



OTTERTON COFE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Parent Meetings.

Thank you to everyone that has booked for the Parent Meetings that are taking place next week.

We will be holding the meetings outside and we ask parents to wear masks when they attend. The meetings will last 10 minutes and we ask parents to be punctual so we have time to clean between each appointment. Staff will also be wearing masks.

Parents will be met at the gate and asked to sanitise hands before they enter and will be told where to wait. There will be a one way system with parents entering the school site from the Maunders Hill gate and exiting via the Church entrance.

If you have any of the following symptoms you should not attend the appointment:

- ☐ A high temperature
- ☐ A new or continuous cough
- ☐ A loss of taste or smell.

Illness.

Please could we ask that you contact the office by 8.40am if your child is poorly. It is always vital that this happens but especially so at the moment. You will be asked what symptoms your child has and you may be asked to take them to have a test for COVID19.

eSchools

We want to ensure that your child's learning continues during periods of self-isolation or absence from school so the teachers will upload work to eSchools as they did during Lockdown. Teachers will also use this platform to send out homework and spellings. Please check this regularly using your child's log-in details.

This week, lots of the children have been looking at the short stories compiled within 'The Book of Hopes' which is a collection of short stories written by well-known authors over lockdown. If you would like to share this at home here is the link:

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/9-12/book-hopes/>

Kingfishers and Dragonflies have been busy completing their AR 'STAR' reader assessments this week which allows the children to track their progress over time. They are also completing a 'Gig' using TTRockstars which assesses which multiplication facts your child needs support learning. If you would like any more information on this or would like your child's log in details, please contact your child's class teacher via the office.

Dinners

ParentPay should now be fully up and running! Please remember that **ALL dinners, even those in receipt of Free School Meals** must be ordered and paid for through ParentPay. If your child is not in school and you have booked a dinner then the amount will be credited to your ParentPay account. If you have not yet activated your account please do so ASAP. For your child to have school dinners **dinners MUST be ordered by midnight on a THURSDAY for the following week.**

Free School Meals

If you think that you may be eligible for Free School Meals please apply through the Devon Citizens Portal. Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and gets Universal Free School Meals it's good to apply as it means that school gets additional funding. To apply, go to <https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals> and then follow the link for the Citizens Portal.

Guitar and Ukulele lessons

Exciting news! Guitar and ukulele lessons are back. I currently have spaces available for both ukulele and guitar lessons at both schools. I offer 30-minute lessons for £10. If you have any questions or would like to book please email karajade273@gmail.com



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