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This newsletter is an important link between school and home. Please do read it carefully. I hope you will find it useful as it gives news of forthcoming events and a list of dates for your diary. Please ensure that we have your current email address and mobile phone numbers so that we can keep you up-to-date by e-mailing admin@southotterington.n-yorks.sch.uk

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! The staff and I would like to wish you all the best for the New Year and we hope you had a lovely, relaxing Christmas! Thank you ever so much for all the beautiful cards and presents that we received.

Our new whole school topic for this term is: "A night at the museum" and the main focus will be history. We thoroughly enjoyed the launch on Friday when we were visited by an archaeologist! We look forward to sharing some of our learning with you in the form of a museum on 5th April.

Adverse Weather:

Just a reminder that if we do have to close school due to adverse weather conditions, this will be published on our website and announced on Radio York (103.7Fm, 104.3FM and 95.5FM) - their website lists school closures and also has a listen live facility.

Christmas Productions:

Thank you for supporting all of our Christmas Productions. We hope you enjoyed Scrooge, Angel Small and our gorgeous Pre School Nativity! We raised £581 for The Friends of South Otterington School with the sale of refreshments and raffle tickets. Thank you for all of your donations.

Swimming:

This term all Year 3 pupils will, again, have swimming lessons at Thirsk on Tuesdays from 10 - 10.30 a.m. The first session will be on Tuesday 10th January. The children should have received a separate letter with further information. Please contact Kelley or Claire in the school office if you are able to accompany the swimming trip. Note: Some children from higher years who have not yet met the National Curriculum requirements for swimming will also be required to attend.

Music for life - 6th February:

This year a French Horn player and a Double Bass player will be spending the day in school and working with the children. You are warmly invited to join us at approximately 2.55pm to see what the children have been doing throughout the day. We will send out further information nearer the time.

Friends and family Lunch:

The Family and Friends lunch for this month will be held on Thursday 19th January at 12 noon. Come and join us for a delicious lunch of Chicken in tomato sauce.

Please book your adult or toddler meal on the gateway by 9am on Wednesday 18th to guarantee your place. Late bookings cannot be taken due to high demand. Please note jacket potatoes are available on request when booking - please specify "Jacket" or "Meal" in the comments box. Payment is £3 per adult meal and £1.60 per toddler meal.

Dinner Money:

The cost of a school dinner is £2.20 per day. Please log onto the school gateway and top up your child's dinner money account. We will issue a reminder on a Friday if your account reaches a debit of more than £10.

After school clubs:

Please note that Football after school club will restart on Tuesday 10th January. French after school club will restart on Tuesday 28th February. Mrs Umpleby will also be running a netball club for Years 5 and 6 starting on Wednesday 18th January at 3.30pm. Please sign up on the gateway for Netball club.

Friends:

I hope that you all enjoyed the activities organised by the Friends last term. We will shortly be sending out the date for the next Friends meeting. Please do come along and help plan this term's activities. I would like to thank all the current Friends for their continued support.



Indoor shoes:

Can I remind you that all children need a pair of indoor shoes? Orange Class wear their school shoes inside and their wellies outside. However, children in Yellow, Green, Blue and Red Class need a sensible pair of slippers or black pumps to wear inside. The children also need a pair of indoor shoes for PE (in addition to trainers for outdoors). Please help us to keep the school a clean and pleasant environment. Nobody likes to sit on a muddy floor!

Pupil and Parent Support Worker:


Just a reminder that Mrs Stamp is now our 'Pupil and Parent Support Worker'. This means that she has a direct responsibility for liaising with pupils and parents. As part of this role, she will be available every Tuesday after school for any parents who may wish to have a chat. We hope that parents will continue to find this additional support useful.

Communication:

As you know, we have a genuine open door policy in school. You are welcome to catch staff before or after school. Alternatively you can use the homework diary; email, phone or text. Please do contact the office to make an appointment to see the relevant class teacher or myself, should you have any queries or concerns. We work extremely hard to keep our school special and we see our partnership working with you as essential.

I look forward to seeing you in school soon.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs K. Williamson,
Headteacher

Dates for your diary - January 2017

Mon 2nd	Bank holiday - school closed to pupils
Tues 3rd	Training Day - school closed to pupils
Weds 4th	School reopens at 8.45am
Thurs 5th	Collective worship with Jen Holder
Fri 6th	Topic Launch - Rock up with the Early Britons!
Mon 9th	Music lessons back on this week
Tues 10th	Swimming for Year 3 and invited others. Football After school club restarts Mrs Stamp - Parent & Pupil support 3.30
Weds 11th	Year 5 & 6 Swimming competition Collective worship with Father Robert
Tues 17th	Swimming for Year 3 and invited others. Football After school club restarts Mrs Stamp - Parent & Pupil support 3.30
Weds 18th	Please book Friends and Family lunch by 9am and join us tomorrow! School Council meeting Collective worship with Hayley Liversidge Netball After school club - Years 5&6
Thurs 19 th	Friends and Family Lunch at 12 noon. Year 5&6 Sports Hall athletics
Tues 24th	Swimming for Year 3 and invited others. Football After school club restarts Mrs Stamp - Parent & Pupil support 3.30
Weds 25th	Collective Worship with Stephen Redman Internet safety talk at Thirsk School Netball After school club - Years 5&6
Tues 31st	Swimming for Year 3 and invited others. Football After school club restarts Mrs Stamp - Parent & Pupil support 3.30
Future dates:	
Mon 6th Feb	Music for Life in school
Fri 17 th Feb	School closes for Half term

