



Ottery Primary School Newsletter



10th November 2017



DIY SOS...

In our first newsletter of the year I mentioned that we were working on an upgrade to our IT provision. Nine years ago, when our new build was complete and the IT suite was installed, it felt pretty state of the art. Times change quickly especially in the world of computing. Static benches which take up a lot of space feel very old fashioned now. The world of IT has become much more mobile, and collaborative so we are working to modernise our provision.

We have gone out to tender and are currently evaluating the responses we have received. We will be upgrading the wifi capability in the school and are purchasing new, mobile devices. We will also be transforming the IT suite area within the school to make the space much more flexible. I was talking to a deputy head recently who used a wonderful phrase to describe how they had moved their IT provision from a tethered goat to a floating butterfly. We want to have a mobile IT capability across the school to enhance all areas of the curriculum.

Below are some examples of the style of furniture that we hope to have in place in the current IT suite area in January:



The plan is to have a truly flexible, multi-use space that can be used for a range of subjects and activities. Of course, such things come at a price (here comes the DIY SOS) so we are hoping that we might be able to find some willing volunteers to help us strip out the current furniture IT suite. If anyone could spare sometime at any point during the last week of term (the week beginning Monday 18th December) we would really appreciate any offers of help. Please contact the office if you would be interested in this.

Many thanks

Mark Gilronan

Parent Consultation Evenings

A reminder that parent consultation evenings will take place next week. Please do try to come along to discuss your child's progress.

Key Stage 2 toys

We allow the children in Key Stage 2 to bring in a small toy for breaktimes if they wish. The toy must be small enough to fit in their tray. Recently the size and value of these toys has been increasing and we are seeing larger and larger stuffed animals, remote controlled cars and so on. Please ensure that any toys that are sent in can fit into your child's trays or they will not be allowed to have them during the day.

Year 5 Victorian Day

Last Wednesday the Year 5 children had an unusual experience when they came to school. Dressed in Victorian clothes they explored what school was like during the reign of Queen Victoria. Desks were set in rows, 'Dunces hats' were once more dusted off and even the fearsome cane made an appearance later in the morning.



Among other things, the children recited the Lord's Prayer, sang 'Onward Christian Soldiers' and wrote with pen and ink. Children were referred to by their surnames, made to stand when an adult entered the room and the inequality between boys and the girls was well and truly experienced (much to the annoyance of some of the girls)!!

COMING UP	
w/c Monday 13 th November	Y5 Bikeability
w/c Monday 13 th November	Parent Consultations – all classes
Thursday 16 th November 3pm	Class 10 Assembly to Parents
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need – mufti day
Thursday 23 rd November 3pm	Class 12 Assembly to Parents
Thursday 30 th November	PTA Secret Shopping – mufti day
Saturday 2 nd December	PTA Christmas Fayre
Monday 4 th December	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance (afternoon - time tbc)
Tuesday 5 th December	EYFS Christmas Performance (morning - time tbc)
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Thursday 7 th December	EYFS Christmas Performance (afternoon - time tbc)
	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance (evening – time tbc)
Tuesday 12 th December	Year 5 and 6 Christmas Performance – Ottery St Mary Parish Church 7.00pm
Thursday 14 th December	School Christmas Lunch
Friday 15 th December	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performance (afternoon – time tbc)
Tuesday 19 th December	KS1 Christmas party (pm)
Thursday 21 st December	Last day of term
Monday 8 th January	Children return to school

