

Dear Parents, Carers, Grandparents, Aunties, Uncles and littlies.

What an amazing start to this new school year. We have already been so busy; a school trip to the recycling plant, Harvest festival, Multiskills at Camelford, bike riding, Plymouth Argyle and a fabulously supported 'Hello Yellow Day' which raised almost £75. Thank you!!!

Of course, half term is creeping up and as we all know next term is even busier. Our next major event is the whole school sleepover on the 1<sup>st</sup> November, which we love!! Last year's event was incredible and the 'Big Breakfast' was hugely supported, enjoyed and raised a substantial amount of money, which allowed for many more opportunities to be experienced and enjoyed by the children throughout the year.

Now, here it comes... Otterham family, we need you! Be a super hero and join our 'Friends of Otterham', P.T.A.



It is with great sadness that our long-term treasurer, Michaela Coles, has stepped down from this position. Michaela, along with Nancy have been with us for many, many years. They, along with a significant number of others, have fundraised for so many events and contributions to the school grounds. These include; play equipment, books, resources and educational toys and games. Every year, the 'Friends' pay for the whole school to go on a trip, they pay for the coach and any extras needed. Every November they make the Great Sleepover happen. Every Christmas and Summer they spend hours planning and organising our school fayres.

They do so much. However, as children move on to secondary school and fly our little nest, and general life gets in the way, numbers have dwindled, significantly. We still have some amazing, committed members, but they can't do it alone. It has reached the time when 'The Friends' are struggling to exist.

Unless we have some new recruits, it is with regret, that this year the 'Big breakfast' will not go ahead. Likewise, the Christmas fayre will be significantly reduced, if not cancelled.

We understand that people are busy, work and family are time consuming.

We do not expect you to come to every meeting, and we try very hard to change times and days to accommodate. However, if we could have a 'pool' of people with different skills and qualities, this takes the pressure off the few.

I know we can make this happen if we pull together, I'll even provide tea, coffee and biscuits!! We do have fun and are open to new ideas and skills.

So come on folks, join up today.

Our first meeting will be next week, on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm.

If you are interested, even if you cannot attend this time, grab me or pen a note and drop it in the 'drop box', F.A.O of Miss Forbes.

Kind regards, and many, many thanks and biscuits.

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