

Otterham C P School

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Dear Parents

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I cannot believe we are already at the end of the first half of the Summer Term. With the return to some sort of normality comes with it an increase in pace! Usually, during the first half of this term there are all sorts of demands on assessments for both KS1 & KS2 but this year, much to the delight of all, we have been permitted to continue teaching rather than focus on testing. I am quite sure the children have benefitted from this, and when assessments do take place towards the end of the term, rather than in the middle of it, we shall see good progress.

It has been lovely to end the half term with the trips to the beach, even if the wind and rain made for a lively visit in the case of Class 2! We look forward to more exciting activities taking place both in school and out next half term. The following are some events to look forward to (subject to government guidance at the time).

- Y5/6 More Able Maths Challenge Day at CPS 25/06/21
- NCLT Art Exhibition – visiting Otterham for week beginning 28/06/21 (parents to be invited)
- NCLT Y3/4 Athletics event at Camelford Primary School – 29/06/21
- NCLT ARENA Y5/6 Cricket/Netball/Athletics event at SJS – 02/07/21
- Magic Maths with John Martin, all classes – 05/07/21
- Move Up Morning/new EYFS cohort – 07/07/21
- Class 3 sports event here at school (parents invited) – 09/07/21
- Class 1 Outdoor Adventure day with Bude Adventure International – 12/07/21
- NCLT Eurovision, remote judging of SJS performances in a different language – 15/07/21
- Y6 Leavers camping at school – 16/07/21
- Whole school trip to Camel Creek – 22/07/21
- Class 1 drumming/ukulele performance for parents (outside) – DTBC
- Y6 Leavers Assembly (parents invited) – 21/07/21

In addition, we have organised the sponsored walk, which you are already aware of, on 09/06/21. The Friends coffers are struggling under the weight of requests for financial support for various resources and outings so any efforts put in to raising as much sponsorship as possible would be very much appreciated.

On our return after half term the request for parents to wear face masks outside on the school site will be removed. Of course, if you personally feel more comfortable wearing a face mask you are perfectly entitled to do so. If parents/visitors are entering the school building, face masks will still need to be worn.

The staggered start and end to the school day will remain in place for the time being. COVID aside, it seems to help with the parking issue. **However, we are going to tighten up the stagnation at the end of the day. After half term, Reception children should be collected at 3:15pm, children with surnames beginning with A – H at 3:20pm and I – Z at 3:25pm. Children with permission to walk up to the village hall will be released at 3:20pm.**

As you can see from the above list, we are hoping to invite parents to a number of events, which will further instil a much needed sense of normality. We will also be seeing the return of our after school club provision. **Please keep an eye out for the information about clubs on offer during the first week back.**

Finally, a reminder that Friday 11th June is an INSET day.

I hope you all have a lovely half term break and enjoy some much needed sunshine!

Kindest regards
Helen Ward



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