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OTTERS Shaw NEWS!

Dates for your Diary:

March

28th OPTA Sponsored Easter Fun Run
28th Last Day of Term
OPTA Cake Sale at both schools
Nursery closes at 1.00pm/Junior
School closes at 1.05pm/Infant
School closes at 1.15pm

Summer Term

April

15th INSET DAY - schools closed
16th Back to school
19th Year 6 start their Swimming lessons
22nd MUFTI for the Winning Class of the Easter Fun Run
24th Year 5 Debating Competition at New Haw (selected children only)
OPTA Quiz Night at the Junior Hall
25th OPTA Bags2School
26th Year 1 and 2 Pottery Workshops

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have so enjoyed our Easter Celebrations and performances this week!

On Monday we were able to make the most of the sunshine and enjoy the Infants Easter Bonnet parade – thank you for your efforts at home to make these. The bonnets were amazing and we love keeping this tradition alive.



On Tuesday Year 4 shone as they performed their Delight in Dance Heroes and Villains tale. As you know, we are thrilled to be able to partner with Delight to enrich our Arts Education offer and the Delight in Dance experience has been delightful all round!

By Wednesday, Years 1 through to 6 visited Church for our Easter Services, lead beautifully by Year 5 and by the afternoon I was feeling very emotional and proud watching the Year 5 Easter Production. We pride ourselves on our singing and this performance was particularly powerful.

Alongside all of this, all the children have reflected on the Easter Story using Godly Play to think and respond creatively and they have all visited our special Easter Prayer Space to think carefully about Love and Forgiveness.

The only things we have left to enjoy before the holidays are our OPTA Easter Fun Run, our final Celebration Assemblies and making sure that we say goodbye for a bit to Mrs Dockley (who is expecting her second baby in 2 weeks) and good luck to Miss Bassett as she leaves for a new school. Phew! No wonder we are all ready for some family time now!

We will send out a full list of events planned for next term as usual in the first newsletter of the term, but just to get you started, things already in the diary for the first few weeks are mentioned to the left.

You will see several OPTA events on the list – we are really hoping that our garden project will be well underway soon. All the children will have the chance to make clay sculptures for the outdoor areas next term and we are looking forward to working with the Ottershaw Potter to deliver this. We would like to thank you for the generous support with all the

events this year (and well done to the committee who are working so hard to make everything happen). Our Break the Rules Day last week raised £1032.00 and we will know the results of our Fun Run shortly after Easter (remember the mufti day reward is being offered to the class at each school who return the most sponsor forms, not the most money). Last date for handing these forms in is; Wednesday 17th April.

Finally, thank you to all the parents at the Juniors who have made their new school dinner choices for next term – do keep an eye on your SCOPAY balances so that the ordering process works for you and please remember, if your child has a food allergy, we do need the updated forms with supporting medical information for the new company returned urgently now.

Wishing you a very Happy Easter!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Hastings', written in a cursive style.

Mrs J Hastings
Headteacher