

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 25TH FEB

FEBRUARY 2019

THE CORNISH CARETAKERS



It was an absolute delight to welcome 'Kernow King' (aka Ed Rowe), Jenny Beare and Iain Rowe to Otterham School for a morning to educate our children about some of the memorable characters from Cornish history. Richard Trevithick (steam engine), Rowena Cade (Minack Theatre), John Couch (discovered Neptune), Dolly Pentreath (last native speaker) and Bobby Leach (travelled over Niagra Falls in a barrel) were

amongst the individuals mentioned. The workshop with Class 1 was superb and the performance bringing these characters to life was pure entertainment. If ever you get the chance to see the show, it is strongly recommended.

The children in Class 1 followed up this experience with writing for a purpose—'Thank You' letters and newspaper articles, some of which have been published in the Cornish and Devon Post.



PIRATE FM
TONNE OF TINS



108 TINS HAVE BEEN COLLECTED AND DELIVERED

EN GARDE!

Fencing is not your average PE lesson and the excitement and enjoyment was evident from the levels of participation and achievement. The progression from foam sabres to plastic foils meant the addition of body protection and helmets which helped the children look and feel the part. The experience was enjoyed by all – including the adults!



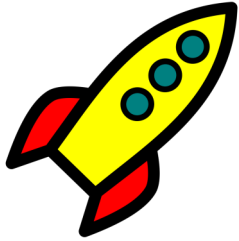
EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

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 governors here at school are Rachel Quinn and Sarah Northcott.

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!

- 25/02/19—Back to School
- 28/02/19—CI 1 Music Project
- 28/02/19—Open the Book
- 01/03/19—PCSO CI 1
- 01/03/19—Friends Meeting
- 04/03/19—CI 1 Wildwood Trip
- 07/03/19—CI 2 Swim
- 07/03/19—World Book Day
- 08/03/19—Music For Youth
- 08/03/19—Cate Merrin Author
- 12/03/19—Y1 visit St Joseph's
- 14/03/19—Class 2 Swim
- 14/03/19—CI 1 Music Project
- 14/03/19—Open the Book
- 14/03/19—CI 3 Newquay Zoo
- 15/03/19—Red Nose Day
- 18/03/19—CI 2 Carnglaze Caverns Trip
- 19/03/19—Warbstow Run
- 21/03/19—CI 2 Swim
- 25/03/19—German Student
- 28/03/19—Open the Book
- 28/03/19—CI 2 Swim
- 28/03/19—Book Fayre
- 29/03/19—CI 1 SJS Music Day
- 04/04/19—CI 2 Swim
- 04/04/19—Budehaven Science
- to visit CI 1 here
- 05/04/19—Easter Bingo
- 05/04/19—THE LAST DAY!!



Y2 Science Visit to St Joseph's

On 29th January, Y2 children were given the opportunity to visit St Joseph's School for an afternoon devoted to Science. They learnt all about rockets and kinetic energy. The children were able to take part in a variety of activities including building their own rockets using paper and straws, designing, decorating and launching their own rockets!

The St Joseph's Y4 children were wonderful 'teachers' for the afternoon and the children were impeccably well behaved. Huge thanks to St Joseph's for inviting us to the event and providing transportation and refreshments.

Storytelling with Jill Lamede

What a treat Otterham children received on Wednesday 6th February! Our very own local storyteller, Jill Lamede visited every class and dedicated over nearly 3 hours of her time, telling wonderful stories of local folk tales, legends and history.



The children learnt all about why the roof of Tintagel's old Post Office is so curvy, (something to do with an invisible dragon perhaps?). The children should also now know why you should never carry chocolate ice cream in your hat!

Jill's visit is part of North Cornwall's 'Magical Moments' which is a celebration of North Cornwall's beauty, culture and history. For more information on up and coming events, please visit,

www.magicalmoments2019.co.uk

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 £3800 reflects the support we have. Since Sept £640 was raised with the Sleepover and £294 at the Christmas Fayre. The next meeting is 9am 1st March and the next event is Easter Bingo (05/04/19).

School has requested financial assistance with funding Science Week which is to be held in May.



BREAKFAST CLUB

DAILY 08:00—08:45

£2.00 per child per day (50p if Pupil Premium)

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

St Nectan's Glen—Half Term Event on 18th & 19th February

We are open between 10.30am and 3.30pm & will have story telling by Merlin at various locations on the site. Anne Sudworth will be here discussing Art in magical spaces. Ravenswell Cornish Wildlife charity will be bringing Moonshine the owl for children & adults alike to meet! This is a free event although admissions to the waterfall apply.

Closing the School in an Emergency

The decision to close a school is never taken lightly. Please see the guide for parents / carers that was emailed in January. Following the recent sudden closure due to significant snow, a couple of parents have voiced their concern regarding the messaging service and the need for phones to be within wi-fi for messages to get through—we appreciate this is not always possible. Please rest assured that the system allows us to see who has opened their messages and who has not (this works in exactly the same way as the old text messaging service). Staff here will then make individual calls to parents to ensure messages get through. Rest assured, 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 has been busy since the beginning of November. We have helped to organise choosing toys and games for wet play throughout the school. At the moment the children are participating in 'Fizz Free February' and plans are afoot to improve the recycling of paper and plastics in school. We are working towards gaining Healthy Schools status.



BOURNEMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

We have yet again been fortunate enough to secure a session with members of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. Children from Class 1 had an hours workshop with different group members, each group sharing their compositions with the rest of the class at the end. Class 2 and Class 3 were then invited in for a short concert with a question and answer session. Creative, educational and fun!

