



AUTUMN TERM 2016

NEWSLETTER

Welcome to a new school year!

Dear Parent, Carer,

We have a very busy term ahead of us with lots of great events booked such as the **Star Wars Fireworks Night** and the **Christmas Fair**.

Last year the OPTA raised a fantastic **£19,452** and this year we would like to raise more. There are many items that the school would like raise funds for this year such as new ICT equipment.

Where does your money go? Well, last year we funded new **interactive white boards** in all classrooms. These cost **over £24,000**, and it's equipment the children would not have without parents & carers raising money through the OPTA.

As we look forward to starting a new academic year, please can we remind you that every parent / carer is **AUTOMATICALLY** a member of the OPTA, everyone is welcome to come and help plan the events and have a say on how things are organised.

Each event takes time and organisation. We require many helpers for events to go ahead, so please spare any time you have. With your help, we can provide much more needed equipment to change your child's future here at Ottershaw C of E Infant and Junior Schools.

Next OPTA Meeting – everyone welcome!

AGM Weds 12th Oct @ 7.30pm Infant School

CLASS REPS – We need you!

The OPTA would like to have 1-2 representatives (REPS) from each class.....WHY?

SIMPLE - To aid with the collection of donations, tickets purchases, volunteers and spread the information regarding events.

It's a great way to get to know the other parents and in a very simple way you are helping within the OPTA.

If this role interests you then please come along to the OPTA meeting being held at the Infant school on Weds 12th Oct at 7.30pm or email opta@hotmail.co.uk

MONIES RAISED YEAR 2015/16

Bag 2 School	£1,788
Cake Sales	£436
Christmas Cards	£480
Christmas Fair	£5,366
Discos	£712
Easy Fundraising	£875
Fireworks	£2,806
Leavers Bears / Books / Hoodies	£507
Mufti Days	£270
Quiz Night	£488
Smartie Challenge	£816
Sports Day	£392
Summer Fair	£5,049
Theatre Tickets	£476
Uniform Sale	£152
Misc. Expenses*	-£1,161

*(incl. leavers bibles, event refreshments, licenses, children's Christmas lunch, booking fees)



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HODDERS ESTATE AGENTS

The lovely team at Hodders are sponsoring our Fireworks and Christmas Fair this term. In return, we need at least 30 homes to have a Hodders board outside their house advertising the events. **If you have had one before, we will assume it's ok again – unless you tell us otherwise (please also let us know if you have moved!).** The OPTA will put out a notice for volunteers before each event.

THINKING OF SELLING OR LETTING YOUR HOME?

Hodders will donate £100 to the school, for every home that a parents sells or lets through one of their offices (excludes existing clients / properties that have already been valued). If you are thinking of selling/letting your home please make sure you tell them you are an 'Ottershaw School Parent' when you register.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS



Weds 12th October
OPTA AGM
7.30pm Infant School



Weds 12th October
Discos
Junior School Hall



Thurs 20th October
OPTA Social
7.30pm The Castle Pub



Mon 7th November
Bag 2 School
Infant & Junior Schools



Tues 8th November
Star Wars Fireworks
5.30pm Junior School



Fri 2nd December
Christmas Fair
3.30pm Junior School

Contact Us! Please remember you can email us with any new ideas, questions or to offer your help.

opta@hotmail.co.uk

EASY WAYS TO HELP OUR SCHOOL!

Easy Fund Website

Only a few parents are registered with Easyfunding, we know who is or isn't!
You can buy goods through Ebay, Amazon, M&S, Argos, Major Travel Agents and thousands more retailers.
Every time you buy online the OPTA gets cash back and it costs nothing extra for you. So start raising funds today!
www.easyfunding.org.uk
Support our cause – 'Ottershaw Parent Teacher & Friends Association'.

PTAsocial

We're using PTAsocial to connect our school community online, and keep everyone informed about our social and fundraising events. Please join our website, so you can:

- View details of school events
- RSVP or volunteer easily

It's really simple to register and takes under a minute. You don't have to be technical in the slightest to use PTAsocial

- Your email address will not be shared with other parents
- You will not be added to any marketing mailing lists
- You can turn off some or even all notifications, or unsubscribe completely at any time

<https://app.ptasocial.com/register/opta>

Company Schemes and Donations

Many of you work for large organisations. Most companies have some employee benefits, which allow: volunteer days, schemes as such as matching charity donations and many other ways to give money to charities. Please, please check what you are entitled to. If one parent was able to match our fundraising, we would have raised £38,000, which goes directly back to supporting your children.