



Ottery Primary School Newsletter



16th April 2018

Welcome back...

I'd like to welcome you all back after the Easter break. I hope you all had a lovely time over the past couple of weeks.

There are quite a few changes to update you on as we enter the summer term. Mrs Helen Penney has officially joined our Year 1 team and will be teaching Class 3 alongside Miss Purcell. Mrs Penney has most recently been covering a post at West Hill Primary School and I am delighted to welcome her to the Ottery team. We also welcome back Mrs Helen Alford who will be covering Class 10 this half-term while Mrs North recovers from knee surgery. Mrs Alford is well known to the school and had previously covered Class 10 on a long-term basis.

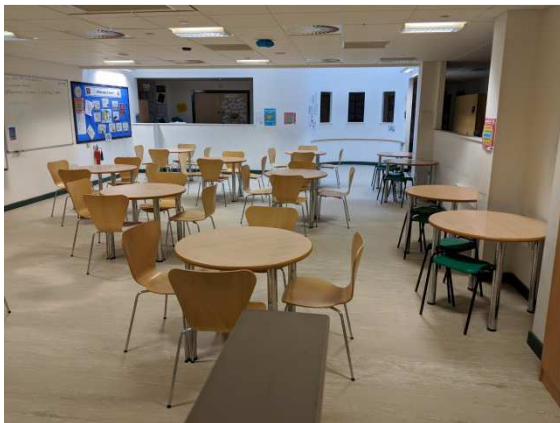
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IT in school:

We have made great strides over the Easter holiday with the refurbishment of the IT suite area and the enhancement of our IT provision. We have re-allocated all of our existing machines into classrooms and other areas around the school and have taken delivery of 60 brand new Chromebook laptops for the children. These laptops will greatly increase and enhance the flexibility of our computing provision in the school and allow classes to use them either in the old IT suite area or in their own classrooms. This has also allowed us to rip out the old IT suite and replace it with a modern, multi-use area. There are some pictures of the work up to this point, but we are due to take delivery of some soft seating for the area in the next week or two.

It will be an exciting time in school as we all get used to the new machines and the flexibility they offer and also the many possibilities of the new area.





Swimming:

It's that time of year again! Please keep an eye out for a letter about swimming after Easter once the timetable has been sorted. Don't forget though that your child will need a named swimming costume, towel and hat. Unfortunately they cannot go into the pool without a hat.

Contact details:

Once again, please remember to keep the school informed of any changes in contact details including mobile phone numbers so that we have an accurate record for your child and are able to contact you should an emergency arise.

Some upcoming diary dates:

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| Festival of Music | Thursday 26 th April |
| Y5 Warren Barn Residential | w/c 30 th April |
| Early May Bank Holiday | Monday 7 th May |
| Bag2School Collection | Thursday 10 th May |
| PTA Curry/Quiz Night | Friday 11 th May |
| KS2 SATs | w/c 14 th May |
| Celebration of Dance | Friday 25 th May – PLEASE NOTE REVISED DATE |
| Wellbeing Week | w/c 21 st May |
| Half-term | w/c 28 th May |
| Y6 PGL Residential | 22 nd -25 th June |
| KS1 Sports Day | Tuesday 3 rd July (am) |
| KS2 Sports Day | Thursday 5 th July (day) |
| PTA KS2 Disco | Thursday 5 th July |
| Y6 Project Week at Kings | w/c 9 th July |
| PTA Summer Fête | Saturday 14 th July |
| Last day of term | Friday 20 th July |

