, please do so directly to the charity.

Ditto

Please have a look at the latest edition of Ditto online safety magazine <u>DITTO</u> - Ed 24 March 2021 (esafety-adviser.com))

Welcome

We would like to welcome 2 new temporary members of staff to Otterton.



Mr Summerhayes who started with us during lockdown, is with us under the government's Kick Start Scheme and is working in Otters Class. He has been a welcome addition to the team and the Otters bubble have made him feel really at home.

We also welcome a new student teacher, Miss Foweraker who will be working in Kingfishers Class from 22nd March.

"I grew up in Exeter and moved to London to go to university and study English Language before returning to Exeter to start my current teacher training course. My favourite subject is English because I really love to read, I also really enjoy history. I'm really looking forward to completing my teaching placement at Otterton C of E Primary school and meeting all of vou"



Our Vision is based on The Parable of the Mustard Seed

The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches. (Mark 4: 30-32)

Trust - Hope - Courage - Thankfulness - Respect - Compassion