



School Newsletter

Friday 7th January

Welcome Back and Happy New Year to all

It is lovely to see the children back with such energy and excitement from the holidays. We are looking forward to an exciting Spring Term of learning and fun.

EFL KIDS CUP 2022

Up on the hill at Exeter University on a cold rainy January day, the EFL Kids Cup 2022 was underway. The group stage saw us up against teams from far and wide across Devon. A knife edge game got us started that we just lost against Landscore (3:2) but we found our feet and went on to chalk up **two fantastic wins** against Yeo Valley (4:0) and St Leonards (3:0). The final group game was against the best team in the group Bradworthy who despite their long journey to Exeter were fit and sharp. We matched them well and what was another knife edge finish saw Otterton lose 4:3 in the final minutes. Six points at the group stage wasn't enough to place us in the top two for the cup competition. However, **Otterton finished as the highest scoring third place team** from the four groups with a **fantastic 12 goals!** This got us a bye into the semi-finals of the plate competition! We watched the other teams battling for their places in the semis and played a friendly to keep us warm against Ladysmith, who had been knocked out earlier, coming away with a 3:2 victory against a lively team.

Our semi-final was against Broadclyst who were fluent, fast and tall – the first team we'd seen heading the ball from corners. Battling Otterton played well but couldn't match a team that clearly plays a lot of 6-aside together. We lost 3:0 with Broadclyst going on to win the plate competition final. We played a third place play-off again against Beacon where some of our team faced their teammates from Exmouth Town and Brixington Blues. A well spirited game saw Beacon come out as third place with a 3:1 win.

The school, parents and players can be **immensely proud** of Shem, Cody, Theo, Daniel, Olly T., Alex, Brandon and Daniel (Drake's) – they gave it all and played as a team. Fourth in the plate competition, what a great day. Who do we appreciate? **Otterton Football team!**



PE Days

Monday – Otters and Dragonflies, Tuesday – Whole school, Thursday – Kingfishers. On your child's PE day, please send your child already dressed in their PE kit. They will remain in their PE kit for the whole day.

COVID-19

Please could we remind parents that if their child **has symptoms** associated with Covid-19 they should have a **PCR test**.

Symptoms included are:

- A new, continuous cough
- A high temperature
- A change in or loss of sense of taste or smell

Lateral Flow Tests should **only** be used for **asymptomatic** tests.

From the 11th January a positive result on a Lateral Flow Test no longer needs to be followed up with a PCR test. Under the new guidance, anyone in England who receives a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result should report their result on [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) and must self-isolate immediately, but will not need to take a follow-up PCR test.

How long to isolate for.

There is new guidance on how long you should isolate for so you can return to your normal routine and stop self-isolating after **10 full days if your symptoms have gone**, or if the only symptoms you have are a cough or anosmia, which can last for several weeks. If you still have a high temperature after 10 days or are otherwise unwell, stay at home and seek medical advice.

You may be able to end your self-isolation period **before the end of the 10 full days**. You can take an LFD test from **6 days after** the day your symptoms started (or the day your test was taken if you did not have symptoms), and another LFD test on the following day. The second LFD test should be taken at least 24 hours later. If **both these test results are negative**, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result. If children are self isolating teachers will send home work via Teams (KS2) and eSchools (KS1).

Important Dates	
Thursday 13th January	Sports Impact Day
Thursday 20th January	DSSP SEND Festival at ECC
Monday 24th January	Flu Immunisations, we are awaiting the parent link
Thursday 10th February	DSSP KS1 Athletics Festival
Tuesday 15th February	Volleyball Competition
Thursday 17th February	Trust KS2 Cross Country
Monday 28th February	School Resumes
Wednesday 9th March	Parent's Forum
Thursday 17th March	DSSP Virtual Gymnastics
Thursday 24th March	ELC Cross Country, Bicton College
Tuesday 5th April	Hockey/Handball Competition
w/b 10th April	Reports out

Matthew 7:12

So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets..