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Otterton C of E Primary School Newsletter

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CHRISTMAS!

We are off to the Exeter Corn Exchange pantomime, Beauty and the Beast on Monday 13th December, further details will be out in the next few weeks.

Christmas Lunch will be on Thursday 16th December.

We break up on Friday 17th December.

Additional Holiday

Due to the additional Bank Holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee falling in Half Term, schools have been granted an additional day of holiday which will be on Monday 6th June 2022.

OCESA (PTFA)

At the beginning of this term Nikki Reed stepped down as Chair of OCESA, we would like to thank her for the work that she has done in supporting our school.

We will be holding an information meeting, open to all parents who would like to find out more about Ocesa. During this initial meeting, we will highlight what a PTA is and the different roles that you can get involved with to support the school and the opportunities provided for your children.

The meeting will be held via Teams on Thursday 30th of September at 3.30pm, see the link in the eschools message.

An AGM will then be held in the school playground on Thursday 7th of October at 3.15pm for anyone who feels they would like an active role in supporting with fundraising efforts for the children of Otterton School.

After School Sports Club

Mr Luxa is running an After School Sports Club open to all children in KS1 and KS2 on a TUESDAY at DRAKE'S. If your child would like to take part in this club it is £3 per week, payable on ParentPay, please email the office to book. Please note that parents are responsible for transporting their children to Drake's.

Football Club

Football Club is on a Monday, 3.30-4.30 at the field in Otterton. £3 per child, per session. Please contact Ed Suttie on Ed2northpole@gmail.com for more details.

Forms

Please could all parents ensure that they have returned the annual forms! This should include the SOE3a, the Pupil Privacy Notice, and the Acceptable Use Agreement. We also need confirmation that the information on the data collection sheet that was sent is correct and the annual permissions online form to be completed please.

Foundation Stage Unit

Our Foundation Stage Unit has got off to a wonderful start. With spaces filling up quickly we would advise that if you are interested in a place for your child, you get an application form in as early as possible.

Due to our school Christmas Pantomime trip Pre-School will be CLOSED on Monday 13th December.

Kitchen Closure - 22nd October

ALL children will need a packed lunch on Friday 22nd October. Any children entitled to income based free school meals can order a school packed lunch, please let the office know by Thursday 14th October whether they would like a cheese or a ham sandwich.

Parent Meetings

Parent Meetings will be held online week commencing 18th October.

Message from CEO

Dear parents and carers,

I would like to make everyone aware that we at the Link are continuing to treat Covid as a very serious virus that could lead to serious illness in both staff, adults and children in all our schools.

We are following Government Guidance with additional consideration for anything else that helps to ensure everyone is safe. Risk Assessments are in place for all our schools. Ventilation is the major focus, as we understand this is paramount in ensuring the virus is controlled- so we will be ensuring, where this is safe, windows and doors will be open and group gatherings will be kept to a minimum or will happen outside while weather allows. Each school will be appointing window monitors to help children understand the need for a good flow of fresh air.

In response to educational research, we will not be wearing masks when teaching children as the detrimental effect of such concerns us, but we are asking our staff to try and stay safe in their personal lives by using them in areas where there are larger numbers of people gathered.

We hope these measures will keep us all safe and ensure our schools remain open to enable the children in our schools to be able to continue to enjoy the social interactions and education that lockdowns have impacted so detrimentally.

Kind regards,
Nicky Dunford

This half term our Value is HOPE.

Isaiah 40:31 : "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

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