



OTTERHAM COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



OTTERHAM OBSERVER

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WISHING YOU A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR—SEE YOU ALL ON

4TH JANUARY 2024



CLASS THREE NATIVITY

HEY EWE!!

The narrating was loud and clear, the singing enthusiastic, the sheep curious and the kings (one especially) got into their groove! It was a perfect Nativity story and as always, the highlight of the festive season. Thank you to all who came and showed their support, the children thought you were a great audience. Well done to pupils and staff of Class 3.



SAVE THE CHILDREN CHRISTMAS JUMPER FUNDRAISER

£135 raised—well done one and all!!

CAROL CONCERT—St Denis Church

It was a fabulous turn out for the sharing of festive songs and poems. A huge well done to all of the children who performed as it is not an easy task with so many faces staring back at you! A special shout out to

Buster who performed twice as a soloist on the keyboard quite brilliantly. £145 was raised on the evening which is being shared between the church and the school—thank you.



CHRISTMAS FAYRE

What phenomenal support for the Christmas Fayre and especially the mega raffle. £779.25 was raised which is a fantastic amount. Huge, huge thanks and appreciation to everyone involved in the event from the gatherers of prizes (very impressive haul), the sellers of tickets and the holders of stalls—you are all amazing!

The Friends have been very generous with their funds lately, which has had a positive impact on many areas of school life;

- £500 per class to spend on various pieces of equipment and new books.
- Subsidised Theatre trips for all pupils
- EYFS equipment e.g. play kitchen
- Crackers, chocolate and 'extras' for the Christmas Lunch
- Party food and prizes for the Christmas parties.
- Playground toys—S Boards
- A new shed for welly boot and S Board storage (currently being sourced).
- Christmas presents for all children (books)
- Transport for the Whole School Trip to Camel Creek (July '24)

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 Lisa Ward who sits on the Local Governance Council.

DIARY DATES.

PLEASE CHECK THE SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR DIARY DATES

www.otterhamschool.co.uk



Breakfast Club

Daily—8am—8:45am
Toast, cereal, porridge
Games inside and out
Book in advance on
School Money—£3.00



Go Active Cornwall



Each class has had a morning session with the coaches from GAC and thoroughly enjoyed their activities. We have booked for each class to have a session every half term to experience activities like zorbing, fencing, lacrosse, lazer Tag etc.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The Macmillan Cake and Coffee afternoon on Friday 18th October was a huge success, raising £260. They have then gone on to raise £79.26 for their own project (playground equipment) at the Christmas Fayre with their Bric-a-Brac stall. Huge thanks to Matt (Buster's dad) for your support with this.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!



A Pre-Christmas Message of Simplicity

The single biggest predictor of high academic achievement is how often children are read to or heard read. Not flash cards, not workbooks, not fancy preschools, not flashing toys or tablets but a child's nearest and dearest taking the time to share books.

During the festive period of glitz and glamour let's not forget the simple things in life and the impact that will have in later years. The power of a book!

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Again, another team effort in getting the Christmas lunches out this year—Mark and the rest of the team at CPS, The Friends for buying crackers, chocolates and some 'extras' for the plate, Debbie for cooking the extras and Dana (our new cook/server). Henry said it was the nicest sprout he had ever tasted—before telling us it was the only sprout he had ever tasted!



SLEEPOVER.

Always one of the highlights of the year for many children, this year's whole school sleepover did not disappoint. Despite not being able to play outside with torches (due to the weather), pizza was still eaten, marshmallows were still toasted (thank you Friends), sweets were consumed and the Talent Show was very entertaining.

Yet again, huge thanks to all adults who helped make this happen in anyway, shape or form—it really is a big ask to sleepover at school on a Friday night (well any night really) or get up and be at school for 7am to cook breakfast. A real team effort! Approximately £650 was raised, which is pretty much the funds needed to cover the transportation to the Theatres.

Baby Thomson!!

As we say goodbye for now to Mrs Thomson as she eagerly anticipates the arrival of her daughter, we say a huge welcome to Miss Diffey who is covering the maternity leave. It was great for the children to spend some time with her last week. Miss Diffey's passion, kindness and warmth certainly shone through!



Ocean Conservation Trust

What an end of term treat! The Ocean Conservation Trust from the National Marine Aquarium, Plymouth have spent the morning carrying out workshops with the Y5/6 children and delivering a whole school show. The main learning was around CO2 pollution from fossil fuels and how it affects the ocean and the creatures in it. Seagrass is the answer!



INTERNET SAFETY

Parenting in the digital world
11 short videos
See email on 1st December



Children in Need 2023
We raised
£70—Thank You!

Royal British Legion
£65.07 raised for
Poppy Appeal

WE ARE AN OPERATION ENCOMPASS SCHOOL—WHAT IS THAT?

Operation Encompass is a police and education early information safeguarding partnership enabling schools to offer immediate support to children experiencing domestic abuse.