



OTTERHAM OBSERVER

IT'S BEEN ANOTHER BUSY HALF TERM WITH MANY EXTRA-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES ON OFFER, INCLUDING MUSIC, SPORT, PERFORMANCES & FUND-RAISING. THIS NEWSLETTER AIMS TO BE A RECORD OF THESE EVENTS AND BE ARCHIVED IN OTTERHAM'S HISTORY FOREVER!!

DECEMBER 2017

WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY AND SAFE CHRISTMAS BREAK!

WE ARE BACK TO SCHOOL ON THURSDAY 4TH JANUARY 2018

THE GREAT OTTERHAM SLEEPOVER

On Friday 4th October 46 adventurous children came back to school for an evening of fun followed by one of the biggest sleepovers ever! Blessed with a pleasant evening of weather, adults and children alike enjoyed toasting marshmallows over a little fire, torch lit games on the field, a treasure hunt and stories before bed. A considerable amount of pizza was devoured during the evening and not a sausage was left in the morning. A huge thank you to our Friends for all their help in providing food for the event and of course a huge thank you to all the staff who volunteered their time to give the children this experience—definitely above and beyond the call of duty!! £380 was raised from this event, all of which will benefit the children throughout the school.

MISS BARRIBALL BECOMES MRS PIPER

It was a very special day, thoroughly enjoyed by all!



MANY THANKS TO OSKA HOLMES FOR THE VERY KIND DONATION OF HIGH VISIBILITY WAIST-COATS FOR STAFF TO WEAR ON OUTINGS WITH THE CHILDREN.

WELL DONE TO OUR NETBALL TEAM FOR REPRESENTING THE SCHOOL SO WELL AT THE MINI TOURNAMENT. WE WISH YOU LUCK AS YOU PROGRESS TO THE NEXT STAGE. DON'T FORGET TO PRACTICE YOUR SHOOTING DURING PLAYTIMES



FANCY TRYING SOMETHING NEW?

AQUA JETS

Children have received an assembly from Dan at the leisure centre giving them all the relevant information.

(8yrs and over, be able to swim a length, £6 for 45 min, must book, Mon 5pm, Fri 6pm & Sun 1pm)

See website for further details

CHILDREN IN NEED RAISED £178.58 WELL DONE EVERYONE

CLASS ONE TAKE THE CLIMBING BARN BY STORM!

Having identified a gap in our PE provision, Mr Osborne decided to take the children for some adventurous activity and what a choice of venue! All children grew visibly in self esteem and confidence as they tackled a range of challenges.

'A few people were slightly nervous, however everyone did a great job.

When you started climbing you could see a pattern of colours which helped a lot of people to climb.....It was amazing to see people try so hard and with loads of effort, some children made it to the very top!' by Katie Sanders



Carols at Otterham Church

Always a good start to the festive season and this year was no exception. Well done to all who took part and thank you to all parents for coming out on a cold and dark winters night. As always we were made to feel very welcome at the church; the mince pies and mulled wine went down a treat!

Thank you to Miss Forbes for your expert coaching of the choir who yet again sang beautifully. Singing solo must be the ultimate confidence booster!



GOODBYE AND THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS

After 9 years almost to the day Cathy Wyatt will be leaving us at the end of this term to embark on her next adventure working alongside her husband. Kathy started here at Otterham in our brand new kitchen on 17th December 2008 and since that date has prepared, cooked and served approximately 94,000 tasty meals, spending 1,713 days in the kitchen! Her reputation for maintaining a 'ship shape' kitchen is well known throughout North Cornwall and she shall be missed!



As we say goodbye to Kathy we welcome Alison Tadman into the school as our new school cook. Having been expertly trained by Kathy we have high hopes for Alison and are sure she will become a valued member of the Aspens team and Otterham School.

WHOOOPS A DAISY ANGEL!

There's always one who's accident prone and this year it's one of the angels but not to worry, it all comes good in the end. The Christmas Nativity is always one of the highlights of the Autumn term for the youngest children and this year is no exception. Memories to cherish!



We wish Mrs Foley well as she leaves us for 3 months to undergo a shoulder operation. We welcome Mrs Alison Osborne as Class 1 TA for the Spring Term with Miss Erin Bell on Wednesdays.

SWIMMERS SWIM THEIR HEARTS OUT AT GALA!

Charlie P, Jake L, Sam Coles, Oscar A, Katie, Phoebe M, Daisy, Ruby C, Jack G, Sam Coleman, Adrianna, Hannah and Tilly were superstars as they made their way through the water with skill and sheer determination. It should be mentioned that last year Jack G couldn't quite make a length yet here we are representing the school! For a full report, please see the website.

A CELEBRATION OF OUR CHILDREN'S (AND ADULT'S) ACHIEVEMENTS

It is important to celebrate the achievements of our children to know that they are valued. If your child has achieved something that deserves sharing please do tell us as sometimes they can forget.

William Sanders can now ride a bike without stabilisers.

Theo Callcut has passed Stage Two swimming—4 widths, front and back without floats.

Phoebe Coles has been awarded Rainbow of the Year, swam 800m and achieved Sharks 3!

Sam Coles has also swam 800m.

The whole of Class One for an outstanding Christmas performance (including Miss Forbes).

Y6 children for raising approximately £80 towards their leavers gift.

The whole school community for raising £445.66 at the Christmas Fayre, £43.00 for the school at the carol concert and £48.00 for Save the Children—THANK YOU!

The Friends for being amazing!

All the staff for the commitment and passion consistently displayed towards the children of Otterham CP School. Without them Otterham would not be the same. THANK YOU X



THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE

This year's Christmas production was expertly delivered by Class One. The individual talents displayed by all the children were astounding but the collective delivery was breathtaking. A truly magical performance that was a privilege to watch. A huge well done to the children and a massive thank you to Miss Forbes who wrote the play for the children, making sure their individual talents had a chance to shine.



A VISIT FROM THE DOG'S TRUST



The children have been paid a visit by a member of The Dog's Trust to teach them how to behave around dogs and especially how to react if an over enthusiastic dog should approach them. It was a first for Otterham School but an experience worth revisiting if it keeps our children safe and secure.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

After an interesting visit to The Museum of Dartmoor Life it was time for Class 1 & 2 to enjoy their free screening of Beauty and the Beast. One could not help sympathising with the beast and as always Disney gave us an ending to remember.



THE FRIENDS OF OTTERHAM SCHOOL

We cannot express how grateful we are as a school for all the time and effort our Friends put in throughout the year. From fundraising events to helping with the Christmas lunch, it is all very much appreciated. If you are able to spare some time, please do come along to their meetings; you will be made to feel most welcome. A full report of recent activities is available on the website.

Understandably, many parents cannot make meetings but rest assured your contributions (raffles, tombola, bric a brac etc) are valued.

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

We hope that you are always treated fairly and feel able to come into school to discuss issues. We are open to reviewing our equality policies. What does this mean? We aim, in everything we do, to treat all members of our school community fairly in all respects—gender, race, age, sexual orientation, disability and religious belief. If you feel that you are being treated less than fairly it is hoped that you feel able to discuss the matter with any member of staff here at school, or if you would prefer to discuss it with a parent governor, please do so. The parent governors here at school are Rachel Quinn, Sarah Northcott, and Gayle Crocker.