



# Ottery Primary School Newsletter



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## Christmas is upon us...

It's been a hugely enjoyable week in school being treated to the EYFS Christmas performance and the Key Stage 1 performance of 'Lights, Camel, Action.' It's amazing how, year on year, the staff and children manage to put an original spin on one of the most told stories there is.

EYFS were incredibly entertaining in their first ever performance with us in school. How brave they were getting up on stage in front of everyone and entertaining us with their songs and dances. There are some right little movers and groovers there and I can't wait to see what they come up with next.

Key Stage 1 managed to cram 120 children into their performance of 'Lights, Camel Action' and the range of dances and songs was just breath-taking as were the courageous speakers who helped it move along so smoothly, and finally what about those three judges? Superb!

All the staff and children involved clearly had a lot of fun, and will publish some photos on the website and Twitter next week, to show what a great show it was, and I hope that all those who managed to come to one of the performances enjoyed themselves too.

Can I just take a moment to thank you all for your generosity when the collection pots came around at the end of each performance? All of your contributions are gratefully received and will go towards providing further outdoor play and learning opportunities for the children.

If you have the time to join us next week, Years 5 and 6 will be performing at the church on Tuesday evening and Year 3 and 4 will complete our Christmas performances for this year next Friday.

Over to you Key Stage 2...

I for one am really looking forward to it!

**Mark Gilronan**

## Nuts!

Could I just remind everybody that we are a nut free school? This is really important as we have some children who have severe nut allergies so please avoid sending in any products that contain nuts in packed lunch boxes or for snacks. We do run a tuck shop for Key Stage 2 with a variety of different snacks. If you haven't tried it yet, give it a go.

## Dropping off

As part of our safeguarding procedures we ask that any children who arrive at school late (whether it's just a few minutes or following an appointment of some sort) are taken into the office by an adult. Please do not drop them off at the gate and tell them to come in by themselves

## Christmas Tree Festival

I hope you managed to make it up to the church for the Christmas Tree Festival last week. The church looked absolutely beautiful with so many trees in it.

## Our Christmas Tree

A huge thank you to Ruud and Jack from Mazzard Farm for our Christmas Tree, which is proudly on display in the School Hall.



## Thanks from your PTA

### Secret Shopping

We hope all the children enjoyed choosing a special gift for a loved one, (or themselves!), at our Secret Shopping event last week. Thank you to everyone who donated a gift, and to all the parents who lent a hand during the afternoon. We have raised £786 for PTA funds, which is our largest total for many years, so well done everyone.

### Christmas Fayre

Two days later we held our annual Christmas Fayre in the School Hall. Again, an extremely busy and fun event which we hope you all enjoyed. Thanks again to all who lent a hand in any way. We were lucky enough to have a visit from Santa as our very special guest, ably assisted by his elves. Look out for some photos of the event which are coming soon. We are still awaiting final expenses to come in, but we hoping to have raised well upwards of £900.

As you probably know, PTA funds are vital in providing resources for the school that the tight school budgets do not otherwise allow for, so all money raised is put to extremely good use and greatly appreciated. Thank you for all your on-going support.