



# Ottery Primary School Newsletter



24<sup>th</sup> November 2017

## DIY SOS (Christmas comes early sometimes)...

Thank you to everyone who has offered help with the upcoming IT suite refurbishment. Your generosity is much appreciated and will help us to stretch our limited funds much, much further.

On that note, I'd particularly like to extend my thanks to all at LV= Insurance in Exeter. Following my last newsletter they got in touch to let us know that they had a whole range of furniture that we were welcome to if we could make use of it. So, with tape measure in hand I visited them last week and was amazed by the quality and quantity of furniture that they can give to us.

The furniture will perfectly fit with our plan for a multi-use collaborative space that will enhance and extend our IT provision moving forward. More than that, it will save us thousands of pounds in costs.

Here are some examples of the new look that the children can come back to in January.



We're very lucky in our school to have such thoughtful and generous parents who so often pull together to help improve things for the children.

**Mark Gilronan**

### Bottom Field Gate

You may be aware that there are concerns around the bottom field gate. As the path slopes down towards the road there is the potential for children to pick up speed as they get nearer the gate and there have been some near misses recently with children coming too close to the road. We are working with the council to try to provide a solution to this problem in the form of some sort of barrier that will enhance the safety of the children without creating any access issues for the school. In the meantime could I ask you all to remind your children of the potential dangers of running down the path and to pay particular attention to the really young, pre-school children when they are using the gate.

### Ottery Late Night Christmas Shopping

A reminder that the Late Night Christmas Shopping evening takes place this year on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. The theme this year is Disney and there is a competition for children and families to take part in. The Torchlight Parade will start from the Parish Church at 6.00pm.

### Christmas Tree Festival

In the lead up to the Late Night Christmas Shopping evening there will be the annual Christmas Tree Festival at the Parish Church. The festival starts on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November and the school will, as ever, have a tree there. If you have never managed to get to the festival before it is well worth the trip.

### PTA Christmas Events

Two events to look forward to next week ...

**Secret Shopping – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November.** Come to school in mufti! In return, bring in an unwrapped gift that is suitable as a Christmas present up to the value of £5. For example it could be something as simple as some shower Gel a chocolate orange, or a puzzle or a book. The more varied the better, as a table full of shower gel isn't very inspiring! All children will then have the opportunity to write a label to the person the gift is for, and then take it home to go under the Christmas tree for the chosen recipient. KS1 children will get the chance to choose a gift during the afternoon, so please send them in with some spending money in a named envelope or purse, and children in KS2 can go shopping after school. Refreshments will be available the hall after school for the grown-ups for a small donation.

**Christmas Fayre – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 10am-1pm** in the School Hall. Come and visit Santa in his grotto, browse a huge range of stalls, some of which are run by our year 6 children, buy a raffle ticket and see if you win one of our amazing prizes when the raffle is drawn at 12.30pm.

COMING UP	
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Secret Shopping – mufti day
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	PTA Christmas Fayre 10am-1pm
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance 2pm
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Christmas Performance 9.30am
	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance 2pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Christmas Performance 2.30pm
	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance 6pm
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Mathletics Assembly to Parents 3.10pm (more info to follow)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 and 6 Christmas Performance – Ottery St Mary Parish Church 7.00pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Lunch
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performance 2.45pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas party (pm)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Last day of term
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school