



OTTERHAM COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

OTTERHAM OBSERVER

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FROM ALL OF THE STAFF HERE AT OTTERHAM SCHOOL, WE WISH YOU A LOVELY SUMMER BREAK. MAY THE SUN SHINE AND YOU GET TO SPEND SOME QUALITY FAMILY TIME TOGETHER. SEE YOU ON 07/09/22.

Dear Parents, as we approach the end of a nearly normal academic year, albeit sprinkled with Covid cheer, this newsletter aims to give a reflection of just some of the activities that have taken place this term to enrich the curriculum offer for the children. We are already busy planning for exciting happenings next year and look forward to (hopefully), increased normality. In the meantime, do keep a check on class pages on the website for further updates and try your very best to have a happy and healthy summer break.

BOSCASTLE FOR A NIGHT

The excitement during the day was palpable and who could blame them! After conquering the whole school sleepover in the Autumn Term there was a thirst for more and Boscastle Youth Hostel offers the perfect venue for next steps in independence, confidence and self-esteem. The chippy tea was tasty, the accommodation comfortable and after one or two settling issues, all had a good night's sleep. What an experience for our Y1 & Y2 children. Hats off to staff for making this happen!



CLASS 2 CAMPING AT SCHOOL AND HAVING FUN AT TRETHORNE

The way in which the children accepted their last minute change of venue was

commendable (making us rethink future plans) and they embraced their camping experience with open arms. After a clear (and somewhat chilly) night, we awoke to a beautiful morning of birdsong and mooing. Once breakfast had been consumed and kit organised for later collection it was off to the main attraction, Trethorne. A

great day was had by all! Massive thanks for all who helped with camping equipment, it was very much appreciated!



CLASS 3 PENZANCE AND THE ISLES OF SCILLY FOR 3 DAYS

Open top buses with lots to see, visits to Land's End and St Ives, exploration of Penzance and not to mention an epic day out to the Isles of Scilly with magnificent views to savour—what's not to like? Well maybe the 33,000 steps but hey, everyone slept well! We hope the experience will provide long lasting memories and the thirst for further exploration.



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 Otterham are Roz Mather, Lisa Ward & Walter Wonnacott.

DIARY DATES

07/09/22 FIRST DAY BACK TO SCHOOL

24/10/22—28/10/22

OCTOBER HALF TERM

National Vegetarian Week

Class 2 were chosen to join a nationwide cook-a-long event in partnership with Cook School and Linda McCartney Foods. Free recipe kits were sent to school and each child had their own ingredients to



produce a vegetarian mini pie. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and far more than expected really enjoyed the end product!

RAF STEM VISIT

Following on from the successful visit from Dan Guilfoyle in the Spring Term when the pupils looked at gliders, the focus was now on rockets. The science behind it was explained and then it was on to building! Well done Oscar Robertson for reaching for the stars.



MARK'S ARK

It was a pleasure to welcome Mark to Otterham School so that adults and children alike could learn more about the animals he brought along and their habitats. Evolution of the fittest and how animals adapt to their surroundings were also discussed as was man's impact on environments.

WHOLE SCHOOL TRIP TO CAMEL CREEK

As always, one of the best days of the year! The weather was kind, spirits were high and the behaviour was excellent. Great fun was had by all, adults and children alike!



A message of thanks from Carpentry Club

To Laura Jones and Andrew Dickinson, we would like to say a huge thank you for delivering palettes, two workbenches, two saws, a hammer, a set square, measuring tape and two crow bars. Your offer of wood and top-soil whenever we need it is also very much appreciated. Salt of the earth!!

A DAY OUT IN TINTAGEL

The main purpose of the day out in Tintagel was to take a closer look at the cantilever bridge connecting the mainland to Tintagel island (although not strictly an island!). It was certainly an experience to walk across the bridge but it was also interesting to hear a bit about the history of the island and its connections to the legend of King Arthur (thanks to Neil Martin for volunteering on his day off). The unexpected bonus of the day was the beautiful coastal walking we also managed to squeeze into our time there!



GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK TO OUR 2022 YEAR 6 LEAVERS

