



Dear Parents & Carers,

Happy New Year to you all!

We have completed our first term as your new OPTA team and we are all still standing! Thank you for all of your help during our first two events – we really appreciated the team effort and we have raised a massive £7,000 just on those two events! We have just met to plan for the Spring Term and have some exciting events lined up.

Firstly we would like to introduce the OtterLotto! This is a monthly draw that will start at the end of January – it is £1 per number per month (£12 for the year payable in advance). The draw will take place at the end of each month and 50% of the ticket sales for the month will be given to the lucky winner! More details are attached and paper copies of this will be coming home with the children shortly – if you could send those back with payment by Friday 25th January then we will do the first draw 31st January 2019.

Secondly we would like to put a call out to all parents who work for companies with a charity or Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) budget. Many companies throughout the UK offer employees the chance to boost their fundraising efforts by matching the money they raise. It really is money for nothing and it could mean that we double the amount of money we raise at each event. Please find attached more details on this for you – we would really love to hear from you if this applies.

Finally, you can also really help the OPTA whilst doing your shopping! We are registered with Amazon Smile and Easyfundraising who will donate a percentage of your online shopping payments to OPTA – it's quick and easy to set up and will really help us raise even more funds for our schools! Please see details below on how to set these up.

Other events coming up - please put them in your diary ... *more details to follow*:

Friday 15th February - Valentines day mufti - plus cake donations for a cake sale at the Infants and Juniors after school –

Thursday 28th March – Adult Quiz Night

Friday 5th April - Easter Fun Run

Thank you!

OPTA Team

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

opta@hotmail.co.uk

Easyfundraising Website

We'd love more parents to register with Easyfundraising!

You can buy goods through E-bay, 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.easyfundraising.org.uk

Support the cause – 'Ottershaw Parent Teacher & Friends Association'

Amazon Smile

Anytime you shop with Amazon you could be raising funds for OPTA. For the donation to be triggered you must visit smile.amazon.co.uk and designate **Ottershaw Parent Teachers Association** as your charity.

You can't currently use Smile on the Amazon app, so the easiest thing to do is to save the Amazon Smile check out page as a bookmark on your homescreen. Then you can use the app as normal. Once you're ready to check out just open the bookmark, where your Amazon basket will be waiting.

How to put Amazon Smile on your homescreen

Visit smile.amazon.com in your browser.

Next, hit the share button at the bottom middle of your screen.

Now click add to Home Screen and call it what you want. You have just created a shortcut to the Amazon Smile page to easily navigate here from your device.



MATCH FUNDING

Dear Parents / Carers,

You will hopefully be aware of the fantastic work OPTA have been doing to raise funds for our school. We wanted to take this opportunity to remind you about the Match Funding scheme and how a little bit of your time could raise double the funds for the PTA.

If you work for an organisation that has a match funding policy, any money you raise could be matched by your employer. Companies may match the fundraising total for an event, or for the stall that their employee is working on. Usually, the employee will need to supply them with a letter from the PTA detailing the date and nature of the event, together with the total raised and we can obviously provide that to you.

We understand that the high street banks, building societies, supermarkets and large corporations are most likely to do match funding, but these schemes are not exclusive to the major corporate giants. If you work for an independent company, they may be interested in charitable giving through match funding too.

We would be grateful if you could see if your employer has a match funding scheme, or if they are willing to match fund any of our events. If you can't help out this time, but you know the company you work for has a match funding policy, please let us know. This could be a really large source of income for the PTA and help us to continue to raise money for our schools.

If you are able to help us this way, please let Abi Knight (Treasurer) know and we can discuss your companies' requirements.

Thank you for your support.

Helen, Kira, Bianca, Aruna and Abi

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Welcome to our OtterLotto – a great way for you to support us whilst having a bit of a flutter! Here's how it works...

You complete and sign the attached membership form and pay £12 per number by cash or cheque (payable to Ottershaw Parent Teacher Association).

This buys you one membership number (we will allocate), which enters you into the monthly draw for 2019. All participants must be over 16. You can have up to 2 numbers per household. We will notify you of the number(s) you have been allocated via a letter home with your child.

The draw will take place on the last school day of each month – drawn either by the Head Teacher or Deputy Head Teacher.

If you win, a cheque will be posted to your home address and the name of the winner published in the school's newsletter, the school website and on PTA Facebook page.

The prize money will be 50% of the membership fee taken that month (£50 per month is the maximum prize). The remaining 50% goes to the PTA fund which is used to help fund equipment, resources and opportunities for pupils.

We will open up 100 numbers initially, but if there is demand we will open up a second batch of 100 numbers which will have it's own separate draw under the same rules.

Any queries, please contact Abi Knight (opta@hotmail.co.uk)

JOIN OUR OTTERLOTTO TODAY AND YOU COULD BE OUR NEXT WINNER!



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Registration Form



Name (to which cheque will be made out should you win)

Telephone no or email _____

Postal address (to which winnings will be sent)

Enter how many membership numbers you would like to have (max 2 per household) _____

Child's Name _____ Child's Class _____

Amount enclosed _____ (£12 per number for the year)

Please place form along with cheque payable to 'Ottershaw Parent Teachers Association' or cash (sorry no change given) then hand into the School Office or to a PTA board member by Friday 25th January. The first draw will take place on Thursday 31st January 2019.

I agree to the OtterLotto rules and consent to my data being held in accordance with GDPR rules and the OPTA privacy notice.

Good Luck!

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

<p>OPTA use only: Membership Number _____ Membership Number _____</p>
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Ottershaw CofE Infant & Juniors PTA



PURPOSE

The purpose of the OtterLotto is to raise funds. The money will be paid into the OPTA bank account and used to meet funding requests from the school, providing equipment, resources and opportunities for pupils.

RULES

For a cost of £1 per month (i.e. per draw) you will be allocated one number between 1 and 100 (if there a second batch of number they will be 101-200).

A draw will be made every month with one winning ticket.

The winning prize will total 50% of the monthly income.

The OtterLotto is a private lottery and is open to all parents, carers and staff of Ottershaw Infant and Junior School. Anyone age 16 or over can join.

Numbers are limited to two per household.

Payments must be made by in advance by cash or cheque.

Member's numbers will only be entered if payment is received by 25th January 2019.

The draw shall be made by the Head Teacher or Deputy Head Teacher on the last school day of each month – the draw for August will take place in the first week back in September.

The winning cheque will be posted to the address on your membership application within one week of the draw.

The name and numbers for each month's winners will be posted in the school newsletter, on the school website and on the OPTA Facebook page.

The OtterLotto will be run by OPTA. In case of any dispute the decision of the Committee is final.

If a winner cannot be contacted or the cheque is not cashed, the winnings will be placed into OPTA funds after six months.