



SUMMER TERM 2020

NEWSLETTER

Hello again everybody!

It's lovely to be writing to you again! I'm sure anything OPTA related has been the last thing on everyone's mind since March, and as a committee we didn't want to be bothering you with fundraising requests or multiple updates so we decided to focus on our own families during lockdown and leave OPTA related activities until things have calmed down.

However, we really wanted to make contact with you, before the summer holidays just to say hello, remind you we are still here and to give you a quick update on all things OPTA related.

Firstly, on the assumption that people have taken the time over lockdown to have a clear out, we have arranged a Bag2School collection from the school on Tuesday 7th July – the collection will be from the Infant and the Junior school and the gate will be open until 9pm the night before. We won't be providing special bags this time but if you could use normal bin liners that would be great. This is a great fundraiser as we are paid by Bag2School based on the weight of the bags, so the more we collect the more money we make! Please feel free to pass the date onto local friends and family who might have donations too! It doesn't just have to be clothes – please see below for what can /cannot be included.

School Uniform is not accepted in Bag2School so if you have any school uniform to be donated then please leave that with the school office as we are looking to have a second hand uniform sale soon (we will keep you posted on a date).

Secondly, a reminder that you can raise money for the school through '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! In the last 2 quarters we have received £459 from Easyfundraising – so it can all really add up. The great news is that 'Amazon Smile' can now be used through the Amazon app on all smartphones - please see attached details.

As we say goodbye to some of our long-term members as their children go off to Secondary school, we thank them for their support and wish their children well – we also look forward to welcoming new OPTA members as new families join us in Nursery, Reception and Year 3. For the moment, we are unable to provide firm information regarding our usual big events as like everyone else, we await further Government Guidance but we will let you know as soon as possible!

Obviously the last few months have been strange times for everyone – but we are all getting through it and now have the summer holidays to look forward to...☺

Stay safe everyone - and thank you to the school who have done such an amazing job during this very difficult time.

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Bags2School

CAN BE INCLUDED:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes
- Handbags
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases, duvet covers)

- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft Toys

CANNOT BE INCLUDED::

- Duvets and blankets*
- Pillows and cushions*
- Carpets, rugs and mats (inc bath, shower and toilet mats)*
- Any soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing*
- School uniforms with/without logo*
- Corporate clothing and workwear*
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material*



Please remember OPTA when you are Online Shopping

Easyfundraising Website

Raise money for OPTA whilst you shop!

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’

You can download an App to use on your smart phone or a web browser extension to remind you which websites are eligible.

Amazon Smile

Anytime you shop with Amazon you could be raising funds for our schools. The big news is that Amazon has now enabled Smile in their smartphone apps. This is a brilliant enhancement of the app and of the AmazonSmile program, because once a user has turned on the Smile feature in their smartphone app, every eligible purchase made in the app will automatically generate a 0.5% donation to the selected cause – which is obviously OPTA!

To turn this feature on within in the app, you need to join Amazon Smile (via a web browser) and select your charity (we are Ottershaw Parent Teachers Association), then within the Amazon app, if you can't see AmazonSmile in your menu, click Settings and then AmazonSmile to turn it on.

AmazonSmile in the Amazon Shopping app

You can now support your
favorite charity on iPhone &
Android phones

