

# Ottershaw Christ Church C of E Infant and Junior Schools

Academies in The Good Shepherd Trust

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29th March 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I hope the posy of flowers that the children came out of school with today have made it home safely! The flowers are a special gift from the OPTA for the children to give to someone special at home. With Sunday being Mothering Sunday, we hope that most Mummies have been given them with a massive hug and a thank you, but we also know that there are others at home that do the 'mothering' job and may well be receiving them instead. Whoever is lucky enough to receive, we hope you feel loved and special!

We have certainly made full use of the Spring sunshine this week, with plenty of outdoor activities and sporting competitions – it has been glorious. I was particularly proud to hear just how well our Junior children got on at Netball and Cross Country this week. Our Year 5/6 Team came second in the District Netball competition on Monday, and the Cross Country Team came third overall! What an amazing set of results! As always, thank you to everyone who helped with the training, organising, transportation and supporting, but particularly well done to our children who showed such wonderful team spirit and played so fairly. Their politeness and sense of fair play was commented on by people from other schools. How lovely!

So, whilst the children were busy in the sunshine, the adults got down to serious business at the OPTA Quiz Night on Thursday. As ever, the questions were tricky and the teachers lost. It was a lovely evening, full of jovial banter! Thank you to our OPTA committee and The Buxtons for organising everything for us to enjoy! £750 was raised 😊

Best Class Attendance awards for this week go to Squirrels at the Infants and Class 4R (100%) at the Juniors. Well done to both classes!

Dates and events coming up:

## April

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| 1 <sup>st</sup>        | Easter Pause & Prayer Space Week  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>        | Easter Church Services - Infant and Junior (parent helpers needed to walk to church please) |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>        | 2.00pm Year 5 Easter Assembly to parents<br>Year 4 Author visit                             |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>        | OPTA Easter Fun Run<br>End of Term – Infants finish at 1.05pm and Juniors at 1.15pm         |
| <b>23<sup>rd</sup></b> | <b>Inset Day</b>  |
| 24 <sup>th</sup>       | Both schools return for the Summer Term   |
| 26 <sup>th</sup>       | OPTA Nearly New Uniform Sale  |
| 29 <sup>th</sup>       | Pedals - cycle and road safety training - Hedgehogs   |
| 30 <sup>th</sup>       | Pedals - cycle and road safety training - Squirrels   |

With the Easter holidays rapidly approaching, we have received an invite for the children from Christ Church about their holiday club:

Christ Church, Ottershaw - Seaside Rock Easter Holiday Club on Tuesday 9th April until Friday 12th April 2019. Time: 9.45am until 12.30pm. Open to all children aged 5 and over, the club will run for 3 days, and on Friday you are invited bring all your friends and family to see what we have been doing. There will be games, crafts, songs, Drama, fun & refreshments. Seaside Rock is based on the life of Peter 'The Rock' and his life with Jesus – come along and find out his story! Cost £10 per child. For more information please email [monicahallcc@gmail.com](mailto:monicahallcc@gmail.com) or visit our website [www.ottershawchurch.com](http://www.ottershawchurch.com)

Attached with this Newsletter are the School Term and Holiday Dates for 2019/2020.

This month's OPTA OttoLotto winner is Mrs Nunns who wins £31 – well done!

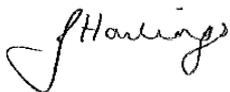
A reminder to Junior children who have school dinners, please can any money outstanding on their accounts, for this half term, be settled by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019, as no debt can be carried forward. Invoices for the next half term will be issued next week. If a child wishes to change their lunch arrangement please can the school office be informed. Thank you.

Finally, we are making some changes to the Infant School over the Easter holidays. Most of you will be completely unaffected, but if you use Breakfast Club, After School Club or your child attends a club at the Infants after school, you will need to remember the following information:

To ensure that our site is safe and secure at all times, and we know who is on site, the side gate access will remain locked, even before and after school. Access to the Breakfast Club and After School Club will be through the Infant Playground Gate. We are fitting a bell and intercom that will ring through to the After School/Breakfast Club building directly. Staff from there will then be able to come and let you in to drop off/collect your children. Similarly, for all other clubs, we are asking providers to dismiss children to you from the Infant Playground Gate. I know change always takes time, and some people will forget the new arrangement is going to happen, but it won't be long before we're all used to it. Just remember, it ensures the safety of children and staff!

Enjoy your weekend, and all you Mums out there I hope you get spoiled rotten!

Yours sincerely,



Mrs J Hastings  
Headteacher