

OTTERHAM OBSERVER

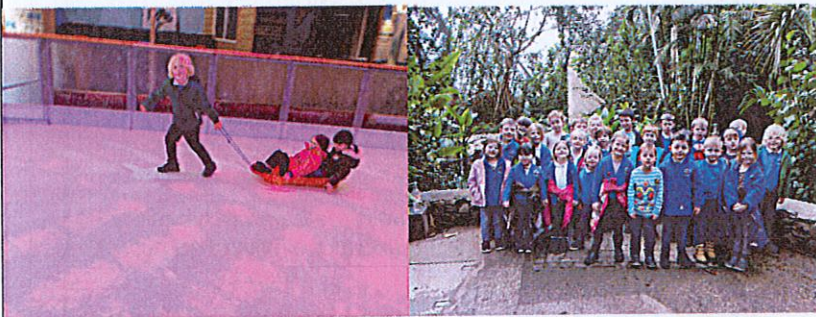
ARE YOU TAKING ADVANTAGE OF A FREE SWIM WITH THE FAMILY? EVERY MONDAY FROM 3:45PM—5:00PM ANY CHILD FROM SCHOOL CAN ENJOY A FREE SWIM WITH THEIR FAMILY AT CAMELFORD LEISURE CENTRE.

HAVE A LOVELY HALF TERM EVERYONE!
BACK TO SCHOOL ON MON 24TH FEB

FEBRUARY 2020

CLASS THREE ON ICE!

The children (and adults) had a fabulous day at Eden, firstly playing on the ice then exploring the biomes. It was an excellent first trip out for Class 3 with the keys skills of creativity, teamwork, positivity, leadership and listening all being evident on the ice and during their later explorations. Many thanks to the parents who assisted on the day, the extra pairs of hands are always much appreciated. Well done to all of the children for



their conduct and attitude throughout the day as feedback from staff was that you were simply superb!

Prussia Cove Musicians

It was a delight to welcome the 6 string musicians to Otterham School to perform for the whole school. Children and adults alike sat enthralled, mesmerised by the music emanating from their range of string instruments. The musicians were very complimentary towards the attitude and behaviour of the children which was a pleasure to hear.



Girls Football at St Teath

With the long term aim of creating a MAT girls football team, it was great to be able to send 7 enthusiastic young players from Otterham. Phoebe, Jaya, Janka, Lily, Taylor, Lucy and Ruby thoroughly enjoyed an afternoon of improving skills and tactics. The matches played consisted of teams made up from St Breward, St Teath, Camelford and Otterham—praise was received for how well our children mixed with those from other schools. Well done girls!!



DATES

The diary on the website is constantly being updated but below are the current dates we have for the next half term. It is inevitable that these will be added to as opportunities arise!

- 24/02/20—Back to School
- 25/02/20—Kernow King with The Cornish Caretakers
- 27/02/20—CI 2 Swim
- 27/02/20—Open the Book
- 02/03/20—Parents Eve.
- 04/03/20—Parents Eve
- 05/03/20—World Book Day
- 05/03/20—St Piran's Day
- 05/03/20—Class 2 Swim
- 06/03/20—Primary Futures, career development CI 1
- 11/03/20—Football Festival CPS
- 12/03/20—CI 2 Swim
- 12/03/20—Open the Book
- 13/03/20—Farm and Country Visit ([here](#))
- 17/03/20—Warbstow Fun Run
- 19/03/19—Rugby Festival
- 19/03/20—CI 2 Swim
- 23/03/20—Jon Martin, Maths Magician Whole School
- 25/03/20—Dance Festival (Otterham)
- 26/03/20—CI 2 Swim
- 26/03/20—Open the Book
- 27/03/20—Easter Bingo
- 27/03/20—THE LAST DAY!!

This is looking like a lot to fit in in 5 weeks. Please help us by returning paperwork and responding to communications as soon as possible. Thank you.

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 governor here at school is Rachel Quinn.

The Power of Reading

The benefits range from improving mental health, to improving physical health, to creating healthy habits, and it's no wonder that books and reading are so high up on the list of personal entertainment. Though books have been around for an incredibly long time, they have not lost their importance throughout the years. Below are a few of the fantastic benefits of picking up a good book and immersing yourself in words.

- ♦ Sharpens your mind * Increases your vocabulary * Improves memory and focus
- ♦ Strengthens your writing abilities * Enhances your imagination * Boosts your sleep
- ♦ Provides entertainment and peace * Lowers stress * Decreases depression



NETBALL FESTIVAL AT SJS

Our school was superbly represented at a recent Netball Festival held at SJS. Lily, Immy, Hannah, Izzy, Amy, Anna, Phoebe, Poppy, Sophie, Sam, Billy, Evie & Lois enjoyed an afternoon of improving skills and playing matches. Their positivity and engagement with children from other primary

schools was a joy to watch as was the improvement in their technical ability of the course of an afternoon. Thank you to Mrs Foley for accompanying the group.



FRIENDS OF OTTERHAM SCHOOL

Thank you to all our Friends for the time and effort you give to raising funds for the school and thank you to you, the parents for the support you give to the events organised. The healthy bank balance of approximately £3000 reflects the support we have. The next event is Easter Bingo (27/03/20). Once a date has been decided for the next meeting, a message will be sent via Xpressions.



BREAKFAST CLUB

DAILY 08:00–08:45

£2.50 per child per day (£1.00 if Pupil Premium)

£1 option for 8:30am–8:50am without breakfast

Range of cereals, toast / bread, cheese, eggs, sardines, jam, marmalade, honey, yoghurt, beans, porridge, fruit, milk



Start the day with a healthy breakfast and playing games with friends.

Simply make payments online via school money

WELCOME TO MRS NEWMAN

Staff and governors would like to welcome Mrs Newman to our team. She will be teaching in Class 3 on a Thursday and Friday, starting after half term. It has been a very tricky time regarding staffing in Class 3 and so we look forward to some stability. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs Murray.

Closing the School in an Emergency

Thank you for your recent patience and understanding surrounding the issues with our electricity supply at the beginning of the week. Please update yourselves with the information regarding closing the school in an emergency, which is on the website. If it is necessary to message you all with the news we are closing (due to lack of power or snowfall) we will send a message out via Xpressions. Rest assured that we have the ability to see who has opened messages. Staff here will then make individual calls to parents who haven't opened messages to ensure the information gets through. The safety of your child and communicating with you are our top priorities. Could you please ensure all of your emergency contact details are up to date (ideally 3 contacts).

OTTERHAM SCHOOL COUNCIL



The school council have recently played a pivotal role in the recruitment of a new teacher to work part time in Class 3. They showed maturity and consideration both when creating the questions to be asked of each candidate and during the interview process itself. All 3 candidates commented upon the way in which the children conducted themselves. Their next task is to enter the THINK BIG competition—good luck!



Learning to play an Instrument

There are clear benefits to learning to play an instrument with enjoyment for self and others coming pretty high up on the list. Another great benefit has been likened to 'Brain Gym' as it encourages connections to be made from one side of the brain to the other—must be good! We currently have guitar and drumming lessons available for children within the school. Please enquire at the office if interested.

