



OTTERHAM COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

OTTERHAM OBSERVER

ARE YOU TAKING ADVANTAGE OF A FREE SWIM AT CAMELFORD ON A MONDAY ?

DECEMBER 2018



A MAGICAL PERFORMANCE OF THE MOUSEHOLE CAT

The performance dates had been snapped up back in May and the reviews had been encouraging to say the least but the faces of children and adults alike said it all—entranced! The music, the singing and the acting were powerful from the four cast members but the star of the show was Mowzer. The puppetry was simply breath taking, bringing the cat so much to life that as spectators we forgot about the human being controlling her.



For those of you who have never read the dramatic Cornish tale of how a fisherman and his cat brave the dangerous seas to save their village, it is highly recommended and could be a late addition to a Christmas list. It would certainly reinforce for the children what was storytelling at it's very best. Cousin Jack's Theatre Company are performing the show at Solomon Browne Memorial Hall in Mousehole over the festive period if you find yourself in the area.



Class 3 Nativity—A Miracle In Town

Despite the nerves (mainly from Mrs Blackburn!), Class 3 gave a magical performance in their retelling of the nativity story. The children sounded great, looked amazing and sang beautifully. A huge well done to the children for learning all their lines and a massive thank you to you the parents for the support given in providing costumes for their parts. A special thanks to Mrs May for her narrating—very professional!



MENTAL HEALTH

There is a big focus on breaking down barriers regarding mental health. Remember—our children's emotional resilience is affected by our own. Don't be afraid to seek support and/or advice.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT OTTERHAM CHURCH

Seen by many as the start of the Christmas Festivities, this year's Carol Concert certainly gave everyone a little bit of festive cheer. The school choir yet again excelled themselves and the individual class carols/songs were sung with gusto! A huge thank you to Reverend Heather Aston and all from the Open the Book team (especially Di) for their input into the event. The team had worked with every child within the school to make a Christingle which was a very enjoyable afternoon for all. The Christingles from Class 1 could be seen on display within the church adding to the warm glow.



St Austell Speech and Music Festival

Congratulations to all the pupils who took part in the St Austell Speech and Music Festival. For seven years we have been taking part and every year the pupils shine—this year was no exception! The adjudicators gave such positive feedback and were suitably impressed. Well done children and thank you to the parents for your commitment in taking your children to the event.

Magic Martin

Despite being a Christmas visitor for quite a number of years, we never tire of magic, laughter and a bit of a boogie. Magic Martin is highly entertaining, engaging with children and adults alike. Thank you to the Friends for funding this annual feast—it's a life saver on the last day of the term!!



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, single parents, 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 and Sarah Northcott.

Class 2 Christmas Production of Sugar Plum



The children looked amazing, sang with gusto and delivered their lines with style! What more can one ask of the school Christmas production? Well done to all the children and adults involved. It was a joy to be an audience member and see just how much the children enjoyed themselves. Thank you parents for the efforts made with costumes, we really appreciate it.

Otterham 'Friends'

A massive thank you to all members of our 'Friends' for the time given for the benefit of our school community. In a time when school budgets are increasingly tight, their support is invaluable! Please take time to read the newsletter when it comes out in the New Year as it keeps you up to date with funds raised, what money is being used for throughout the school and upcoming events.

There But Not There

It was an honour to be invited to produce some art and poetry for display both at the village hall and Otterham Church in honour of Remembrance Sunday. This year's theme 'There But Not There' was demonstrated beautifully by the moving silhouettes positioned within the church encouraging visitors to think about those who didn't return.



DIARY DATES

Dates will be added to this list—please keep an eye on the notice board. Letters will of course be sent home if it is an event involving your child and/or yourselves.

TUESDAY 8TH JANUARY	BACK TO SCHOOL
FRIDAY 11TH JANUARY	FIT FENCE (FENCING)
FRIDAY 18TH JANUARY	KERNOW KING PERFORMANCE
WEDNESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY	STORYTELLING DAY
FRIDAY 15TH FEBRUARY	BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
MONDAY 25TH FEBRUARY	BACK TO SCHOOL
FRIDAY 5TH APRIL	BREAK UP FOR EASTER

**BREAKFAST CLUB WILL START
FIRST DAY BACK (08/01/19)**

**FROM EVERYONE HERE AT OTTERHAM SCHOOL, WE
WISH YOU A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS, SPENDING QUALITY
TIME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS. LET'S HOPE
IT IS A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR FOR ALL!!**

Steff Collins Inspires

It was a pleasure and an honour to welcome Steff Collins to Otterham to talk to the children about her journey to Team GB playing basketball. She impressed upon the children the importance of perseverance, training hard and resilience. She was a true inspiration for our children, giving them important, life long messages.



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CLASS ONE VISIT TO LANHYDROCK

On a mission to bring their Victorian topic to life, Class 1 ventured to Lanhydrock for the day to immerse themselves into the world of the Robartes family. Children were split into three groups of servants, children and family to discover what life was really like depending on your age and standing. It was an excellent day.



Christmas Lunch and Fayre

Thank you so much to Debbie, Vicky and their band of Friends for our delicious Christmas lunch served with style. Our Friends then launched straight into preparations for the Christmas Fayre which was very well attended and supported indeed. Huge thanks all round for this monumental support towards the school. £265 raised for the school!



Gifted and Talented Maths Day at Camelford Primary

Well done to Daisy, Katie, Oscar and Jack G for their participation and conduct at a recent day focussing on reasoning and problem solving, working with children from all the schools within the newly formed MAT. It is anticipated that this will be the first of many days allowing collaborative working, utilising the skills of staff throughout the MAT and enhancing the learning opportunities for our children.



Thank you to Mrs Osborne for transporting the children and accompanying them for the day.

FOOTBALL FESTIVAL AT SJS'S



Well done and thank you to all children in Class 1 who participated in the festival held at SJS's. Thank you to the parents who committed to collecting your children from Camelford, it is much appreciated.