



# Ottery Primary School Newsletter



23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018

## Swimming...

We will shortly be sending out the letters for swimming. Staff have been working to put together a timetable for the swimming sessions this term and all the details of what your child will need will be contained in the letter. We are changing the swimming arrangements slightly from this term onwards.

There will be a two week timetable running for the swimming pool, Week A and Week B. One class from each year group will go swimming in Week A and the other class will swim in Week B. This will give the children a longer session in the pool on their swimming week while also giving classes the time and space to cover the other areas of the curriculum that we need to. Your child's teachers will let you know which week they will be swimming.

We view swimming as a vital life skill and, as we are one of very few schools to commit to swimming for every child, the children will continue to receive a greatly enhanced access to swimming in their time with us.

**Mark Gilronan**

## Gates

Please be advised that from **next week**, we will be locking the gates at following times: 9.00am Spring Gardens Gate and 9.05am KS1 Playground Gate in order to ensure the site is secure for safeguarding purposes.

## Online safety

Bosco family safety and locator

The Bosco app incorporates artificial intelligence technology which alerts parents to incidents in their children's lives based on photo data. Along with screening voice calls to detect mood changes, the app updates parents when a child has received a nude image or a call from an unknown number. It also notifies them when a child has been unfollowed by more than three friends in an hour, a sign that cyberbullying may have occurred.

The app is free to download but charges a small monthly usage fee. As with any app that promises to protect children online, research must be done to assess what protection the app offers and the limitations of the software. For example Bosco does not monitor text messages or snapchat.

## Gary Gates CEOP Online Safety Consultant – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 9.00-10.00

Following the success of our workshops for KS2 children earlier this year and parents/carers last year, we have invited Gary Gates to come into school again to deliver a new and updated workshop to Parents/Carers to support you in managing your child's online activity. These workshops were very well attended and received last year by parents so we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

## Scholastic Book Fair

We will be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair in the Hub and it will run from Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April to Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May.

## PTA Curry/Quiz Night

The date of this will now be Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Don't forget to send in your ticket and meal choices. We need these by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May please. It's a great evening, and we have a licensed bar, with proceedings overseen by our quizmaster extraordinaire, Kevin Pike!

## Some upcoming diary dates:

Festival of Music	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> April
Y5 Warren Barn Residential	w/c 30 <sup>th</sup> April
Early May Bank Holiday	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May
Internet Safety Workshop	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 9-10am
Bag2School Collection	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> May
PTA Curry/Quiz Night	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> May – PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE
KS2 SATs	w/c 14 <sup>th</sup> May
Celebration of Dance	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May – PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE
Wellbeing Week	w/c 21 <sup>st</sup> May
Half-term	w/c 28 <sup>th</sup> May
Y6 PGL Residential	22 <sup>nd</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup> June
KS1 Sports Day	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July (am)
KS2 Sports Day	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> July (day) – PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE
PTA KS2 Disco	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> July
Y6 Project Week at Kings	w/c 9 <sup>th</sup> July
PTA Summer Fête	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> July
Y6 Leavers Assembly & BBQ	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July
Last day of term	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July