

The Outstanding Otters' News By Mrs Bond March 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you enjoyed some family time during the half term break. We are happy to be back and it has been lovely to see some signs that spring is coming, including the sunshine! The Otters have made an excellent start to their new topics this half term and we are excited to continue our learning over the next few weeks. Please see the other side of this letter to read about some of the learning that will be taking place over the next few weeks.

We will be providing you with the opportunity to discuss your child's progress in our Pupil Progress meetings towards the end of this half term and I will look forward to seeing you then. Booking times will be coming out via email next week to provide you with further details.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 7th March: World Book Day: all children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character

Friday 8th March: Mother's Day service in Church led by the Otters Class at 9:15am

Wednesday 20th March: Year 1 parent meetings throughout the day and Easter Parade for all children

Friday 22nd March: Easter Service in Church led by the Tigers class-9:15am. All parents welcome.

School closes at 2pm for the Easter break.

Thankfulness

Our Christian value for this term is **Thankfulness**. Within worship and in the classroom we will be thinking about what it means to be thankful and what we personally have to be thankful for.



Physical Education

This half term, Year 1 PE sessions will now take place on a **Tuesday** and **Friday**. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school on these days. Please note: some of our PE sessions will be taking place outside. As the weather is still quite cool, you may like to ensure that your child has plain blue jogging bottoms and a jacket in addition to their t-shirt and shorts to ensure they stay warm during these sessions.

Phonics Screening Check

As some of you may already know, the Year 1 children will be taking a phonics screening check during the week of 10th June 2023. Please try to avoid booking any holidays during this week to ensure that your child will be in school for the check. We will be holding a meeting after the Easter holidays to give parents some more information about the phonics screening check. We will also provide you with information on how you can best support your child in regards to the phonics screening check at our pupil progress meetings in the next few weeks.